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## CROYDON PARISH CHURCH

THE part Croydon Parish Church has played in the annals of English ringing is considerable. Much of its story was fragmentary. Now the Ancient Society of Croydon Ringers have their own printed history which is the outcome of 25 years of research by Mr. James E. Cooper, who has been a ringer at this tower for the past 30 years. Mr. Cooper is also the printer of this history. He set all the type himself and printed it page by page on a small wooden hand press. And a creditable job he has made of it.

The inventory of church goods and ornaments, made by order of King Edward VI., shows that Croydon possessed five bells and a Saunce bell. The date Croydon possessed eight bells is unknown, but the Society of Croydon Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Triples, a composition by Benjamin Annable, on January 17th, 1734, with two men on the tenor. These bells were recast in 1738 by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The first Master of the Society, which was established in 1730, was Joseph Levens, and he called the first peal. His brother Thomas, who was parish clerk, also participated in this performance. The fourth bell was rung by Christopher Burrell, a man of substance with property at Beckingham, who at his death left £300 towards the provision of an organ for the church. Joseph Matthews, who rang the sixth, was a carpenter, and his son, also a ringer, in 1761 had charge of the parish fire engine. Of the early peals, one of special interest is that of Grandsire Triples rung in 1816 by the Society and, according to records, all members of the band were Cumberland Youths. A characteristic of this peal, which was conducted by Francis Matthews, was that it started from backstroke and came round at hand, the reverse of usual procedure.

In 1823 a new code of rules was accepted by the Society. The qualification for membership was ability to ring 500 changes on an 'inside' bell, a rule that still operates with the Society to-day. Like many ringing societies of the period, there was an elaborate system of payments for ringing, fines for lateness and non-attendance and also a fine of 1d. for each offence should a member swear during ringing or in the belfry. The final rule was: 'That all members of this Society shall belong to the Burial Society, and all monies to defray the expences be taken from the funds of the ringers.'

A night of tragedy was January 5th, 1867, when the church was almost destroyed by fire. The bells melted where they hung except the tenor, which crashed to the ground and was smashed to pieces. On this fateful night the ringers were holding their annual dinner at the Rose and Crown Inn opposite the church. During the evening William Kilmaster, the sexton, who was also a ringer, left the festive board to attend to the stoves of the church. On returning to the company he remarked, 'It's a cold night, boys, but I've warmed them up all right.' Prophetic words these, comments Mr. Cooper, for in a few hours the whole building was in flames.

The church was rebuilt and a new ring of eight was cast by Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, with a tenor of nearly 32 cwt. The bells were difficult to ring, two men being required for the tenor, and it was not until ten years later that the first peal was rung on the bells by nine members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of whom six were members of the Croydon Society. Noted ringers in this peal were H. C. Haley, the conductor, S. Reeves and J. M. Hayes. During this period the tower obtained among ringers the nickname of 'the slaughterhouse' owing to the heavy and uncertain going of the bells. This name was associated with the Croydon belfry for about 50 years.

Croydon owed much in the latter years of the last century to Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, who in 1882 learnt to ring and joined the Society. He became one of the foremost ringers in the South of England, was secretary to the Society and the first Ringing Master of the Surrey Association upon its formation in 1883. He persuaded the church authorities to have the bells rehung and the frame re-designed.

The bicentenary of the Society's first peal, January 17th, 1934, was commemorated by ringing three courses of Bob Triples, a full peal being out of the question owing to the condition of the bells. The late Mr. Cyril Johnston, a member of the Society for many years, had formulated a scheme by which the existing bells should be recast and four others added to make a ring of twelve. A munificent gift from the late Lady Eldridge made the scheme possible, and with characteristic energy Mr. Johnston laboured to complete it. The twelve were dedicated on December 12th, 1936, by the Bishop of Croydon, in the presence of 300 ringers from all parts of the country. The weight of the new tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb., and the total weight of the twelve bells is just over eight tons.

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With the bells was a new frame, the whole contract being undertaken by the Croydon Foundry.

Another bell, the 'Victory' bell, the gift of Mr. Cyril Johnston, was added on May 25th, 1946, thus providing the Society with a lighter ring of eight, invaluable especially on practice nights. We conclude this review with the author's own tribute to the contribution Croydon bells have made to national and parochial events and the regular call to worship on Sundays: 'For upwards of two centuries this has continued with little break. Countless generations of men have climbed those winding stairs, stairs that have survived the effects of time and fire and were mercifully preserved, as was the whole church, from enemy bombing, and have gathered in the ringing chamber, there to—

"... ply with nimble brain, our subtle art,

Sequence of sound, that moves with mystic rhyme."

Who can measure the effect of those years of endeavour?"

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 8
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 9
MRS. ALBERT DISERENS .. 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 10
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 11
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 6	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. Treble	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 6
*R. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 7
†THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 3	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 8
CHARLES GREEDY .. .. 4	§JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9
*ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 5	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.  
§ First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES MILNER .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
*SYDNEY HOUGH .. .. 2	†DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
†NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 3	WILFRED STEVENSON .. 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 9
*ANNE WORTH .. .. 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

### A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 7
†JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 8
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 9
†RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5	†WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by THOS. W. HESKETH.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The quickest peal on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

### A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Granta Variation.

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the Granta Variation by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT .. 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. 8
FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

FRANK REED .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*DAVID G. JACKSON .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 7
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method, aged 13. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Harry C. Walters, of Pontefract.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt

THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY .. .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCES A. EDGAR .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 6
*ERNEST H. KILBY .. .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the birthday of His Majesty the King.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
*GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 2	ALEXANDER S. WATT .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal in the method by all.



## ASH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.
WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. Treble	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
*GILLIAN A. SMITH .. .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
†JOHN A. HILTON .. .. 3	EDWARD J. WELLS .. 7
†PETER NEWING .. .. 4	AUSTEN KEMP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.  
A birthday compliment to Leslie J. Hilton, father of third ringer.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MARY HOWELL .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 7
*HORACE E. LILLEY .. .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Composed by J. COX.

\* First peal in the method.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. 2	*VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 6
*†FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 3	*†GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Valerie Joan, daughter of the conductor.

## LONDON.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN .. .. 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
*ROGER C. PRESTON .. .. 3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 7
*WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

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

## RUSPER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ENID LONNEN .. .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. 6
RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*AUDREY STEPHENS (15) .. Treble	†THOMAS STEPHENS .. .. 5
†B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	BRIAN D. PRICE .. .. 6
*BRIAN WERRY (16) .. .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 7
ROBERT STEPHENS .. .. 4	JACK WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' Miss Stephens is the first lady of the local band to ring a peal on the bells. Both the 'firsts' are to be congratulated on the way they rang their bells.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 5
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
*J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 3	†ALBERT J. PITMAN .. .. 7
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 5
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL .. 2	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 480 London, 320 each of New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Bristol, Eastcote, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Langley, Heathcote, Rutland, Pudsey, Watford, Hitchin, Claybrooke, Uxbridge, Superlative, Framley, Edinburgh, Lindum and Wembley, with 144 changes of method. No. 5 arrangement.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
MARGARET L. TUTT .. .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The first peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 22 methods by all the band. Rung at the first attempt.

## WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Holt's Original.		Tenor 1-2 Cw.	
ALBERT GREENHALGH	.. Treble	FREDERICK BROWNLOW	.. 3
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	.. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	.. 6
MURIEL REAY	.. .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT	.. 7
IAN JONES	.. .. 4	ROGER LEIGH	.. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to mark the 41st anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. John Dimmock, Vicar of Westhoughton.



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## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM (14) .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
W. GEORGE TURNER .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
PAUL BIRKETT .. 3	†HARRY WILD .. 7
JOHN PEARSON .. 4	†SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY WILD.

\* First peal. † 50th peal together.

## CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	T. A. CROSS (A.C. R.A.F.) .. 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Cheal, mother of Mr. F. J. Cheal. Also for Mrs. A. N. Frostick, daughter of Mr. W. A. J. Knight.

## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*DENNIS HOLLAND .. Treble	†GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	†HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 6
†FRANK REED .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON .. Treble	C. RICHARD BELTON .. 5
*E. EDWARD PICKERING .. 2	FRANK BAILESS .. 6
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 3	T. HENRY WRIGHT .. 7
*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TONY PRICE .. Treble	*FREDK. A. FINCH .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	*FRANK C. PRICE .. 6
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*GEOFFREY DODDS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*OLIVE M. DRAKE .. Treble	M. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
RICHARD J. JACKSON .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
EDWARD SOWMAN .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS .. 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER .. 4	A. THOMAS BROMLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells. This peal was rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a clergyman, by the Rev. Canon T. R. J. Avery, Rector of Lutterworth.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*BERNARD R. MILLWARD .. Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
DAPHNE LLOYD .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

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

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD S. JORDAN .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. 5
KEVIN S. HOHL .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
ALEC E. RICHARDSON .. 4	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as an 86th and 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, Sussex, parents of the conductor.

## WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-ANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*GEORGE E. GREEN .. Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 5
*K. MARY COWLEY .. 2	†ALBERT H. HINTON .. 6
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. 7
†EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the seventh has now completed the circle.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE E. LARGE .. Treble	†REGINALD WOODYATT .. 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS .. 6
†ALLEN MORGAN .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal for the Association. 50th peal together by 'Bill' Lewis (father) and 'Tom' Lewis (son).

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
GEORGE BISHOP .. 2	JAMES GORDON .. 6
HENRY L. BISHOP .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
BERTRAM L. BROWN .. 4	JACK NAPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO.

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE .. Treble	*FRANK ROWSELL .. 5
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 2	*WILLIAM T. OATWAY .. 6
*THOMAS YEOMANS .. 3	FREDERICK C. LASBURY .. 7
JOSEPH LOVETT .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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



## MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Treble	†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
*ERNEST J. LADD .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. First peal on the bells since being augmented from six to eight. Rung as an engagement compliment to Frank H. Hicks and Miss Evelyn M. Capon, of Hellingly.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pilstow's Transposition. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS .. 5
ALBERT H. WARD .. 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. 6
FREDK. A. SALTER .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wystan,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. BRITTAN, Treasurer .. Treble	
RHODA HEMMINGS, Committee .. 2	
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE, Committee .. 3	
WALTER G. SOAR, Committee .. 4	
WILLIAM H. CURSON, Chairman .. 5	
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD, Committee .. 6	
JOSEPH W. COTTON, Secretary .. 7	
SIDNEY H. JONES, Ringing Master .. Tenor	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

First peal in the method as conductor. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to J. H. Brittan, H. H. Brittan and W. J. Shorthose.

Guild officers' peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Bedford Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY WOODCOCK .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 4
PATRICK CHAPMAN .. 2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* 150th peal.

## WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

HORACE BENNETT .. Treble	FREDA OLDERSHAW .. 4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

## BYFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. HINTON .. Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
ERNEST LINES .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. COLLINS .. Treble	C. JOHN PIPER .. .. . 4
BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. .. 2	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. . 5
WILLIAM M. STEPNEY .. . 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. First peal on the bells since recasting the 3rd and 4th, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Rung by members of the local band.

## TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. . 4
J. DEREK SMITH .. .. . 2	JOHN E. BROUGH .. . 5
HERBERT SUTTON .. .. . 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	EDWIN BROMLEY .. . 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 2	ALAN BROMLEY .. . 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY .. .. . 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lambert.

## WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*G. EDWARD BRUMPTON .. Treble	*HAROLD MORWOOD .. . 4
*RONALD CHAFER .. .. . 2	JACK BRAY .. .. . 5
HARRY HALL .. .. . 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in five methods.

## HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. . 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. . Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

A thanksgiving for the restoration of this church, which was reopened by the Bishop of Ely on December 19th.

## STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	†PETER A. LAWRENCE .. . 4
*OLIVE GREEN .. .. . 2	TERRY H. BLUNT .. . 5
†JANET S. BAILEY .. .. . 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on six bells.

## KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, six of Norfolk, eight of Old and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN FOWLER .. .. Treble	DAVID HOARE .. .. . 4
GILBERT POMEROY .. .. . 2	ROGER O. FRY .. .. . 5
HENLEY HAWKINS .. .. . 3	CHARLES FRANCIS .. . Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal in four methods by all the band.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At 39, WAKEFIELD ROAD, LEASOWE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford Bob (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. .. 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 3-4
FRANK VARTY .. .. . 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in eight Minor methods for all.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 3-4	JOYCE GIBBONS .. .. 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside' on handbells.

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 317 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. . 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. . 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

JILL POOLE .. .. . 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6	*JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 11-12

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

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

## HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 26, BRABAZON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER MOOR .. .. 1-2	JACK KING .. .. . 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. . 3-4	*BERT GOGLE .. .. . 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

## ROATH, CARDIFF.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At 2, PARTRIDGE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 1-2	†B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.. 3-4
†JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal on handbells for the Society. First peal on the bells. A tribute to Dr. S. H. Piper, president of the Society and donor of the bells.



**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. W. Taylor 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, S. J. Oughton 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, H. G. Summers 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward (first in the method) 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—On Dec. 17th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 April Day): Miss A. P. Taylor 1, Miss B. Carter 2, J. B. Robinson 3, R. Edwards 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, P. R. Harrison 6. First quarter in three methods for all but the 2nd ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

**BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lister 1, W. Judd 2, G. Martin 3, M. Upstone 4, B. Lister 5, R. Hunt 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, C. Tuffley 8. First quarter of Triples by 4 and 8.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—At St. Peter's on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. G. Oliver 1, G. E. Boyden 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, C. Rouse (Prestbury) 4, R. Talbot 5, J. H. Edwards 6, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 7, H. J. Millatt 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.—Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Doreen Richer 1, H. J. Millatt 2, C. Rouse 3, G. W. Moss 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. Talbot 6, F. G. Oliver 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 5, 6 and 7.

**DERBY.**—At the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alan Taylor 1, Kathleen I. Tivey 2, F. R. Lowe 3, H. Lettis 4, M. J. Barker 5, J. F. Wilkinson 6, H. Danvers 7, H. Taylor (first as cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

**EYDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tompkins 1, J. Steel 2, H. Lansbury 3, E. Lines 4, C. Parish (cond.) 5.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Otley 7, P. Blake 8.

**GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Franklin 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, G. Seth 3, T. H. Townsend 4, A. Stapleton 5, F. Reeve 6.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. A. Warwick 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Miss V. Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, B. Austin 6, G. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Baldwin 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Clutton 5, R. Coles 6, C. A. Smith 7, A. L. James 8. For the 75th birthday of the conductor.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Lack 1, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5. First quarter Stedman Doubles by all.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cox (first quarter away from tenor) 1, R. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, W. Lee (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Skerritt 1, G. La Marquand 2, W. Perkins 3, J. J. Mawby 4, A. Y. Tyler 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (cond.) 7, G. Shortland (longest length) 8.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. M. Stephens 2, R. W. Stephens 3, W. Izzard 4, C. G. Woodhead (first tower-bell quarter as cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Cragg 1, W. Small 2, C. D. Linington 3, J. Feist 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

**LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Harris 1, Jean Tattersill 2, C. Tarr (cond.) 3, H. Commis 4, D. North 5, F. Burton 6.

**LANGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Norman (first quarter) 1, P. Barnes 2, C. Watts (first quarter) 3, C. Duncombe (first quarter) 4, G. Barnes 5, R. Talbot (first as cond.) 6.

**LITTLE STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. D. Smith 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, T. H. Townsend 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5. Rung after the marriage of Miss Ann Topham, younger daughter of Mr. Alec Topham (churchwarden) to Mr. R. Ellerbeck.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. D. C. Ritchie 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. H. Lott 3, C. Finch 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. Holman 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Paul's on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Page 1, R. Lowe 2, J. Sutton 3, J. Lewis 4, L. Page (cond.) 5, F. E. Manns 6.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Turley 1, Miss D. Golding (first of Minor) 2, Miss D. Corke 3, L. Turley 4, R. Pankhurst 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 8. Rung with the tenor covering.

**SOUTHOVER, NEAR LEWES, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beat (first quarter) 1, B. Heasman 2, T. Woolston 3, F. Crea 4, G. P. Elphick 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 7, J. Wilmshurst 8.

**SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Woodward 1, T. Stone 2, M. Collins 3, E. Boardman 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, E. F. Franklin 6. Rung to honour the Archdeacon of Swindon, who visited the parish to dedicate a memorial to the late Rev. W. P. Pring, Vicar 1934-47.

**ST. ALBANS.**—At the Cathedral on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 2, J. T. Kentish 3, G. Blake 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. Hallen 6, W. J. Arnold 7, A. W. Coles 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, Mr. J. T. Kentish, and Mrs. Kentish, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th.

**ST. MELLONS, MON.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: I. H. Trueman 1, G. Chouls 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 3, L. T. Hulbert 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Monk 6. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 4 and 6.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Hulbert (first in method) 1, G. Chouls 2, G. Monk (first in method 'inside') 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, D. Monk (first quarter) 6. First in the method on the bells by a Sunday service band.

**STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Adams 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 16th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Saville 1, H. Doughty 2, B. A. Sollis 3, A. E. Sollis 4, E. Brooks 5, P. Bradley (cond.) 6, C. M. Heathcote 7 (covering). Birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sollis, Miss M. Heathcote and E. Brooks.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Thorley 1, John Thorley (10) (first quarter on eight) 2, C. D. Leask 3, D. Thorley 4, T. D. Leask 5, W. Hobson (77) 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. M. Thorley 8.

**WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Bob Doubles, 240 April Day, 720 Grandsire): Miss B. Griffiths 1, Miss S. Golding 2, J. Boutland 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. Wood 6. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 3.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,950 Doubles (870 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury): A. Rhodes 1, Miss J. Brierley 2, Mrs. D. Kidd 3, S. Sage 4, D. Mottershead (cond.) 5, N. D. Lomas 6. First date touch by all the band.

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1951.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, presi-  
dent of the Central Council,  
announced at the annual  
dinner of the Universities Association that in  
three months time he would be retiring from  
business life and after then hoped to do a little  
more ringing.

We wish cartoonists trying to feature ringers  
would go in a belfry. Gilbert Wilkinson's effort  
in the 'Daily Herald' on December 30th can-  
not be commended.

As we were going to Press news reached us  
of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E.  
H. Daynes, of 66, Ashburnham Grove,  
Greenwich.

Pet aversion of the new Master of the College  
Youths, Mr. Frank Smallwood, is the word  
'campanologist.' He wants another word to  
describe the art and science of change-ringing.

Latest recruit to handbell ringing is Mr. Len  
Stilwell. With Mr. F. B. Lufkin and Mr. E.  
Rapley, he rang 1,420 Bob Minor 'in hand'  
which was his first quarter on handbells.

At the request of officers of the Central Coun-  
cil, letters appertaining to the report of the  
Festival of Britain Sub-Committee will not be  
published until after the findings of the Standing  
Committee.

Lincoln Cathedral's new visitors book, pre-  
sented by the Universities Association as a  
memento of their happy week, is a gift in keep-  
ing with this great Cathedral. First signatures  
in the book are those of the guests last August.

Newmarket, Suffolk, handbell ringers are  
looking forward to their first peal 'in hand' in  
Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A quarter  
in this method was accomplished on December  
19th after months of practice on the 'box  
method' principle. The conductor was John  
A. Acres and other members Albert E. Austin,  
J. Reg. Heath and Peter C. Wright.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Two well-known univer-  
sity ringers, Mr. and Mrs.  
Philip Gray, are sailing for  
Australia on March 1st. Mr. Gray has ac-  
cepted an appointment at Melbourne. Of late  
there has been little news from Victoria in 'The  
Ringing World,' although recently a band of  
Sydney ringers paid them a visit. We wish  
them 'bon voyage' and every happiness in their  
new sphere.

Those ringers who saw the end of 1950 on  
their television sets enjoyed the ringing at St.  
Margaret's, Westminster.

Boxing Day was a happy occasion at Capen-  
hurst, Cheshire, when four young people rang  
their first peal. They have all been taught to  
ring within the last 18 months.

Bernard Moore, a promising young ringer,  
was unlucky at his second attempt for a peal at  
Cowfold, Sussex, on December 18th, when half-  
way through the last 720 the clapper of the fifth  
bell fell out.

We are pleased to learn that there is an im-  
provement in the health of Mr. Tom Reeves,  
although he is still in the Sheffield Royal In-  
firmmary. He has the use of the limbs which  
were affected by the seizure but his sight is still  
bad.

Will those who have rung 40 or more peals  
during 1950 please send the following par-  
ticulars:—Number rung in tower and 'in  
hand,' and number of each conducted. We  
would also like photographs of those ringers  
who completed 100 peals in 1950.

Barwell, Leicestershire, ringers wish to thank  
all ringers who donated to their Bell Fund in the  
recent Christmas competition. All prizes have  
been claimed and a list of winning numbers is  
as follows:—0144, 2095, 19661, 2282, 0064,  
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## UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION REUNION

**President's Criticism of Christmas Day Broadcast Ringing — Master of College Youths Urges Greater Attention to Practical Ringing — U.A.'s Expanding Membership — Reminiscences of the Rev. F. A. Robinson**

THE Universities Association's annual reunion and dinner held in London on December 29th was well supported. During the day there was ringing at St. Stephen's and Christ Church, Ealing, St. Mary's, Acton, and St. Mary's, Lambeth. The service was held at the last-named church, the Rector (the Rev. H. Headley) officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg. The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was the organist. A collection for the organ fund of St. Mary's, Lambeth, was taken by the Masters of the London and Bristol Societies and amounted to £2 7s. 2d.

The president (Mr. Edwin H. Lewis) presided at the annual dinner held at the New Inn, Westminster Bridge, a company of over 60 being present.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the president said the Church was really themselves, because they were all members, or ought to be, but on such an occasion they thought more particularly of the ecclesiastical authorities and those who were in Orders.

It was just 300 years since Robert Roam gave to the College Youths his 120 of Grandsire Doubles. If they knew the exact date they ought to commemorate the occasion as it was the beginning of change ringing. At that time the Church authorities would have nothing to do with ringing. Ringing was not allowed on Sundays, and was almost entirely for secular purposes. There have been vicissitudes of thought in the Church at various times. There was the vicissitude in the mind of John Bunyan when he wrote in his book, 'Grace Abounding,' that he looked on ringing and hockey as among the deadly sins, and that he was frightened when he went into a belfry for fear the bell would fall on him and he always stood under a beam. But he seemed to have changed his mind in 'Pilgrim's Progress' when he wrote, 'All the bells of heaven were ringing for joy when Christian reached his destination.'

The Church had changed its mind in the same way. It was, however, only about 100 years ago when the Church realised that it had made a mistake in banning everything that was of beauty in their services. To-day the position was completely reversed, with ringing as a part of Church work, and for that reason in particular they should honour the Church and drink the toast of the Church.

### CHRISTMAS-DAY RINGING

To-day the B.B.C. was beginning to realise that ringing was a method of rejoicing on the part of the Church at the greater festivals. Why the B.B.C. did not consult somebody who knew about English bells when they selected their Christmas Day programme he could not understand. The ringing was a disgrace. With the exception of St. Benet's, Cambridge, and possibly Portishead it was just about as bad as it could be. He hoped the B.B.C. would ask someone to advise them in the future on the selection of towers. If a dance band or orchestra played their music half as badly as the ringing broadcast by the B.B.C. on Christmas Day they would have been shut down.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, in his reply, commended in his inimitable way to the company a book by one of the Association's members, 'The Church Bells of Ayrshire,' by Mr. Ronald W. M. Clouston, which he informed the Editor privately was one of the most beautiful histories of bells he had seen in recent years.

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was submitted by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the

Master of the College Youths. It was very fitting, he said, that they should do honour to the parent Society in asking him to be with them, because the College Youths and its sister Society, the Cumberland Youths, had done very much to fashion and build up the Exercise as they knew it to-day.

Nevertheless, he could see that there was a great future for their Association. They would be able through their training to supply many of the things which they had lacked in the past, and he was very glad to see the enormous interest that had been and was being taken by university students. He had had one or two experiences of their Society, and in the early days of the war had some very pleasant hand-bell ringing with members of the Bristol University Association.

### ARDENT COMPANOLOGISTS

There were one or two ways in which their training might be of great use. One was to find a better word than campanologist to describe a ringer. He was once described in a newspaper as an ardent campanologist, and his friends in consequence asked him what particular kind of beetle he was interested in. His reply was that he was not interested in beetles but mainly confined his studies to bats (laughter).

The other thing was that they should try and find a formula to cure the man and woman who honestly admitted that he could not recognise the sound of his own bell. He would rather see the Universities Association getting active with problems connected with the practical side than develop the theoretical side.

He was glad to know that the Universities Association was going on from strength to strength and had over 300 members and had extended its activities to Australia. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Hatcher, who he said was a College Youth.

Mr. E. S. John Hatcher, who replied, recalled how nearly eight years ago Mr. John Spice formed the U.A.C.R. in order that members of different universities could ring peals together. They had now 336 members from 17 different universities, together with the Lampeter Theological College, which awarded its own degree. In 1950 54 new members had appeared from 12 universities; Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London had flourishing societies of their own, and clearly the establishment of societies at all universities might be considered the ultimate aim. There were also small societies at Liverpool and Manchester, but they were still in the 'teething' stages. All the remaining six English universities had U.A. members, viz.: Birmingham, Durham, Leeds, Nottingham, Reading and Sheffield, while of the three English University Colleges taking external London degrees, Leicester and, he believed, Exeter could claim representation, leaving only Southampton to make a start. Of the four constituent colleges of the University of Wales, only Bangor was represented among its members, so Aberystwyth, Cardiff and Swansea remain to be 'tapped.' Across the border, Edinburgh and, recently, St. Andrew's Universities had their U.A. members, and during the year they had gone over the water (in the visible form of an Irish tour) to claim a member from Dublin. Finally, to complete the membership review, it was with the greatest delight that he asked them to welcome eight members from the recently-formed Adelaide University Guild.

### GIFT TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

He would like to express the great joy and appreciation of the 40 members from 11 universities who experienced the warmth of an unforgettable welcome at Lincoln last summer. In particular, Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of both the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and of the Cathedral company, who undertook personal responsibility for all the intricate details of a crowded week, and as a token of their esteem to him personally and through him to his ringing colleagues they, as an Association, wished to present a visitors' book to Lincoln Cathedral ringing chamber. The book had been prepared by Mr. Denis Layton, and they had hoped that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman would have been present to receive the gift.

Mr. H. Miles, who submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' spoke of the College Youths, the Cumberlands and the Oxford City Society, whose peal book dated back to 1733.

Recalling some of the peals he rang with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. Miles said he had heard a lot of criticism of him, but he did a lot of pioneer work in the country and in his own diocese, where there was little peal ringing. On one occasion at Shipton-under-Wychwood, the band arrived one short for a peal of Stedman. A retired schoolmaster with a massive beard, who had never rung a peal and had only rung short touches of Stedman before, agreed to stand in. The peal was successful, and at the end, as the Rev. Robinson was putting on his shirt—he always took his shirt off to ring—the schoolmaster approached him and said, 'I believe I did not ring well, but I did my best.' The Rev. Robinson replied, 'I have never known a man with whiskers ring well yet!'

### NO PEAL: NO SUPPER

On the Rev. Robinson's birthday there was always a peal at Drayton, and a hot meal before and after the performance. On one occasion the peal broke down after two hours' ringing. The party strolled up to the Vicarage gate, and to their surprise Mr. Robinson turned round and said, 'Good night, gentlemen: no peal, no supper.'

They had had some suggestions about activities to which the Association could devote its attention. He would like them to consider changing Stedman from starting on the 5th row of a six. He was quite certain that was a stumbling block to beginners and young conductors. Recently he had received from one of their members a peal of Stedman Triples containing 308 singles and 88 bobs, which was a regular 10-part peal.

Mr. George A. Cross, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, replied, and emphasised in his speech the importance of conductors calling their bobs in the right place.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed. The officers elected for 1951 were: President, Mr. E. H. Lewis; vice-president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; secretary-treasurer, Dr. E. S. John Hatcher; Central Council representative, Miss Marie R. Cross.

The meeting confirmed the election of the following: Adelaide, P. Cooper, J. West, R. R. D. Nogare, D. Irving. Misses Judy Hollands, Catherine Lamphee, Beryl Martin, Pam Wollaston; Bristol, Alan P. Cave, Miss E. Enid Lloyd-Roberts; Cambridge, Miss Mary Cotes; Edinburgh, D. S. Paice; London, B. C. Worssam, P. G. Foote, M. S. Cloke, S. M. (Continued on next page)



## TOWER CORNER—23

## STEDMAN—FIRST ATTEMPTS AT RINGING

**Dear Improvers.**—Last time, we worked out the Blue Line for Stedman in the Doubles stage. The next step is to memorise it, and then to discover certain pointers or tips for working one's way among the other bells. Thus Lesson XIII. continues:—

**Memorising Summary.** Stedman Doubles Plain Course. Total of five Divisions or ten 'sixes.'

**Front Path.** (Three Divisions or six 'sixes.')

(a) Initial dodge in 4-5 down. (Half a six.)

(b) Slow work. (Five sixes.) F.P.P. is Middle Thirds.

(c) Terminal dodge in 4-5 up. (Half a six.)

**Back Path.** (Two Divisions or four sixes.)

(a) Initial dodge in 4-5 up. (Half a six.)

(b) Double dodge in 4-5 down. (One six.)

(c) Quick work. (One six.) B.P.P. is the Lead. ('Right'.)

(d) Double dodge in 4-5 up. (One six.)

(e) Terminal dodge in 4-5 down. (Half a six.)

**Learning the Work.** Each of the above 'paths' is seen to be 'reflective' about its pivot position. 'F.P.P.' refers to the front path pivot, and 'B.P.P.' refers to the back path pivot. From the pivot position in each path the half-path reads the same in either direction. In the Quick work there are only three change-rows of plain hunting on either side of the pivot; but in the Slow work there are no less than '2½ sixes' on either side of the pivot. Each of these '2½ sixes' comprises a whole turn and a half turn, as we have already observed. These 'turn' features are reversed about the 'Middle Thirds' of the whole Slow work. Thoroughly memorise this plan and its details before going on to pick up the pointers for ringing, which come next.

**Division Head Positions.** (The student is recommended to refer, at this juncture, to figure 11 in the previous instalment (22), in order to appreciate more clearly the following observations.) Referring to the small circles, entered at intervals along the Blue Line, we recall that these mark the positions from which the bells there move off at the Division-heads. If these positions are noted in succession, the order given is that of 'Position Sequence.' Our first reference to this was in instalment 18, where we pointed out that an improved way of learning a method by the Blue Line is to learn the latter by its Divisions. The next step then, is to commit to memory the places where these circles come, in the general plan now learnt. The point of learning the Blue Line by its Divisions is of three-fold importance: (a) it gives the starting work of each bell from rounds; (b) it checks one's position at the Links of the method. (In a hunt-controlled method this may be spoken of as checking your work 'by your leads';) (c) it enables a forecast of position at a coming Link and thus to check the 'go-off,' if a change of method is called, in 'spliced' ringing. Incidentally, when you get on to spliced ringing and encounter it with Stedman included, you may find your Conductor gives the call, for change of method from Stedman, preferably, to be effective after the 3rd change-row of a Quick six, i.e., after the Stedman Division-end. Similarly, the Stedman method should be 'entered' at the 4th row of a Quick six, i.e., at the Stedman Division-head.

**Checks in the Slow Work.** Note the five positions of 3rds place in the Slow work. The first is made 'right,' i.e., handstroke then backstroke; but since it introduces a slow six (backward hunting), the first whole turn opens 'wrong,' i.e., backstroke-handstroke. The second lead of this whole turn introduces a quick six (forward hunting), so is made 'right,' i.e., h/s-b/s. Now follows the second 3rds place, made 'wrong,' i.e., b/s-h/s, introducing the first half turn with a hand snapping blow at lead, to close the six. The next (third) six is slow, opening from seconds position (up), and introduces the third or middle 3rds place.

made 'right,' h/s-b/s; and so on to the second half turn, with a back snapping blow at lead. (It may be helpful to think of these two half-turn snaps as together making up one whole-pull lead 'right'.) This closes the third six of the slow work. The fourth six, quick, also opens from 2nds position, up, and introduces the fourth 3rds place, made 'wrong,' b/s-h/s, and the last whole turn; the first lead of which, made 'right,' h/s-b/s, closes this six. The fifth and last six (slow), of the slow work opens with the snap-in-seconds position of this last whole turn, the second lead of which is made 'wrong,' b/s-h/s. So it is seen that a lead 'wrong,' opens the first whole turn and closes the last whole turn. This last six now closes with the fifth and last 3rds place, made 'right.' So it is seen that three 3rds places 'right' sandwich two 3rds places 'wrong,' in other words the five 3rds places are alternately 'right' and 'wrong' throughout the slow work.

**Some Further Tips for Ringing the Method.** The works of reference quoted in issue of December 15th, and others, give some useful tips for ringing Stedman. Here are one or two more:—

**Dodging in Stedman.** When in the dodging work every dodging blow, (i.e., the blow at which you step back in your tracks), whether you are working up or working down, is a HANDSTROKE blow. This is useful knowledge if you happen, during the long dodging which sometimes troubles beginners, to forget which way you are going. For example, if the handstroke is in a lower position than your backstroke, then you must be on your way UP—and vice versa (i.e., if the handstroke is higher than the backstroke then you must be on your way DOWN).

**Slow Work.** Always make a place in the 3rds position. (5 in all.) There is no making of 2nds place.

**Leading position:** When a whole pull is led, always snap into seconds and lead again. (The whole turns.) Between the two whole turns there are two snap leads in the 'natural' order, i.e., 'right' then 'wrong.'

**Quick or Slow.** Approaching the front work, you MUST know how to enter it. Unless calls have disturbed the cycle of work, this is, as you know, the opposite of how you left it. If you lose count during calls, of the effect on re-entry, there are ways of checking your entry, one of which should be employed in any event. In Doubles, the bell dodged with while you are in 4-5 up is your 'course bell.' The course bell gives you the key to entry into the front work. For when you get into 4-5 down that bell will already be in the front work. If you strike it quickly as you come into 4-5 down, you must go in quick, but if you are slow to strike it, i.e., at the end of your dodging, you must go in slow. If you have missed your course bell (as you may do, especially after several calls in Stedman on higher stages), when in 4-5 down, notice how the bells are coming to lead. If at hand, it must be a quick six, so you will enter the next one slow. If at back, it must be a slow six so you will enter the next one quick. If you have missed both these pointers you are in a bad way, and must resort to the following: As you enter the six from the 4ths position, pick out the two bells in front of the one you are cutting under into 3rds position. One of these is, of course, leading, the other in 2nds position. Now you may find what you must do next from the way in which either of these two bells is moving; that is to say you find that you must either make 3rds or step straight on into 2nds position; the former being an entry slow, the latter an entry quick. But suppose the bell you are watching, to derive this indication, itself

makes a mistake. What now? You may thus be misled. So you must keep your eye on both these bells in front of you. The one leading, if making a full lead (quick six), will keep his eye on the tenor, and the one in 2nds position will then turn his eye to you. Either of these indications is correct for a quick entry and if both are duly given, you will be fairly safe in assuming yours is a quick entry. On the other hand, for a slow entry on your part, the ringer at the lead will give a snap blow only and turn his eye to the one in 2nds position; while this one will turn his eye towards the tenor to lead. This forces you to make 3rds place, and thus enter slow. The foregoing thus give you three successive chances of pulling yourself together to make the correct entry into the front work—quick or slow—and you will be a poor ringer indeed if you miss them all!

**Remainder.** We hope to complete, in Lesson XIV., our next instalment, these notes on learning to ring the Stedman Method. We shall have something further to say about 'Calls' and about the extension of the method to the higher stages. We hope to include a Quiz on the principles of method structure so far touched upon, and to indicate the method next chosen for study.—Cordially yours.

CORN: R. STONE.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,360 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, L. W. Fisher 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.—Also on Christmas Day, 1,248 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, G. L. Perkins 3, L. W. Fisher 4, H. W. Pratt 5, A. Clements 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor (540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): W. J. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, R. J. Stannard 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 67th birthday of Mr. E. Footer.

## Universities Assn. Reunion.—Cont.

Evans, Miss Mary Martin; Leicester U.C. John Hill; Oxford, J. B. Guy, G. Colman, E. Seymour, J. Hutchings, J. Humphrey, A. M. Elliot, P. Border, N. Hawthorne, D. H. Nimblett, K. Syed, T. B. Rynes, the Misses Susan M. Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Diana Panting, Jenny Pickworth, Brigid Rose, Alison Raikes; St. Andrew's, Miss Valerie Wynne, Miss Meriel Hawksley.

The secretary announced that the Ringing Week for 1951 would be held at Bristol. The organisation was being undertaken by the officers of the University of Bristol Society.

The next annual dinner was fixed for London on January 4th.

A members' register had been circulated, the copies having been prepared by Mr. Charles McGuinness, of Lincoln.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the president were the Revs. C. Elliot Wigg, A. G. G. Thurlow, H. Hedley, K. W. H. Felstead, K. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, Messrs. I. H. Truman, E. S. J. Hatcher, D. N. Layton, W. Court, P. Layton, P. Wright, H. Miles, A. A. Hughes, R. Clouston, T. Watt, B. Threlfall, A. York-Bramble, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. Woodhead, A. R. Guy, J. Hill, R. Speed, F. S. Macey, E. B. Wood, F. E. Haynes, G. Beynon, B. C. Worssam, J. B. Guy, M. Michael Howard, A. Robin Guy, A. P. Guy, W. L. B. Leese, F. Wright, G. H. Cross, G. W. Simmonds, E. J. Lindley, G. Dadds, Peter Bond and T. W. White.

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# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—5

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

MR. Fussell's attempt for his second peal was a failure. It was at Ealing on June 17th, 1882, when, after 2 hours 35 minutes of Holt's Original, the 7th and 5th changed course, so he 'went home greatly disappointed.' This surely must have upset him for he reports next day, Sunday, 'did not go out to ring all day.' He reports that Mr. Parker, of Farnham, was ill, so he walked over from Slough to see him 'his face being much swollen with neuralgia.' They went to the church and rang 720 Grand-sire Minor and 360 Bob Minor—had four breakdowns in all. 'Parker looked a comical fellow with his head tied up.' He recounts many further walks and practices, and also a visit to Henley Regatta where he met several parson friends, and went on the tower roof to have a view of the country. In the evening he rang on the eight bells, tenor 23½ cwt.

### INCIDENT AT ST. MARY'S, READING

The next day he rode there again on his bicycle 'to get some cocoa-nuts we shied for, but forgot to bring away. Found them where we had hidden them. Had some ale in a pub close by the Bridge where I was served by a person whom I met in a pub by Swallowfield when I had a long walk from Reading. I knew her again at once.'

He tells of a noisy interlude at Reading St. Mary's when 'we rang about 600 changes when old Alder broke us down by his noisy talking. R. Allen came up—not in an amiable state of mind. Alder and he soon had a row which ended in a quarrel, Allen spanking the old steeplekeeper's face. In fact, there was a commotion all round. Alder saying he would always be an enemy to change-ringing and meant to be. No more ringing was done and the bells were let down.'

Tuesday, July 18th, 1882, annual meeting of the Oxford Guild at Oxford, 'see "Bell News" for full account of the meeting, dinner and service.' Mr. Fussell says he rang at Magdalen (10), New College (10), Christ Church (10), Merton College (8), St. Peter's in the East (6), mostly Grandsire. 'Met the Rev. Mayo and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Field. Hounslow and others, and we rang 1-2 to Grandsire Caters.'

On the occasion of Mr. Armstrong's return to St. Laurence's, Reading, they rang Doubles on the front five and back five bells placed; for Sunday service they rang call changes. When the West Middlesex Association met at Staines, he got up at 6 a.m. and walked there, arriving at 9.15. Went to the tower and pulled up several bells and made a general inspection. Seventeen ringers turned up but nothing worth hearing was done, the bells going so badly and the band not good enough to handle them well. The frame rocked a lot. He adds 'with persuasion a number of us made across the river and over the common to Egham where we rang 720 Grandsire Minor. Left at 9 p.m. and Wilder and I walked home via Datchet—walked 22 miles during this day.'

### A SUCCESSFUL DAY AND A HECTIC NIGHT

Mr. Fussell went to camp with Slough No. 5 Company, 1st Bucks Rifle Volunteers in August, 1882. 'By train to Ashridge Park, Earl Brownlow's seat near Tring. Had to change at Aylesbury and saw the central church tower (8 bell.)' He then records 'after morning parade—on Saturday, 5th—which was a long one, I at once got permission to be absent from camp till 11 p.m. Walked to Great Berkhamsted, three miles, took train to Willesden Junction and then to Acton. Walked from there to Ealing and arrived at the church at 5.30. Saw Mr. Baron and we went and had ale, bread and

cheese, this being the only food I had had since breakfast. Went to the tower at 6 o'clock.

Owing to garden party at Vicarage, word was sent for us to stop for half an hour. However, when we did get going, we rang successfully, Holt's Original. I was glad when the peal finished as the striking was none too good. Basden seemed exhausted and I had hardly time to say goodnight and get my coat on before hurrying off to catch the train back. The peal finished about 9.15, my train left Acton at 9.30. I ran nearly all the way and arrived two minutes after the train had gone. The next train, ten o'clock, took me to Willesden in time to catch the last train down which only went as far as Watford. Reached there about 14 minutes to midnight in a strange locality, for I had never been here before—and a walk of 14 miles before me on an empty stomach for I had not had a stop till now. The night was extremely dark and a few moonlight glints only caused it to be intense. A poor woman and her daughter had to walk some distance on the road, there being no conveyance to be got. I could never have found the way alone. We overtook, about two o'clock in the morning, some farm wagons returning from Covent Garden Market and had a ride for some distance, this being a help to the poor woman who had some heavy parcels to carry with which I assisted her. We parted at Boxmoor about 3 a.m.

Many incidents occurred along the road which would have frightened many, if alone. A manure cart had broken down, nearly blocking the road, and the swearing and noisy sound of men's voices on the still night air urging the horses, etc., seemed as if a highway robbery was being attempted. As I continued on across the moor, the faint dawn of daybreak was fast rising. I was feeling quite exhausted and done up, not having had much sleep during the few nights in camp owing to noisy bedfellows.

### AN UNEXPECTED SUPPER

Several men were stumbling about a little distance off, so I at once went and enquired if it was possible to get something to eat and drink at any public that might be near. Seeing that they had had plenty and were well-nigh drunk, one of them—a very nice, gentlemanly sort of fellow—at once took my arm and led me up a passage close by, which led to his house. During the walk he became very friendly, calling me "old man" and "old friend." "Come," he said, "I'll make you comfortable. You shall stay with me, old man, all night; come along." Continuing like this for some way—sometimes very incoherent—we at last found ourselves in his back parlour, the way having been left all unlocked as if they were expected. I never had a more agreeable surprise than this occasion—a nice Saturday night's supper was all laid out, with bread, cheese, fish and steak, beer, whisky and other things, that nearly prompted my hungry and famished feelings to pounce upon and begin devouring at once. Presently female voices were heard and my friend's wife and mother-in-law came down and began firing away and questioning. The supper had been ready since eight o'clock the previous evening. Two other women neighbours came in and took their husbands home with not complimentary words in their ears. My host and I, left alone, soon settled down to a quiet meal and the ladies, on hearing how far I had walked, made me very comfortable and offered to make me up a bed. About four o'clock they got me a cup of coffee, some bread and butter, and came to the door and saw me off, giving directions to my best road to Berkhamsted. Got into camp about five a.m. and had an hour's sleep before

beginning another day's duty, my bedfellows wondering what time I had come in during the night. As luck would have it my duties were very heavy for the rest of the camp—falling in for picket on Sunday, a night guard on Monday after Brigade drill on some steep hills close by. I was glad when we returned to Slough on the Thursday following.'

In August he had ten days' holiday in and around Weymouth with his father, and gives the names of places he visited. Later in the month he walked to Great Marlow, through Maidenhead and Quarry Woods. He started at 11 a.m. and arrived at 2 p.m., 'after having lost myself in Maidenhead Thicket, blackberrying.' On arrival, he heard the bells being pulled up, and found Mr. Truss busy oiling and adjusting ropes. He then went to Mr. Truss's house, 'The Two Brewers,' and had some ale, bread and cheese, and then the Reading ringers arrived in a wagonette, and he saw them start for a peal of Grandsire Triples. He then left for Farnham, walking through Cookham and Burnham, arriving at the church at 7 p.m. Here he rang the tenor in a 720 Grandsire Minor. Left the tower at 9 p.m. and got home 11 p.m., having walked 23 miles.

After giving many other notes on walks and cycle rides to ring and to copy bell inscriptions and to sketch at various churches around, he says: 'September 16th. This is my birthday, being 21 years of age. Walked to Farnham in the evening (and back). Rang 720 called by Flaxman in 25½ minutes.' The next morning he went again and rang 720 for early Communion and got home at eight; then back again for 720 for Harvest Festival, returning to Slough for evening service ringing.

### DEAN OF WINDSOR'S DEATH

The following Saturday was his brother Alfred's 28th birthday. They walked to Windsor to ring at the Curfew for the Dean of Windsor's death, aged 72. Mr. Fussell tolled his age on the tenor, the bells being muffled. They rang these bells again next day. Later, he says, 'Our old friend Woodley turned up at Windsor again after a long absence. A good tenor man if only he would attend better, but King and him could never do well in each other's company. Windsor seems a very critical place to get permission to go for a peal. King is evidently very abashed to call on a clergyman and ask him permission or else he does not wish us to go, and too fussy to take the necessary steps for us to attempt a peal.'

On many dates he mentions writing notes, articles, accounts of meetings, etc., for Harvey Reeves, Editor of the 'Bell News,' and states frequently how he endeavoured to get ringers of the various places he visited to take the paper. As already stated, many of the illustrations of churches that appeared in that journal were from Mr. Fussell's sketches.

(To be continued)

### THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIA

The November issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the monthly publication of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers contains a letter from Mr. Harold Poole addressed to Mr. W. Smith, of Pymble, N.S.W., in reply to a message of congratulation.

'You probably saw in "The Ringing World" that I organised a tour of Ireland last year. We had a wonderful time. I wonder if one day we may be able to come out to see you people in Australia. Nothing would give me greater pleasure. I would love to bring some of our young ringers but that would mean raising some finance to assist them. Perhaps it may be possible to arrange some lectures on ringing, handbell demonstrations and entertainments to assist in defraying some of the costs. Please convey our very kindest regards to your ringers and express the hope that one day we may have the pleasure of meeting them.'

'Once again many thanks for the kind thoughts which prompted your letter of congratulations.'



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CHRISTMAS BELLS—LOW STANDARD OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have just listened to the radio programme 'Christmas Bells,' and my immediate comment was 'Thank God for the West Country "stoney" ringer.' The programme of ringing, with the exception of the six at Portishead, was a poor show.

We read of representations to the B.B.C. for more ringing broadcasts and yet when ten minutes are allotted and a glorious opportunity arises to proclaim our art, all we get is some eight minutes of really bad striking.

To the layman, bad striking (clashing he would call it) sounds a lot worse than six or eight in well-struck rounds or call changes. A method, be it Grandsire or London, doesn't sound much different to the uninitiated, especially if badly struck.

Where does the C.C. B.B.C. Relations Officer come into this? Surely some advice in the right quarters would help, or if he is not consulted, why not wash out the appointment?

We get now to the point. 'Why such a poor sample? Individuals and local bands are partially at fault but by far the larger blame must rest with the Exercise and by that I mean our organisation of Guilds and Associations.'

My own Guild, and it usually ranks high in the number of peals rung and in variety, has, amongst its members, some of the foremost ringers of the day. We go to our Guild meetings and get some good ringing and give the learners, etc., their fair share of instruction, but of what value are these meetings (perhaps six a year on the average) to the struggling band?

What concerted effort is made? (There are individual attempts.) There is a growing apathy amongst our more advanced ringers. (This they will now emphatically deny and hasten to add they will arrange a peal for any learner who wants to ring one.) How many will give up a night or two a week to ring five bells in a country church eight or ten miles from home?

Where does our Central Council assist us in this? (For without a continued drive for more and more new ringers and advancement for the backward, the day may come when their services are no longer required.) The annual meeting is undoubtedly an attractive social event but where does it lead? Peals on Basingstoke 9 Charlie Kinnin's Cambridge Single, five and seven bell peals, the Carter Ringing Machine, all interesting problems in their way and which arouse feelings and make 'The Ringing World' interesting. But the root of the trouble is ignored! Six years of war, several with bells silent followed by the turmoil of so-called peace and then more war and war production in industry, is a continuous drain on the limited resources of the Exercise, and one that must be faced by it as a whole and not left to local towers.

The Exercise must give the lead: spend money on national publicity and give the incentive to Guilds and Associations to recruit strength: institute rivalry for membership increase over a given time: sponsor competitive festivals; use any method within the law to foster our art and leave someone to carry on when to-day's experts have passed on. Remember our objective should be to see that the bells in every parish (that are ringable, of course) are rung for divine service on every occasion and not as the casual reader of 'The Ringing World' would imagine, that of fostering supermen who ring record lengths in a variety of methods.

Whilst you may have qualms as to publishing this letter, I would stress that apart from the storm the foregoing comments will undoubtedly raise, the whole is intended as constructive criticism and I consider, a fair statement of facts viewed from my position as the secretary of a rural branch of our Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL, Hon. Sec.,

Andover District,  
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

### SUSSEX RINGER'S OPINION

Dear Sir,—On Christmas morning I rang at home, 6.15—7.15 a.m., but was unable to ring for morning service as it was my job to examine five miles of railway track. I timed myself to arrive at a friend's line-side house to hear the broadcast at 9.20. This was not a patch on last year (I can still hear Skipton bells). The fine ring at Cardiff came over very poorly, while the nice tone of Willenhall was spoilt by the poor striking. And so, having missed Redcliffe and York Minster on Christmas Eve, I went on my way very disappointed.

Soon after, I was cheered up by the sound of Burwash bells from high on the ridge and for the next mile or so I walked to the sound of good rounds on this light but pleasant octave. At 10.30 they ceased, but nearing the end of my journey my feeling of disappointment just vanished, for coming along the valley, on the light breeze, was the sound of Salehurst bells. Only Grandsire Triples, but what music! Enough to cheer up any ringer. Thank you Burwash and Salehurst.

C. A. B.

### CAN PRODUCE SOMETHING BETTER

Dear Sir,—Listening to the programme 'Christmas Bells' at 9.20 on the Home Service on Christmas morning, I was very distressed. What did we hear? Doubles, Triples and Caters; surely English ringers can produce something better than a continual clattering (I can find no other expression for it) with the tenor behind.

I shall probably invoke a storm of criticism but, as a young ringer, I can't understand one bell being left out of a method.

Please don't say it's more musical; that argument is long worn out. Let's get out of the rut: 'tenor in' is no more difficult than 'tenor behind,' and the variety of methods is far more interesting.

Progress is the watchword in any calling; let us not shirk it in ours.—Yours faithfully,  
Bourne, Lincs. JAMES W. HAW

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in his speech to the Universities' Association comments on the low standard.—Ed.

### DOGS AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—Some years ago, one of our ringers at St. Mary's, Warwick, had an old dog which could often be seen lying on the doorstep, which was only a few steps from the church. He would be quite happy while the bells were ringing but if ever the tenor was turned in to Major or Royal, he would set up a terrific howl until the bells came round.—Yours sincerely,

Warwick. T. MALE.

### AN OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER

Dear Sir.—The following lines are on a grave-stone in Bingley Parish Churchyard, Yorkshire, of Hezekiah Briggs, who was sexton at this church for 43 years. He died in 1844 at the age of 79 years, and interred upwards of 7,000 people. The stone is to be found just before reaching the main entrance to the church.

There lies an old ringer beneath this cold clay,  
Who has rung many peals both for serious and gay.

Through 'Grandsire' and 'Trebles' with ease  
he could range.  
Till death called a hob which called round the last change.

For all the village came to him  
When they had need to call;  
His counsel free to all was given,  
For he was kind to all.  
For all the village came to him.

Ring on, ring on, sweet Sabbath bell  
Still kind to me thy matins swell.  
And when from earthly things I part,  
Sigh o'er my grave and lull my heart  
Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, Bradford.

### ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK

Dear Sir,—While trying to find something interesting to listen-in to on the wireless on December 23rd, I heard some bells ringing from a German broadcasting station on the medium waveband, about 292 metres. To my surprise the announcer, a lady, conveyed greetings from New York, and with it the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, rang out. The ringing was undoubtedly by a team of bell-ringers and they were doing change-ringing.

As far as I know, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, is Roman Catholic, and I would be interested to know how many bells this edifice has, the weight, and by whom cast. I have not been able to find any reference to bells in the church.

Apparently it was a greetings inter-change programme as the bells of all European countries were rung, and the grand finale came with all the bells ringing together!—Yours sincerely,  
FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Eire.

### SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see the enquiry of Mr. Cook, re Scientific Triples, the Gibraltar of ringing.

Mr. Carter published a composition in the method in 'Bell News' of July 21st, 1906: this is a one-part, non-observation composition and is a formidable job in itself. I do not know if it is the only possible one, and often wondered if the late J. W. Parker could have got another one if he had considered it.

Perhaps that genius of composition, Mr. Pitman, could give this matter his attention some time, and report results? No touches were published.—Yours sincerely,

M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey.

### 'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden is apparently correct in assuming that the 'Old Somerset Rhyme' is of Norfolk origin. Snowden, in his book 'Double Norwich,' published 1884, says that during the years 1817—1821 the ringers at St. Peter's used to practise 'Court Ten In' during the summer months at 6 a.m. The parish clerk's name is given as John Twiddy and he wrote the lines of 'Ye Rascally Ringers,' which were published in the 'Norwich Mercury.'

With reference to your leading article on Thomas Post, a friend of mine, Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreau, remembers the old gentleman quite well. He purchased a copy of his poems from him at a meeting held at Aldington in 1903.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

### DEDICATION

#### MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS

On December 15th, the recast ring of six bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) was dedicated by the Bishop of Selby (the Right Rev. C. F. Knvett). The Bishop congratulated those responsible for the restoration of the bells which, he said, carried a message of fellowship.

After the dedication ceremony 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following local ringers:—E. Dove 1, F. Kneeshaw 2, P. Thompson 3, N. Kneeshaw 4, John W. Kneeshaw 5, H. Musk tenor. Following the service the bells were kept going by ringers from Hull, Beverley, Pocklington and Nunburnholm until 9 p.m.

These bells, which were first cast in 1783, were of very poor tone, but now that they have been recast and hung in ball bearings, they are a very good ring and a credit to the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the service by Mr. J. H. Fidler.

All the old inscriptions have been reproduced and in addition, on the tenor, the following has been inscribed:—'John William Kneeshaw, a ringer since 1897 and for many years tower-keeper, through whose initiative and perseverance these bells were recast, 1950.'



## W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY Slough Ringer's Corrections

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to correct an error in your leader relating to the diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. You stated: 'He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey).' I well remember the occasion when he did ring a peal in Anglesey. For many years he had wanted to complete the tally, and finally his opportunity came on the decease of someone connected with Beaumaris tower.

He told me he knew he would never be able to ring a peal there as long as this gentleman was alive, though what feud existed to prevent his doing so he never explained. However, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Beaumaris on July 9th, 1938, conducted by Mr. R. Sperring. Mr. Fussell, is, I believe, not only the first, but still the only ringer to complete a peal in every county in England and Wales.

I am afraid I must, with Mr. Pulling, explain to Mr. G. R. Newton that the first of Mr. Fussell's four Georges was, in fact, Mr. George Newson. How many peals Mr. Fussell rang in company with Mr. George Newson I do not know, but Mr. Newson conducted no less than 78 of Mr. Fussell's first 120 peals, and I have myself often heard Mr. Fussell refer to George Newson as the first of his Georges. Apart from Messrs. George Newson (38), George Williams (116), George Martin (108) and George Pye (45), the most noted conductor in Mr. Fussell's career is Mr. Frank Bennett, who called 102 of his peals.

May I also point out that the photograph you published of Slough Parish Church is that where Mr. Fussell did his ringing, but not, as the caption stated, where he did his early ringing. This fine church was erected in 1912-13 (western half) and 1876-78 (eastern half) to replace an ugly church built on the site in 1835 as a new parish church. The new tower was built in 1913, and instead of a 9 cwt. ring of eight, a 17½ cwt. ring was installed of which Mr. Fussell donated the tenor, which bears his name. His early ringing was done in the small, former tower.

### 'SWEET WILLIAM'

Those who knew Mr. Fussell personally, can tell many stories of his practical joking and escapades. Mr. Sinkins, of Slough (aged 85), who learned to ring with Mr. Fussell, relates the story of the first peal attempt on the bells in the former tower. On their augmentation to eight in 1876, a band, including Messrs. Sinkins, W. H. and A. C. Fussell, met to ring Grandsire Triples. There existed some personal animosity between Mr. Fussell and his half-brother. Mr. W. H. Fussell used to call Holt's Original and Mr. A. C. Fussell, Holt's 10-part. At the base of the tower some discussion took place on who should call the peal and the band decided by vote that Mr. A. C. Fussell should conduct. Mr. Sinkins relates how, on the way 'to the stairs, W. H. F. said to him, 'I don't think we shall get this.' 'Why not?' retorted Mr. Sinkins. 'We have a good hand,' W. H. F. reiterated that he didn't think they would score. The peal progressed satisfactorily until the 5039th change. 13254768 occurred when W. H. F. left his bell set at backstroke and the final rounds weren't rung. Mr. Wilder, already referred to in the diary as 'Uncle' shook his fist in W. H. F.'s face saying 'You are a sweet William, and if I weren't in a part of the church I'd make your face so that your mother wouldn't know you!' Hence he acquired the nickname 'Sweet William,' by which many of his very early ringing friends knew him. Incidentally, the first peal on the bells was rung in February, 1877, and W. H. F. was not in the band!—Yours truly,  
W. BIRMINGHAM  
Slough.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Peacock 1, J. Hunt 2, N. Sharp, jun. 3, Mrs. L. H. Caldwell 4, A. Scott 5, A. T. Smith, jun. 6, N. Sharp (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on December 9th, when about 75 ringers attended including members of the Ladies' Guild and visitors from Leicestershire, Herefordshire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Ringling on the magnificent twelve bells of the Minster commenced at 1.30 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., the time of the service of rededication of the famous Five Sisters Window, which was attended by about 2,500 people from various parts of the county. Further ringing took place, followed by tea, which was served in Davy Hall.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, which was crowded, and was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who, after welcoming so many visiting ringers, asked the company to stand in memory of Mr. H. C. Walters, of Pontefract, a former Ringing Master of the Eastern District.

Five new members were elected, viz.—Messrs. P. Barnes, Lincolnshire, and H. Myatt, Leicestershire (Out-County), and R. Ducker, Sutton-on-Hull, C. Ormby, Cottingham, and Miss Ruth Cooper, Sutton-on-Hull, ordinary ringing members.

Market Weighton was selected as the next place of meeting in April.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Minster authorities for their kindness in inviting the Association to hold the meeting at York, and to the Minster ringers, especially Messrs. H. Walker and S. Steel, for the excellent arrangements, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. T. H. Foster. Mr. H. Walker, the president of the Minster ringers, responded, and Mrs. Kelly also spoke of the pleasure the Ladies' Guild had in visiting York and of the privilege they had enjoyed in being asked to ring the service touch.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. E. Sellers, of Beverley.

Further ringing till 7.30 terminated a very enjoyable meeting.

## MR. W. J. NUDDS' 500 PEALS Ringer For Nearly 60 Years

Minor: Plain Bob, 2 (cond. 1); three methods, 6 (2); Cambridge Surprise, 1; seven Plain methods, 3 (2); seven Treble Bob methods, 2 (2).

Triples: Stedman, 38 (2); Grandsire, 2.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Double Oxford Bob, 1; Double Norwich, 28 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 10 (2); Oxford Treble Bob, 7 (2); Superlative Surprise, 40 (1); Cambridge, 33; London, 6; Bristol, 22; New Cambridge, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 78, including 18,027 Easter Monday, 1909; Grandsire, 5.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 13; Oxford Treble Bob, 2; Forward, 1; Duffield, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 30, including 10,440; New Cambridge, 3; Middlesex, 8.

Cinques: Stedman, 33, including three in 24 hours in 1905 at Quex Park, Birchington; Grandsire, 1.

Maximus: Plain Bob, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 7; Superlative Surprise, 4; Cambridge Surprise, 32, including 7,392 at St. Mary le Bow, London.

Handbells: Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 7; Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 3; Plain Bob Royal, 5.

Total rung upon tower bells 478 (cond. 18); handbells, 22.

Other noteworthy performances include two peals of Stedman Cinques and one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at Waterloo tower, Quex Park, in 24 hours in 1904. On Easter Monday, 1914, four peals of Surprise were rung in one day—Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, rung in Surrey (2), Middlesex (1), Berks (1). He also rang all the bells at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, to peals of Stedman Cinques.

Excluding St. Paul's, Mr. Nudds has rung a peal, or peals, upon all the 8, 10 and 12 bells in and around London. These were spread over nearly 60 years of ringing, and he is still hopeful of many more years of useful service.

## DEDICATION OF YATTON, SOMERSET, BELLS

On December 16th, it was unfortunate that travelling was so bad owing to ice and snow when the restored ring of eight bells at Yatton, Somerset, were dedicated by the Archbishop of Bath, the Ven. Edwin A. Cooke. The church, however, was full of ringers, parishioners and friends.

The service was fully choral, the choir, under their choirmaster, M. H. B. Emery, with Miss J. Head at the Console, were attired in blue cassocks for the first time, and the Vicar, Preb. G. A. Beechey, conducted the service. Preb. Pugh and Preb. Powell (Rural Dean) read the lessons.

The Archdeacon took as his text the inscription on the ancient 7th bell, 'I will sing the mercies of God for ever.'

The local ringers rang rounds during the service and afterwards several plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, ending with a good 168. The tower was then open to visiting ringers who ventured from as far as Dorset, Devon and London; in all, between 25 and 30 towers were represented.

### THE BELLS

Treble—Diam., 2 ft. 6 ins.; weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.; note, D. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

2nd.—2 ft. 7 ins.; 6 cwt. 11 lb.; C sharp. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

3rd.—2 ft. 9 ins.; 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.; B. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

4th.—3 ft.; 8 cwt. 13 lb.; A. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

5th.—3 ft. 4 ins.; 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; G. 1622. Probably Roger Purdue, Bristol.

6th.—3 ft. 6½ ins.; 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.; F sharp. 1903. Mears and Stainbank.

7th.—3 ft. 11 ins.; 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; E. 1451. Bristol Foundry.

Tenor 4 ft. 2½ ins.; 21 cwt. 4 lb.; D. 1809. James Bilbie, Chewstoke.

### INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—G. A. Beechey, Vicar, W. Vincent Wood, T. L. Harborne, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Recast by Local Farmers

3rd.—In memory of Thomas Price, Churchwarden. 1874—1895.

4th.—In memory of Mary Barnard who loved these bells. Churchwarden 1923—1930.

5th.—1662.

6th.—Mears and Stainbank, London, recast 1903.

7th.—(In Latin) I will sing the mercies of God for ever.

8th.—James Bilbie, 1809.

The restoration was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and Mr. Albert Hughes, his family and staff are to be heartily congratulated on a really fine job. Mr. Tom Lawrence was in charge of the installation at the tower. All visitors agreed, without exception, that the 'go' of all bells is excellent. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by an enthusiastic ladies' committee who are to be congratulated on the sumptuous fare they provided.



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. J. H. GODFREY

A great loss has been sustained by the parish church and ringers of Ottery St. Mary, as well as by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, by the death of Mr. John Henry Godfrey, at the age of 81. He was a regular worshipper in the church (until his long illness), one of its assistant governors, and captain of the ringers for nearly a quarter of a century.

As honorary secretary and treasurer of the East Branch of the Guild for 24 years, he rendered most useful service, and at the time of his death he was one of the Guild's vice-presidents. He had rung 12 peals in the four standard methods, but with him Sunday service ringing was always uppermost in his mind. He was a pupil of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly (at one time Vicar of Ottery St. Mary and president of the Guild), and it was very interesting to hear him speak of their efforts to ring their first peal on New Year's Eve, 1896.

The parish magazine of that time records that they had attempted the peal on December 26th but, unfortunately, it came to grief only three courses from the end. The account continues: 'It must be a matter of great satisfaction to our respected bellman, Mr. George Godfrey, to have taken part in this long ring, and to have had with him three of his sons, the youngest of whom undertook the most difficult part of Bob-caller.'

The office of 'bellman' is a very ancient one in the town, and the duties included going round to the houses at Christmas-time and announcing the Nativity of Christ by reciting some lines and ringing a bell. The deceased succeeded his father in the office.

The funeral took place at Ottery St. Mary Church on December 21st, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Rufus Price) assisted by Prebendary E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and the Rev. J. Reed, assistant curate. Fellow-ringers acted as bearers. He leaves four sons and three daughters, and is survived by three of his brothers.

Muffled ringing, in which Messrs. A. W. Searle and W. G. Burrow (Exeter) and C. Woodley (Sidbury) also participated, took place after the service and again in the evening.

### MRS. W. H. FLETCHER

We regret to announce the death on December 16th, at the age of 82, of Mrs. Fletcher, widow of the late W. H. Fletcher, and mother of the Misses D. R. and K. E. Fletcher, of 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield.

Since 1921, when the family moved to Beaconsfield, she had always taken a keen interest in church affairs, serving on the committees of the Women's Institute and Mothers' Union, and was especially interested in bells and ringers. In the years before the war, when peal ringing was more active in the district, many of the older members of the branch will remember her hospitality after a peal attempt here, and her home was always 'open house' to the local band.

The funeral service on December 20th at the Parish Church was attended by a large number of friends, and among the floral tributes were those from the Mothers' Union, the Parish Church Sunday School and the local ringers.

### MR. W. H. POPHAM

Weston-super-Mare tower has lost its captain by the death, at his home, 11, Severn Road, of Mr. W. H. Popham ('Pop') on December 15th. He was always happy to welcome any visitors to the tower.

The funeral took place at Weston Cemetery on December 19th. Preb. H. B. Salmon (Rector) and the Rev. H. F. Warren (Curate) taking part in the service. Ringers present included Messrs. J. White (Weston), J. Weaden (Worle), G. Prescott (Kewstoke) and E. J. Avery (Churchill).

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled after the service and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 22nd.

### MR. HARRY SUTTON

The death of Mr. Harry Sutton removes a very familiar figure in ringing circles in Devizes. Harry, as he was known to his many friends, was a ringer at St. Mary's Church for nearly 70 years, and the organ-blower for 50 years. He was always ready to help another tower in the town when they required assistance. On his 88th birthday he climbed to the tower and rang the tenor (17½ cwt.).

He died in St. James' Hospital on December 15th, in his 89th year, his wife predeceasing him many years ago. Mr. Sutton was elected an hon. life member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1942.

He leaves one son and daughter, nephew and great-nephew to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at St. Mary's on December 19th with the organist and choir in attendance. The Rev. C. A. Witcomb conducted the service and amongst the large congregation were representatives of the ringers.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in the evening by A. T. Weeks 1, W. Mortimer 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, S. G. Grant (conductor) 5, P. Whale 6.

## NOTICES

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### BIRTH

GARDINER.—On December 22nd, 1950, to Dorothy (née Richardson) and Ralph, 15, Elliston Road, Redland, Bristol, the gift of a son (Graham Harold Temple) 8148

### ENGAGEMENTS

HICKS—CAPON.—The engagement is announced between Frank Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex, and Evelyn Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Capon, Olive House, Hellingly, Sussex. 8166

MARSH—AMBLER.—The engagement is announced between Alexander Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. H. Marsh, of 9, Aberford Road, Woodlesford, Leeds, and Molly, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambler, of 14, St. Vincent Road, Pudsey. 8139

### RETURN THANKS

Mr. A. and Miss N. Radley wish to thank all bellringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy. 8136

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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ISLE OF WIGHT.—In the heart of the Garden Isle. Close to church and buses. Write for moderate terms. Personal attention.—Mrs. Bailey, Greensmead, Godshill, I. O. W. 8155

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The future addresses of Mr and Mrs. P. M. J. Gray will be: Jan. 31st—Feb. 28th, c/o 14a, Ashburnham Road, Eastbourne; after Feb. 28th, c/o Bank of Australasia, 394-396, Collins Street, Melbourne. 8189

### PUBLICATIONS

'THE TOWER AND BELLS OF SOLIHULL CHURCH,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 7s. 6d. post free from the author, Hollebeke, Witely Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. The complete story of this ancient tower and its ringers. Illustrated with photographs and with drawings by the author. 7946

'CHESHIRE BELLS—PART I.' by J. W. Clarke. A detailed history and survey of the bells of the county, fully illustrated. Price 2s. post free from the author, Mollington, Chester. 8044

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved: no increase in price.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON, is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Captain. 8141

BACK NUMBERS.—A limited number of back numbers for most issues from 1946 onwards are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

### MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8) Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8033

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting at Dagenham, Jan. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Elections, etc. Ringing at Barking in evening 7 o'clock. Names for tea to A. C. Chaplin, 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham. 8075

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 6th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Notification for tea essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. 28. (SPR 1025) 8057

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual, St. John's, Devizes, Jan. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. St. Mary's and Southbroom also available. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8125

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Thornley, Dis. Sec. 8140

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8135

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Jan. 6th. Ringing at 2.45. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8153

YORK MINSTER.—Ringing, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 5.30-6.25 p.m. Visitors welcome. Epiphany procession 6.30 p.m. 8183

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Buckland Monachorum, Jan. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan 8th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8110



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting to be held at Writtle (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Election of officers for 1951. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8119

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Annual, St. Edmund's, Northampton (8), Jan. 13th. Names for tea must reach me by Jan. 6th. No names, no tea. This is definite.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8131

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Jan. 13th, Deddington (8). Service 4.15 with handbell music. Tea. Meeting.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 8079

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at Repton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 11th, S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 8130

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later Jan. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8174

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 3-4; St. Martin's, 3-5.15, followed by tea (5.30) and meeting. Names for tea must reach me by Monday, Jan. 8th.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8059

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Bath Abbey, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notification for tea essential by 11th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 8169

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea please.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 8151

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8160

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Market Weighton on Jan. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for all who notify by Wednesday, Jan. 10th Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton. 8170

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5, George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 8154

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bell (8) from 2-4.45 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at the Astor Cafe, High Street. Names for tea (1/6) not later than the 10th please to Mr. H. T. Pye, 118, Maldon Road.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 8147

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Barnwood, Gloucester (8), Jan. 13th. 3 p.m. Numbers for tea certain by Tuesday, Jan. 9th.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 8162

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8157

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8158

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Jan. 13th. Leyland St. Andrew's. A special invitation to this ten-bell tower. Refreshments provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, 10th.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 8167

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual district meeting at Berkhamsted, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18 Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—Miss P. A. Martin, Hon. Sec. 8142

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgewater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgewater, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8188

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Macclesfield, St. Michael's Church (12), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss June M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 8194

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8182

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8184

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting of the Northern District, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, Herts. 8179

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Heversham (6), and Milnthorpe (6) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Heversham 2 p.m., Milnthorpe after tea. Names to W. G. Thompson, The Square, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, J. Woods, Branch Secs. 8190

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Headcorn (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by invitation. 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8185

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Annual, Rothwell (8), Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 8186

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting will be at Staverton instead of Daventry on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Rugby, not later than Jan. 8th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 8175

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6 bells), Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea please not later than Jan. 10th to H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 8165

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—The meeting arranged for Everton on Jan. 13th has been cancelled.—H. Denman. 8178

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) 2.30-4.30, 6-8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road. 8143

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (dedication of Centenary peal board). Tea in School 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 10th to Brian Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard, Branch Secretary. 8149

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough, Jan. 13th. Parish Church bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Eagle Inn, 5. Bell Foundry campanile afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield. 8146

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 8171

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 13th, St. Mary's Putney, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 6.30. Business, including nominations, 8.15. Names for tea please. Annual general meeting, February 17th. Southwark, etc.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8144

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice Caversham, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 6-9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 8164

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Immanuel bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for 1951 general officers received at this meeting. St. Leonard's bells after meeting. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8168

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, on Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 9th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road Southampton. 8152

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 10th please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8161

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Jan. 17th. Practice meetings. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, first Monday in each month. 7.15. 8145

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Wells, St. Bridget's, Benson, Oxon, by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 8163

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Andrew's bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please make special effort to attend.—A. S. Carter, Dis. Sec. 8159

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. —Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Sulgrave bells, evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 8150

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8172

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells (10) 3. Committee meet in vestry at 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Social 7.30-11.30 in Parish Hall (whist, games, dancing). Tickets 2s. 6d.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton. Phone: Nuncaton 3296. 8187

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District. —The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea before Wednesday, Jan. 17th. C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8193

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Names please by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8191

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea by 16th to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8196

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by previous Tuesday. 8180

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 20th. Towers open—St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Mary Quay (6), St. Lawrence (5). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 sharp, at St. Peter's. Tea 5 at Nightingale's, Brook Street. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8192

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to R. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d., from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Pheasant Hotel, Retford, on Jan. 27th, at 6.30. East Retford and Ordsall bells available. Tickets, 9s. each, from Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by Jan. 20th.—H. Denman. 8177

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Details next week.—W. A. Farmer. 8195

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Annual party will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tea 5.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 8137

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## CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

**W**E feel sorry for those towers selected by the B.B.C. for participation in the Christmas Day programme. No band of ringers, however imperfect, would refuse the privilege of letting their bells be heard 'on the air'; the pride in their own church, bells, village or town would not permit a refusal. In last week's 'Ringing World' some hard words were said of their standard of ringing, with two possible exceptions. The critics included no less a person than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, who, in a sense, is the titular head of change ringing as practised in the British Isles.

Probably comparatively few ringers heard the broadcast—they were too busy in regard to their own responsibilities in their individual towers. But the bells were probably listened to by more than a million people. The public, perhaps fortunately for the Ringing Exercise, are no judges of good and bad ringing, but there are many people with sensitive and musical ears who although not ringers can appreciate good striking and the rhythm of the bells. These people have an influence on public opinion and it is on an appreciative public that the whole future of the Exercise depends.

One guild secretary in a letter to the Editor writes: 'I am becoming more convinced than ever that the quality of change ringing is rapidly deteriorating and I want particularly to stop this tendency. The ringing broadcast on Christmas morning was a disgrace, and if, as I have no doubt, it is typical of the whole country, then there is much room for improvement everywhere.'

The problem is of a twofold character. The first is in the selection of towers by the B.B.C. for broadcasting. Before ever a choir or an orchestra is selected for broadcasting there is an audition—the B.B.C. send one of the many accomplished musicians on their staff to hear the choir and assess its qualities. Such a precautionary measure should be undertaken in matters of ringing. The President of the Central Council or his officers could easily arrange for a panel of competent ringers to be placed at the disposal of the B.B.C. to advise them not only on the standard of ringing, but the tonal qualities of the bells. Selection for broadcast is about the highest honour that can be conferred on a tower, and choice should only be made after an independent test.

Although there are more than 5,000 towers with ringable bells in the British Isles, the number of Sunday service bands that week by week maintain a standard of proficiency worthy of being broadcast is a matter of a few hundreds. The qualification for selection should not be the ability to ring Surprise methods, but the four standard methods **with perfect striking** and open leads at handstroke. The Master of the College Youths, addressing the Universities Association reunion, said he would rather see the Universities Association getting active with the practical side of ringing than develop the theoretical side. Yes, that is the great requirement of the age: good practitioners, people who ring and place their bell with unerring accuracy. Many of our young ringers are rushed from method to method without due regard to the essential and basic requirements of a good ringer—the ability to strike accurately. To be known as a good striker by your Guild is a far greater honour than being an indifferent Surprise ringer in *x* methods.

It should be within the compass of the Exercise to compile a list of towers with Sunday service bands of a standard fit for broadcasting. The selection should be by an independent assessor who would attend on a Sunday to listen to the ringing and, if necessary, give a proficiency award or even note the fact in the Guild report. There would certainly be something for our five, six or eight bell towers to strive for. Perhaps by the development of this idea the proficiency of the 'stoney' ringers of the West Country in the art of striking would be captured, and ringing in many of these isolated towers would be more than a desultory affair.

The highest standard of striking is naturally to be found among regular peal ringers, but very few Sunday service bands regularly ring peals together. Quarter peals, however, are frequently rung by bands from the same tower with beneficial results. The success of any six or eight depends on its weakest link; one bad striker can spoil the performance. How can we enthuse ringers to place their responsibilities to the Exercise as a whole before their individual pleasures? It is a question confronting each Guild to-day. The country possesses first-class talent and many individual towers of brilliance, but to harness this ability to the common weal is not easy. Because a man is a first-class ringer it does not follow he is a first-class instructor.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 2	PETER LAFIN .. .. 8
*WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 3	†HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 10
†FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 11
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 1,152 Cambridge, 1,008 Yorkshire and 720 Superlative. Tenor 25 cwt.

N. GERALD MCCRUM .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7
*ELIZABETH FAULKKNALL .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. .. 9
JILL POOLE .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Arranged by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Sidney O. Cheney. First peal in four methods of Surprise Maximus to be rung.

OXFORD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	JOHN SCOTT .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 10
H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* 100th peal together.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 7
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	*ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 10
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a compliment to Miss Audrey Jeane Handley and Mr. Eric D. Marsh on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

## TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 9
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 5	†GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* 50th peal during 1950. † 700th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	†HARRY POYNER .. .. 6
*JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 2	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
*ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3	†TERENCE A. THORNER .. 8
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal on 10 bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 37. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 3	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 4	†ERNEST F. SALMONS .. 9
†SHEILA M. HOLE .. .. 5	†WALTER H. G. GLASSPOOL Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	†J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3	WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 8
*GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 9
†J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5	ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 50th peal together.

FULHAM, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

HARRY MILES .. Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3	PHILIP A. CHALK .. .. 8
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 9
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANK BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6
*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER .. 7
†ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	*HARRY D. LISTER .. 8
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 4	*GARNHAM BLAXCELL .. 9
*CHARLES E. FISHER .. 5	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Bob Caters. † First peal of Plain Bob.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

**DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

W. H. OFIELD .. .. Treble	DAVID PETERS .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 6
JOSE TURNER .. .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 7
EILEEN MOUNFIELD .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN

**MERE, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*A. J. GRAY .. .. Treble	DAVID R. REED .. .. 5
ELIZABETH BROWN .. .. 2	JACK MUSSELL .. .. 6
JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.

\* First peal of Major.

**BERKHAMPTSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 2	WALTER AYRE .. .. 6
ANN M. DICKINSON .. .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
OLIVE M. MARTIN .. .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. EDEN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 3	HARRY WOOD .. .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**

**A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK F. HODSON .. .. Treble	JOHN E. COOK .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD .. .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 2	ERNEST C. STAFF .. .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Oxford.

**SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 6
WILLIAM DEACON .. .. 3	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 7
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

**AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

**MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C.C.C. No. 32 .. Treble	†ALISON WOOD .. .. 5
*FRANCES WOOD .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
BETTY SPICE .. .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. T. Gardiner (née Dorothy Richardson), on the birth of a son.

**EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

**AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

SYDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5
*JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS .. .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. Rung in memoriam to Dr. David, late Bishop of Liverpool, who was cremated the same day.



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# FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 4 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 8032 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,504 Bristol, 1,152 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Watford, and 768 each of Kendal, London, Superlative and Wembley, with 202 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.  
This is the longest length of Spliced Surprise yet rung. The peal was rung on, and in honour of, the 21st birthday of Elizabeth M. Bibby, one of the local ringers.

# HORLEY, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 12 cwt.	
WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE OLLIVER .. .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

# MARDEN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

# MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 MAULDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING .. .. Treble	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 2	HAROLD BURTON .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.  
First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield, 49 years churchwarden.

# NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE. THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 5
JAEQUELINE S. EVANS .. .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH .. .. 6
DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4	*JOHN JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal.

# NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 GONVILLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

LESLIE S. BAINES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 6
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD .. .. 3	EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 4	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.  
First peal in the method in the county, by the Association and the whole band.

# OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY .. .. 2	*WALTER LEE .. .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HULSE .. .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal in the method.

# SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.	
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 6
GEORGE F. PRESCOTT .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 7
DAVID HOARE .. .. 4	RONALD G. BECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

# SIX BELL PEALS

## EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
LUTHER HONESS .. .. Treble	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 4
*WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. .. 5
JOHN T. MEDHURST .. .. 3	TOM SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Luther Honess and Tom Saunders have now circled the tower.

# SEAL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	*JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 4		
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5		
*LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor		

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 25th peal of Minor in seven methods.

# COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven 240's each of Morris', Lindoff's and Pitman's. Tenor 13 cwt.			
*JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4		
FREDERICK WATSON .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5		
MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 3	*ALLAN CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton.

# SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.			
*FRANK RICHARDSON .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON .. .. 4		
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. .. 2	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 5		
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.  
\* First peal in three methods. All the above are members of the Association of Old Doningtonians. First peal for this Association.



UPCHURCH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*EMILY B. P. WALKER ..Treble | BERT W. MAY .. .. 4  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2 | GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5  
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 3 | ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. Arranged and rung on the 83rd birthday of William J. Walker, father of the treble ringer, who still rings regularly at Rainham Parish Church.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*ROGER SOARS .. .. Treble | †JOHN LOWE .. .. 4  
\*GEOFFREY LOWE .. .. 2 | \*KEITH LOVETT .. .. 5  
\*F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 3 | HORACE MYATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE MYATT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to three eight-year-old choirboys: Anthony F. Myatt, December 18th; Rodney Soars, December 22nd; and Christopher Spence, December 24th.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Annable's. Consisting of two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.  
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 5  
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

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

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.  
\*FRANCIS G. WILTON ..Treble | \*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4  
MARGARET E. RICHARDS.. 2 | †WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 5  
\*BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3 | †W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent Minor. A compliment to Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch, on his appointment as honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. The conductor has now rung peals of Kent on all numbers from Minor to Maximus.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*BETTY BROWN ..Treble | CHARLES WATTS .. .. 4  
†A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5  
MARY DREW .. .. 3 | RONALD BEALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in method as conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.  
PETER G. BARNES ..Treble | FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4  
\*JOHN H. GOULD .. .. 2 | RAYMOND TALBOT .. .. 5  
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD.. 3 | \*GEORGE W. BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER G. BARNES.

\* First peal. First peal in method by all. First peal as conductor, aged 17 years.

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## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's of Morris' and 30 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN ROBINSON .. Treble	†CHARLES HONE .. 4
†JACQUELINE GUMBRELL .. 2	*BENJAMIN FARHALL .. 5
*CHARLES SKINNER .. 3	*JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN FARHALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

D. T. NORTH .. Treble	*G. M. SALTER .. 4
C. J. STEVENS .. 2	F. W. SLOCOMBE .. 5
G. J. GAMMON .. 3	G. WALFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by D. T. NORTH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First half-muffled peal on the bells. Rung in memory of Mrs. W. Manning, mother of a local ringer.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 152, 153), and one 720.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
BERTIE BEE .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First peal of Norwich Surprise by all the band.

## CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DONALD MILVERTON .. Treble	*HENLEY HAWKINS .. 4
*ARTHUR J. JONES .. 2	*GILBERT POMEROY .. 5
DAVID HOARE .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's of Plain Bob (four callings), six 120's of April Day (three callings), six 240's of Grandsire (three callings) and 16 120's of Grandsire (10 callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS (15) .. Treble	†BRIAN HARRIS .. 4
*SHIRLEY GOLDING (15) .. 2	†R. GORDON CORBY .. 5
*JOHN BOUTLAND (15) .. 3	*SAMUEL S. WOOD (17) .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three Doubles methods.

## CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*D. ROY HOLPIN .. Treble	HORACE V. ROBINSON .. 4
MARY DREW .. 2	CHARLES WATTS .. 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## DENVER, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

## LANGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	PETER G. BARNES .. 4
*GEOFFREY PAGE .. 2	GEORGE W. BARNES .. 5
†MAX PAGE .. 3	RAYMOND TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND TALBOT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a Christmas greeting to the sick children in the village.

## MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*YVONNE PORTER .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. 4
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	JOHN J. SIMS .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods by all except conductor. First peal in more than one method on the bells. Also quickest peal on the bells.

## OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID HANDLEY .. Treble	MAURICE BAILEY .. 4
ALFRED MOULD .. 2	†JAMES SALSURY .. 5
†RICHARD GRICE .. 3	C. JOHN GIBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

## ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS J. TATTERSALL .. Treble	D. T. NORTH .. 4
A. H. REED .. 2	G. WALFORD .. 5
C. J. STEVENS .. 3	W. G. GIGG .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

A compliment to the conductor on his 30th wedding anniversary.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MICHAEL BROWN .. Treble	GERALD ARMSTRONG .. 4
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	*DAVID BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by WINIFRED M. BURTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## MOREBATH, DEVON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. PURCHASE .. Treble	*G. ALDERMAN .. 4
*E. OXENHAM .. 2	C. TARR .. 5
S. BRISTOW .. 3	G. SPARKES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

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

## STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb.

HEDLEY E. BEST .. Treble	CECIL T. CLARKE .. 4
ERIC M. NORMAN .. 2	WILFRED R. KENT .. 5
FREDERICK W. SWEET .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

First peal on the bells.



HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
EDMUND WHITING .. .. Treble | ALBERT CLEMENTS .. .. 4  
\*FRANK W. LACK .. .. 2 | R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 5  
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* 50th peal for Ely Association. First peal of London Surprise by all except conductor. First peal of London on these bells and by resident Hunts Branch members.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., Dec. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
In St. Margaret's Schools,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's.  
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5-6  
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3-4 | \*JOHN HILL .. .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal 'in hand' and first peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Hill, of Ewell, and Mr. J. Clarke, of South Wigston.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,  
At 85, DERBY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor..

DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 1-2 | ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3-4  
JACK BAILEY .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal 'in hand' in three methods by all.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

At 217, KINGSWAY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.  
\*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2 | \*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4  
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

\* First peal 'in hand' and first peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

At 78, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Grand-sire, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Original, with 16 callings and each six-score a change of method.

VINCENT W. RIGG .. .. 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3-4  
N. DAVID LANE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal in five methods by all.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.

\*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6  
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4 | \*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7-8  
†JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal away from tenors. † First peal in the method on handbells.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

A correspondent reminds us that the oldest  
practising ringer to-day is Mr. Samuel Quintell,  
captain of St. Columb Major, Cornwall, tower.  
Sam has been ringing for 76 years and has been  
captain of his tower for 74 years.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS are now being enrolled  
for 1951. Send £1 to Mrs. Fletcher, The White  
House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Now that we are enter-  
ing the second half of the  
century, writes a valued  
correspondent, it would be interesting to see a  
list of those who rang their first peal in the  
second half of the 19th. Will those of our  
readers who thus qualify please notify the  
Editor, giving name, home town, and date of  
first peal?

The peal rung at Apsley on December 4th,  
conducted by A. V. Good, was W. Ayre's  
100th peal for the Herts Association.

Mr. Frank Tomlinson, foreman ringer at  
Binfield, Berks, has 16 pupils whose ages range  
from 12 to 21. They rang out the Old Year in  
traditional style.

Among those who have called their first peal  
this week is Miss Claudia A. Harding, at Wal-  
pole St. Andrew, Norfolk. She had never pre-  
viously called a 720, her longest length as con-  
ductor being only 120.

On Boxing Day, two peals were rung at Not-  
tingham by the same band, and it is claimed that  
Mrs. Mildred Turley, of Sheffield, who rang in  
both, is the first lady in the Yorkshire Associa-  
tion to accomplish this feat on tower bells.

History has been made this week in Spliced  
Surprise ringing by the first peal of Maximus  
in four Surprise methods and a peal of 8.032  
Spliced Surprise Major at Frodsham, Cheshire,  
the longest length of Spliced Surprise to be  
rung.

The peal at Morebath, Devon, on December  
27th, was intended to be rung for the Guild of  
Devonshire Ringers, but, through one of the  
band dropping out, Mr. G. Alderman stood in  
and was able to ring his first peal of Plain Bob.  
This is a fine ring of six for tone and, apart from  
the fourth and tenor being odd striking, the  
'go' of the bells is good. The church is just  
over the Somerset border near Bampton.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. E. Smith, who is  
in his 91st year, was in the  
band ringing touches of  
Plain Bob Minor at Winterton, Lincs, at the  
end, and beginning, of a half-century. He  
struck 'zero hour' on the tenor, as easily and  
evenly as he rang his first peal of Grandsire  
Triples, 73 years ago.

The Editor is indebted to Mr. R. W. Stephens,  
of Kempston, Beds, who completed the index  
for 1950, which is published this week.

Mr. Harry Wood, of Luton, took part in a  
peal at Crayford on Boxing Day, thus scoring  
his first on the bells on which he learned to  
ring some 45 years ago. It was also his first  
peal for nearly 20 years.

Five members of the band who rang in the  
peal at Ockbrook, Derbyshire, on December  
26th, are among the many successful ringing  
pupils at this tower of Mr. A. Mould, Ringing  
Master of the Derby District. This was the  
first peal on the bells with five of the Sunday  
service band participating.

The peal of Caters at St. Margaret's, Leices-  
ter, was rung after meeting short for Stedman  
Cinques. Omitting 'Uncle Ernest,' the con-  
ductor, the average age of the band was 19½  
years. They rang magnificently and an ex-  
cellently struck peal resulted; special credit to  
the 'back-enders'.

Before ringing a peal at Newton, Lincolnshire,  
on Boxing Day, the band attended a celebration  
of Holy Communion at which the Rector asked  
for a blessing on all bellringers and their work.  
After the peal, the band was entertained to re-  
freshments at the Rectory with an earnest in-  
vitation to visit the tower again. 'We came  
away feeling very happy and uplifted to find  
one who was so interested in our art and willing  
to help us,' writes the contributor, Mr. James H.  
Musson.

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## RECORD LENGTH OF SPLICED SURPRISE

The record length of 8,032 Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods was successfully rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 31st.

It was a great pleasure to the band to find that the composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, had travelled all the way from Port Talbot, despite a blizzard, to hear his composition rung; this perhaps helped to put the band on their mettle as the peal was rung with very few trips.

Mr. John Bibby was to have been in the attempt, but owing to indisposition earlier in the week, it was uncertain whether he would be able to take part and he therefore arranged for Mr. F. Dunkerley to stand in at short notice. As it happened, he was quite fit by the day but generously insisted on standing down. Although he was greatly missed, writes Dr. J. C. E. Simpson—and no peal at Frodsham really seems complete without him—his choice of a substitute was admirable.

After the peal the ringers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby and it is enough to say that the tea was worthy of a much longer length than 8,032.

Below is the composition:—

### 8,032 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS

By A. J. PITMAN

23456	M	W	H	
23564	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
62534	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
52436	—	—	—	WeCCSP
65432	2	3	—	LBKWWWKWeBB
24536	—	—	—	WeCCSP
43265	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
64235	—	—	3	PSCPWeKBB
52436	—	—	—	WeCCSP
43526	A			
54326	B			
32546	A			
53246	B			
53462	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
45362	—	—	—	PSCPL
64352	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
24256	—	—	—	WeCCSP
25346	A			
25463	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
62453	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
42356	—	—	—	WeCCSP
35426	A			
23456	C			

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K—Kendal.  
P—Pudsey.  
W—Watford.  
C—Cambridge.  
L—London.  
S—Superlative.  
We—Wembley.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In bad, wintry weather, 30 members travelled to Cottingham for the December meeting.

The bells, some odd struck and unmusical, were raised and rung to standard methods during the afternoon.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Hebron, conducted the service in St. Mary's Church, and gave a talk on the standards of Christianity ringers should aim to obtain. Handbells were rung during the 150th Psalm, which gave the Vicar his first insight into that side of change-ringing.

Tea was taken in the Brockleby Cafe followed by the business meeting, when stories of the Eskimo-like journeys to get to the meeting were recounted.

Returning to the tower, the ringers kept the bells going until 8 p.m. in methods up to Double Norwich with a good settle that brought the meeting to a close.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL Meeting on Whit Tuesday

Blossoms Hotel, Chester, has been fixed for the Headquarters, and members are advised to make their own arrangements as soon as possible, as accommodation is limited.

A list of other hotels in the city will be published as soon as possible.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

## A DIAMOND WEDDING

London and Kent ringers will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Daynes, of 66, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who celebrated their diamond wedding on December 20th.

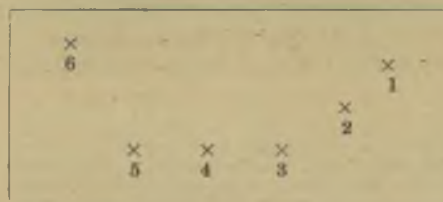
Mr. and Mrs. Daynes were married at St. Stephen's Church, Lewisham. Practically for every Royal occasion during the past 60 years, Mr. Daynes has rung. Three years before his marriage he rang a peal to commemorate Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. He also rang in peals to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee of her accession to the throne and also in a muffled peal for her funeral.

Mr. Daynes was in charge of the bells of St. Nicholas', Deptford, at the time of the wedding of Princess Mary, and, curious to relate, his church was the only one in London to ring a peal that day.

He still enjoys his ringing and our quarter peal columns record the fact that he rang for the King's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daynes have a family of seven children, one of whom is in Toronto.

## A DIFFICULT 'CIRCLE'



The circle at Stogursey, Somerset, where the first peal on the bells was rung on December 30th. The distance between the treble and tenor is 18 ft. and between 5 and tenor 7 ft. 6 in. The other ropes are approximately 4 ft. apart.

Stogursey, or Stoke Courcy, was originally a Priory Church and goes back to the 11th century. It is of unusually large proportions for a village church and its central tower is of barn-like dimensions. It contains the heaviest ring of six for many miles around.

## MEMORIAL WINDOW TO LADY RINGER

A memorial window was dedicated at Mildenhall Parish Church, Suffolk, on Sunday, December 31st, to Mrs. Mary Louisa Fordham, who was the first lady ringer in the church.

The dedication, which was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop) took place during the morning service. The robbed choir moved in procession to the window singing the hymn 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.' After the dedication they returned to the choir stalls singing the Benedictus.

The three-light window in the base of the tower depicts a lady ringer with clasped bell-ropes and with bell above in the tracery light. On the opposite light is featured Saint Cecilia. The work is executed in beautiful colours and bears the inscription:—

In memory of Mary Louisa Fordham who was for 22 years a ringer of this church. She departed this life September 5th, 1949.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Lentell 1, F. W. Slocombe (first as cond.) 2, G. J. Gammon 3, L. Alderman 4, G. M. Salter 5, C. J. Stevens 6, G. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

## GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the last annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild it was unanimously decided to proceed with a scheme to provide a substantial bookcase as a memorial to the late Master, George Williams. This would in the first instance provide accommodation for the whole of the ringing books bequeathed to the Guild by him, and also enable provision to be made for future editions acquired by, or donated to, the Guild. It is anticipated that the design will enable it to be semi-portable in order to allow it to be moved periodically from one area of the Guild to another, so that members may have access to the library for the purpose of loaning any of the books.

George Williams served the Guild unselfishly for over a period of 69 years. Joining the Guild (the former Winchester Diocesan Guild) in 1880, he served as one of its representatives on the Central Council from 1891-1896 and from 1918-1949. In addition, he was its hon. general secretary from 1912-1917 and finally as Master from 1918-1949, being in the latter office at the time of his death. His unceasing and untiring efforts in the cause of ringing were well known both by the Guild and indeed the whole Exercise, and he was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

The cost of erecting an adequate memorial as suggested will be considerable, and members and other friends outside the Guild who would wish to be associated with this scheme are invited to subscribe liberally, the size and design of the bookcase depending to the response to this appeal.

All subscriptions, however small or large, will be appreciated and duly acknowledged and should be sent to the District Secretaries or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Hon. Treasurer, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.' Donations should be forwarded to either of the above before January 31st.

## OBITUARY

MR. F. G. BRETT

Many of the older members of the Kent County Association will learn with regret the news of the passing of Mr. Frederick G. Brett, whose death occurred on December 20th at Canterbury. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Brett, who was 74, and had been in the building trade all his life, took up ringing in 1893. He joined the Cathedral band in 1903 and remained a member until his death. He had taken part in 207 peals in various methods, and had many amusing tales to tell of the little adventures that overtook them in the days when travel was not so easy as it is at the present time. He was a representative of the Canterbury District of the Association for 20 years and was the first Ringing Master, an office he held for nine years.

The funeral took place at St. Alphege's Church where he rang for many years, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Magraw. The Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Hewlett Johnson) was also present, and several members of the Cathedral band, together with other ringing friends.

The interment was in St. Dunstan's Churchyard, in the grave of his first wife. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Cathedral Company.

## AMERSHAM PARISH BELLS

The above bells will remain silent until they are rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

This work is to start in the near future, and later (when the money is raised) it is hoped to add two trebles to the present ring of six.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—6

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### JEALOUSY AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

In those days (1880's) as now—unfortunately—there were misunderstandings and much jealousy among ringers. Mr. Fussell says 'I walked to Farnham Royal in the afternoon—no ringing as Reuben, Clark and Chapman did not turn up in time, mostly through Flaxman's jealous influence I expect.' Later, 'Mr. Parker did not come to either of the last three meetings—Langley, Slough and Uxbridge. Things do not go so well as I should like when Parker is away.'

Again, 'Flaxman has not seemed quite the thing lately, it is evident he is of a very jealous disposition from his manner with Parker—he never calls when Parker is ringing although he is often asked and pressed to do so.' On another occasion he writes, 'Again I find my brother mean and not to be relied on. He promised me to ring in the Windsor peal on Boxing Day; now he tells me Coppage is coming down with Baron to ring the 5th, and I am to stand out for him. With the hope of ringing this peal I had delayed answering Edgley's letter about a peal at Reading the same day. So much for "Brotherly Love." In future I shall play my own cards independent of him.'

Later he writes, 'Now Steel is ill and Alf wants me to ring in it after I had promised Edgley. Rang Doubles at Slough. Parker came up but would not ring with Flaxman after the trick he had served us last Saturday and his surly and unsociable manner of late. In fact they have some to this—neither will ring with the other in the Windsor peal.'

Mr. Fussell went to Reading as he promised but the peal attempt was unsuccessful. He reports: 'Went to St. Mary's at 12 o'clock, found Edgley splicing ropes. Started for the peal at 8 minutes past 1. Rang a little over half-way when Edgley called "stand" through cramp in his hand through ringing with a single rope at back-stroke, it having pulled out while ringing. Went to St. Laurence Church at 4 o'clock and rang several touches of Gr. Triples. J. M. Routh rang the seventh at St. Mary's and it gave him a good sweating—went to Meyer's circus in the evening.'

### THE MISSUS IS THE MASTER

It is well known even in these days that those who live the nearest are often last to put in an appearance—I saw quite recently in a belfry. 'Someone will be last—why you?' Here is an example from Mr. Fussell's writing (December 7th, 1882): 'Called for Alf and made him walk with me to Farnham—snow and rain sleet falling all the way—very cold, wet and dirty walking. Reached Farnham 7 o'clock—rang 720 Grandsire Minor and one of Plain Bob—both in 26 minutes. Got home 10.20. I had to call for A. Batten before he would come up the tower. He lives just opposite the church. I wonder why he does not attend more regularly. Often he has not come up when I have walked there in wretched weather and only enough for Plain Doubles. I think his wife is the master and does not care for him coming, neither does she care for ringing or ringers. I see no other reason as he likes change-ringing and is a fairly good hand.'

'Changed my clothes when I got home as I was quite chilled and wet through—the roads were dreadful coming home.' Later in this month (December) he says: 'I went to Upton Park pond at 8 a.m. and had a skate but fell in, so came home and changed!!'



THE LATE MR. GEORGE NEWSON  
who conducted 38 of Mr. Fussell's first 120 peals.

### THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

On one page of Mr. Fussell's diary he has drawn over the writing an open cross, because here he records the passing of a ringer and friend—John Steel. He says: 'Mr. Steel's cousin met me going to Woodley's and stated that John Steel was no more, he having breathed his last this morning. None knew him so well as they might. Poor John was always a straightforward and plain dealing man; never doing anyone an injury knowingly. We shall find a good ringer less when we meet now. I can hardly believe it when I think he rang the 5th to the last 720 rung at Slough church. May his life now be in peace. God is the Governor of all our ways and He doeth what seemeth him good—He has spared Wilder. (whom Mr. Fussell states several times was ill), may Me have mercy on all of us. This sad event will entirely cut up our band, nothing can be done for a long time . . . It is with satisfaction I hear that nearly all the surrounding ringers will ring muffled peals at neighbouring churches as a last mark of respect on the day of the funeral.'

On Christmas Day he 'heard a good sermon by Mr. Carpenter at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. This must be a lonely and miserable day for Mrs. Steel in her sorrow and grief. Our ringers will meet with the full realisation of the loss of a good ringer. It is with sadness we meet this Xmas' Mr. Fussell continues: 'Dec. 27. Returned from Reading. Told the tenor at Slough while the funeral procession was passing through Slough—went to Langley and saw him buried—John Steel. Born December 21st, 1823; Died December 21st, 1882. Rang muffled bells at Langley after the funeral, and 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 minutes at Slough at 6 o'clock. Walked to Windsor and rang call changes at the Curfew tower at 8 o'clock. Went to St. John's and rang there till 9.30—got home 10.30 p.m.'

### ENTHUSIASM!

Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm for bells and ringing was boundless. For instance he writes on one occasion that he took three schoolmasters of

Slough and Chalvey over the Curfew tower at Windsor—Roberts, Sampson and Cleaver. Anyone who has been over this ancient and quaint place, in the dungeons below and up in the ringing room and higher among the bells and the high timbers bearing them (as I have) will realise and visualise our old friend Fussell 'telling the tale.' And to cap it all he says: 'The four of us got under the tenor and sang "Auld Lang Syne," with hands joined together.' As a propaganda enthusiast for the 'Bell News,' he records several times going to Windsor, Reading, Farnham and elsewhere to try and get the ringers interested in the paper and to take it regularly. As before stated, he sent many articles, sketches, etc., for publication, and met Harvey Reeves, the Editor, on many occasions.

In January, 1883, Mr. Fussell went to work at Bridgnorth, Salop, and started on the 9th with Mr. Bates, the builder. As usual, he soon set to work visiting towers. On the first Sunday there he walked to Astley Abbotts Church (7 miles away) and says there were '3 bells, very small, in a turret, and of very inferior sound and quality. Got back at 5 o'clock and went up into St. Nicholas' tower. Chimed the 2 trebles of the peal of 8 and went to the service and heard a very nice sermon. The late Rector has left and the new one comes at Easter. The last one was very partial to ringers and ringing, always encouraging it although only call changes' He soon got in touch with various ringers and reports going to several towers.

At St. Nicholas', Bridgnorth, he says 'I found that the band here were all young ringers and a good side to start the method ringing. All seemed very quick and I think that a fair band might soon be formed.' As was his usual practice, he went around taking off copies of bell inscriptions, some of which are given in the Diary and others in a notebook. He wrote at once to Tom Miller, of Birmingham, to come to Bridgnorth for a peal, but he replied that they could not get there so would he go to Birmingham for one. After giving the inscriptions on Morville Church he notes this tablet in the tower and vestry:—

'When to ring you doe come here  
You must ring well with hand & ear;  
For if this Law you break indeed,  
Your forfeit must be paid with speed.  
He that a Bell doth overthrow  
Must pay his Groat before he go.  
He that suddenly cheques a Bell,  
Two pence must pay—all men can tell.  
And he that rings with spur or hat  
Two pence is to pay for that.  
These laws are old, they are not new,  
Therefore kind debtor pay thy due.'

He went to Quatford and saw the old Roman encampment and other interesting things. Visited the church and took off the inscriptions of bells and says the Vicar has had several estimates for rehanging and putting new bells in to make six but has decided to rehang the 3 bells only. Mr. Warner, of London, is to begin the work at once. Writing of St. Nicholas', Bridgnorth, he states that the first peal rung there was false. Mr. Bannister called it and said afterwards that a 'shift course' took place and that over 5,040 changes were rung before he called them home!

### FIRST VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

In February, 1883, Mr. Fussell records his first visit to Birmingham and it appears the ringers then—as always—did their best for him. On arrival he went to Tom Miller's house and had dinner with him, after which they both called on John Carter with whom they had tea. Carter showed him a collection of peals on handbells rung by himself and others and engraved on metal cut in the shape of a handbell—also his certificates, etc. He further says:—'Poor Carter has a gathering on his haunch which prevents him walking or sitting, though he can stand and ring alright. He has been to hospital but they cannot do much for him.' They went to St. Chad's and started for a peal  
(Continued on next page)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ALREADY DEALT WITH!

Dear Sir,—In the interesting account of the Universities Association re-union, it is reported that two speakers made requests of the Association. Both matters have already been dealt with in the pages of the 'Ringing World,' and, if one may guess, by one not unconnected with the Association.

Mr. Smallwood's request was for a 'formula to cure those who cannot recognise the sound of their own bell.' Any difficulty in this direction is usually the fault of the instructor, who has failed at the outset, in not teaching his pupil to listen first and foremost and to look next. If the pupil cannot do this it is not much use going on with him. This point was fully treated in the following issues:—No. 2054, dated 18th August 1950, page 524, column two; and No. 2060, dated 29th September, 1950, page 618, column one and first half of column two.

Mr. Miles' request was as to the starting row in Stedman. The 'difficulty' he sees is due to disregard of the divisions of the Stedman principle, a feature he must recognise when he has to determine the go-offs of a block of symmetrical rows in the method, as required by 'official' definition.

Do some people really read their journal?—Yours etc.,

DE FACTO.

## NO PEAL, NO PRAYER

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Miles, speaking of the late Rev. Robinson's no peal, no supper, could also have said no peal, no prayer. I have had personal experience of that.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

of Triples at 6 o'clock but after ringing 2 hours 40 minutes two changed course and J. Carter called them home and stopp'd. 'this making the 4th attempt by Carter for this peal. Went across the road to a pub and saw Mr. Henry Johnson, Senr.; A. Thomas from Reading also there. Saw Bryant, Cattle Buffery and many others who rang touches on the handbells—double handed—some good ringing. I went with Mr. Russam and slept at his house. . . . Next morning went to St. Philip's (10 bells), rang up the front 8 in peal, then I took the 2nd in 500 Grandsire Caters. At 10 o'clock went to St. Chad's again and rang for 11 o'clock service after which we went to T. Miller's house and rang handbells. After dinner went to St. Martin's, had a look at the bells and saw them chimed with Ellacombe apparatus. After tea rang again at St. Chad's, then to the Amalgamated Society of Birmingham club room ringing handbells till 8 p.m. when we went to Bishop Ryder's church and rang a date touch of 1883 Grandsire Triples, composed by J. Carter, conducted by J. Cattle. Went to Russam's for supper and then to the Society's meeting room where I said goodbye and left, having shaken hands with the most pleasant and jolly set of young men I have ever met.'

Next morning Mr. Fussell left Birmingham for Shifnal and walked from there to Bridenorth, a distance of 10 miles, arriving at 10 o'clock. He adds, 'Mr. Russam came to the station to see me right for the train—I joined the Birmingham District Association. Mrs. Russam would not take anything for lodgings and boarding me all Sunday so I gave her boy something. Tom gave me a card with 2 peals on and an almanack with Bishop Ryder's church on, he having been steeplekeeper there ever since W. Bannister died and left the vacancy. Thus ended my first visit to Birmingham and I have never enjoyed myself more than I did with the ringers of that town.'

(To be continued.)

## A STRANGE HAPPENING AT WALSALL

Dear Sir,—Referring to the many stories of strange occurrences which have been published in 'The Ringing World,' perhaps the following may be of interest.

It is taken from a copy of 'The Statesman' dated June 29th, 1815, which has recently come into the possession of the Vicar of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, to whom I am indebted for the loan of it.

We have no record at all of the occurrence, but we do know that Mr. James Hodgkins was one of the ringers, as his name appears on the oldest peal boards in the ringing chamber. The description of the ball of lightning striking him and passing through the east wall into the church is also substantiated by the fact that the old 6th and 7th bells were located on this side and it is also possible that the wire of the old tenor bell chiming hammer may have acted as a lightning conductor, as this passed through the ceiling of the ringing chamber near the north wall which would be immediately to the left of Hodgkins.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. GREEN.

St. Matthew's Parish Church.  
Walsall.

Extract from 'The Statesman,' dated Thursday, June 29th, 1815.

## Extraordinary Instance of the Power of Lightning.

A few days ago as the Society of change-ringers were ringing a Bob Major, in honour of a wedding, on the musical peal of eight bells, at the Borough of Walsall, near Birmingham, a ball of lightning entered the tower at the belfry sound window, took its direction down the iron rod into the ringing chamber, there made an explosion as loud as a six-pounder, completely electrifying the performers, and knocked down Mr. James Hodgkins, at the seventh bell, and made its way through the east wall, five feet thick, into the body of the church, then disappeared, without any further damage. The ringers fled in all directions, leaving the bells swinging, and poor Hodgkins to their mercy. He lay some time on the floor, and when the ringers, recovered from their fright, ascended the tower, they found their seventh man seated, recovering from the severe shock.

## THE PUBLOW PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I encroach upon your valuable space to explain the position of the Publow Bellringers in relation to the peal rung at Publow on December 9th.

As regards the peal itself we have no complaints—in fact everything possible was done by us to ensure its success. (I think Mr. F. C. Mogford, the organiser, will agree on this point.)

Our objection is the fact that it was announced as a farewell tribute to the Vicar.

I think your readers will agree that a farewell peal, if rung at all, should be rung by the Sunday service ringers of the parish (all of whom were quite capable of so doing).

We therefore cannot fail to notice the implied insult offered by the fact that this farewell peal to our Vicar was rung by ringers of whom only one (Mr. F. C. Mogford) was a parishioner, and not one was a member of the band or congregation at Publow Church. To be absolutely fair, I admit that I was asked to take part but declined, though even then the true purpose of the peal was not disclosed.

In conclusion, I hope this will explain to our many ringing friends in the district the reason why no Publow ringer was in the farewell peal for the Publow Vicar. I also hope that Mr. F. C. Mogford will think very carefully before he commits any further blunders, as this is the second incident during the past four years.—Yours faithfully,

C. BISHOP (Capt., Publow Ringers).  
Whitchurch, Bristol.

## FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN PEAL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, December 17th the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers drove 60 miles to Manchester, New Hampshire, to ring at the Currier Gallery of Art. We had none of us ever visited this gallery before and were delighted to find an attractive interior with a good setting for ringing. The acoustics were excellent and the patio and gallery were filled with children and grown-ups. I am enclosing a clipping from 'The Manchester Leader' of December 19th as you may be interested in this account of the concert.

Once we were asked to ring for television and filled a fifteen minute programme. My grandchildren, who happen to be on hand to watch, were urged to ring also for television. They were 8, 8, 8, 7 (no twins) and they did very well and thought it great fun.

On Christmas Eve at Beacon Hill these young children rang also to good crowds. Their ringing was a little upset by the blinding flashlights of photographers.

The reporters like to refer to me as the first American woman to ring a peal. I rang my first peal at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, in August 1902, with the Middlesex Association. I have always been under the impression I was the first American, man or woman, to score a peal. Does anyone challenge this claim? I hope not.

Best wishes for a peaceful New Year,—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET H. SHURCLIFF.

Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

NOTE.—The cutting reference to the performance at the Currier Gallery of Art states that the five handbell ringers under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, of Boston, appeared on the balcony of the gallery dressed in maroon-coloured mediæval costumes that harmonised with the 15th century Tournai tapestry in front of which they rang. Mrs. Shurcliff spoke informally on her first experiences in bellringing at the Old North Church in Boston, where she was introduced to the art as a young girl by her father, the late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols. She also spoke briefly of her experiences in tower-bell ringing in England where she learned how to ring at many of the London churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral.

The first selection on the programme was a plain course of Grandsire Tringles illustrating change-ringing on handbells. Following that, the group rang 'St. Paul's Steeple,' which is reminiscent of change-ringing, 'Joy to the World,' 'San Nicolai,' 'Bring a Torch, Jeannette,' 'Isabella' and 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.' Two other groups of selections were given.—Ed.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—The report given in last week's issue by Mr. B. A. Sollis of the quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and North Notts Association at Sutton-in-Ashfield is very misleading. Since 1945 North Notts has ceased to exist as an association, it being now a branch or district of the Southwell Guild and had nothing to do in any way with the meeting. I daresay it is a slip on the part of Mr. Sollis and trust he will take this in the right spirit.—Yours faithfully,

H. DENMAN.

Retford.

## OLD TOWER-BELL PEAL-RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence re aged peal-ringers is highly interesting and prompts me to mention the late Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, who rang the 5th at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus one month after his 87th birthday.

To ring such an intricate method at so great an age was a wonderful performance.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.



**ASH, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 360 Bob Doubles, 240 Stedman): P. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Pepler 2, F. Ellis 3, T. Denyer 4, E. Pepler (first as cond.) 5, B. Sherwood (first quarter) 6. First quarter since the bells have been recast.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, H. J. Arscott (first on eight bells) 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6, A. J. Scott 7, J. L. Glyde 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ed. Reece 1, A. Clayton 2, E. G. Talbot 3, M. Chilcott 4, F. Jennings 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Hill 7, J. Chilcott 8, L. Reece 9, J. C. Clark 10. In memory of the late Rector, the Rev. Edward Vines Bond.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Wells 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 4, J. Kisterton 5, N. Abell (first quarter) 6, R. Barrow 7, M. Abell (first quarter) 8.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Wallis 1, A. J. Oldfield 2, A. S. Smith 3, C. J. Smith 4, O. P. Smith 5, N. Bett 6, H. W. Smith (cond.) 7, A. J. Papworth 8. First quarter of Stedman by Sunday service band.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss W. Peake 1, J. Vincent 2, B. Bladon 3, T. Peake 4, I. H. Trueman 5, W. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by a local band.—Also on Dec. 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): B. Bladon 1, I. H. Trueman 2, Miss W. Peake (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, T. Peake (cond.) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, N. Denson 2, Miss Ann Clarke 3, A. C. Baker 4, Miss Miriam James 5, R. G. Hooper 6, E. Sutton (first quarter as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. A birthday compliment to the 2nd.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams (first quarter) 1, F. Vickers 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, E. Nichols 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Dec. 21st, 1,344 Stedman Triples: J. Gipson 1, S. Brown (first quarter Stedman) 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, H. Martin 4, T. R. Dennis 5, C. A. Hurst 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, P. Border 8.—On Christmas Eve, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. A. Hurst 1, J. Gipson 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, A. T. Shelton 4, P. Border 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, H. Martin 7, M. Ginn 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 5 and 7.

**COLERNE, WILTS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Knight 1, J. Tiley 2, G. C. Weeks 3, G. Sheppard 4, P. W. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, W. Knight 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter on the bells by an all local band. A compliment to Mr. H. Ryder, a local ringer, on his silver wedding anniversary.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. Moule (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, Elizabeth Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. Gray 6.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Jones 1, R. G. Long 2, S. Ball 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Dafters 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, F. Morris 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cedric Devonshire (first quarter peal) 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Mrs. H. Hazel 3, C. George 4, F. A. Rye 5, C. Turner (cond.) 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

**FAIRFIELD, DERBS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Boundy 1, S. Smith 2, Margaret White 3, J. T. Marriott 4, J. Smith 5, W. A. Smith 6, A. Richardson 7, E. Ellison (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight by all. First quarter on bells since augmentation. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. J. Bonsall, churchwarden.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 Bob Doubles, 240 Old Doubles and 660 of Grandsire): Miss E. Morse 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse (cond.) 3, Miss F. Hope 4, W. A. Godwin 5, G. Burge 6.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Agnes E. Price 1, T. Price 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, P. J. Lawrence 4, T. H. Blunt 5, P. C. Ridgeway 6, R. E. Price 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 6.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, C. Morris 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooke 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, D. B. Ongley 4, R. Hough 5, E. L. Ellis 6. First quarter peal by the Sunday service band.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Court 1, P. J. Rye 2, Miss J. Wells (first as cond.) 3, T. Wickens 4, F. A. Rye 5, D. Ladd 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

**GREAT PONTON, Lincs.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Stableford (first quarter) 1, J. Pearson 2, H. F. Valters (first 'inside') 3, T. Charity 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Thurlow 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, W. N. Genna 5, C. C. Mayne 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Wood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. A. Hannington 2, A. H. Kemp 3, R. Tappenden 4, S. G. Waters 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Christmas Day, 1,240 Minor (160 of Little Bob, 360 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 720 of Plain Bob): C. Booth 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepany 3, G. Beency 4, B. Stepany 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Minor in three methods by 1, 3 and 5. First in three Minor methods by the local band.

**HOOKE NORTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Busby 1, F. Wyton 2, Rev. E. H. Nind 3, F. Hopkins 4, F. Davies 5, C. Sole 6, A. Borsberry 7, A. Charles 8. 6.4.8 behind. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Bloxham, a late ringer and foreman.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Bishop 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers 6, T. E. Davies (first quarter of Stedman as cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. Pickett 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. M. Meyer 5, C. H. Wood 6, W. D. Grainger 7, W. Hardy 8.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, G. Marriner 2, G. Peters 3, B. Hawkins 4, W. Massey 5, A. Smith 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.—Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain and Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. Cowan 1, G. Grover 2, Jill Britain 3, G. Marriner 4, G. Peters 5, A. Cheeseman 6, A. Adams 7, G. Cook 8, A. Smith 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, on Christmas Day, 1,343 Stedman Cinques: P. M. Freeman 1, J. L. Millhouse 2, R. F. Smith 3, L. Snell 4, H. L. Pask 5, H. Lowman 6, D. R. White 7, W. Tomlinson (first of Cinques as cond.) 8, S. Chambers 9, G. M. Mayer 10, K. S. B. Croft 11, C. E. Brown 12.—At St. Giles', on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rose (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Metham 2, Miss M. Swann 3, R. Stallibrass 4, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 5, J. F. Hodson 6.

**LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Columba, 1,320 Doubles (360 April Day, 960 Plain Bob): Joan McKinlay 1, J. J. Fielding 2, Lily Hughes 3, W. Young 4, J. Campbell (first as cond.) 5, A. Fielding (first quarter) 6.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): John Wright (first quarter) 1, J. A. White 2, Miss C. Jones (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. G. M. Cooper 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, S. Stevens 6, R. F. Jones 7, H. Trollope 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, C. W. Powell 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 7. First in the method by a local band in Dorset on the bells.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley (first in the method) 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

**MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. P. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, L. Fogg (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Hart 3, C. Smith 4, C. Pocock (first as cond.) 5, D. Watkins (first quarter) 6.

**MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davies 1, F. Kneeshaw 2, Patricia Duffill (first quarter) 3, J. W. Kneeshaw 4, C. Barker (cond.) 5, T. Southwick 6. First quarter on the bells since recasting. A welcome to Canon E. Marsh, who was inducted to the parish on October 8th, 1950, while the bells were away at the foundry.

**MARSHFIELD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 2,520 Stedman Triples (Heywood's Variation): E. Sutton 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, R. G. Hooper 3, Miss M. R. James 4, H. L. Parfry 5, D. Hoare 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, W. E. Webb 8. Longest touch of Stedman Triples by all except the conductor. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Beazer, local towermaster.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. B. Caten 1, G. Gee 2, A. Jaine 3, A. W. Bond (cond.) 4, A. Rothery 5, S. Whitehead 6. Rung fully muffled in memory of Mr. H. Whitehead, churchwarden and headmaster for over 20 years.

**MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Osborn 1, C. Thomas 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, J. Bartlett 5, D. Gare 6. Rung half-muffled in appreciation of the late Mrs. E. A. Rainey's work for the church.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Bob Minor: B. Davies 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, F. Ollier 5, A. Merrill 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8. Rung with 6.8 covering. Rung for installation as Archdeacon of Macclesfield of Canon J. Tyler Whittle (Rector of Nantwich) at Chester Cathedral that day.

**NETTLEBED, OXON.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Grove 1, Miss M. Pemberton 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, E. Belson 5, H. Wells (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods for all except 2nd.

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Mansbridge 1, H. Mansbridge 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, H. Newham 4, F. N. Lane 5, L. A. Tremer (cond.) 6, W. Mansbridge 7. Longest length for 1, 2, 5 and 7.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Cheesman (16) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, R. J. Walden 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, I. T. Reed (15) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled for 1950.

**PORTHKERRY, GLAM.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): L. J. Malings 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. W. Dimond 6. First quarter for 2, 4, 5 and 6, and first on the bells.

**RAINFHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, B. Edwards 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross 7, W. Plumridge 8.—Also on Dec. 30th, 1,504 Little Bob Major: Miss E. S. Wyles 1, Miss D. G. Dobbie 2, F. J. Cheal 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, W. S. Palin 5, G. A. Naylor 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Eileen S. Wyles and Eric Naylor.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. O. Collins 1, B. Tiller 2, F. E. Collins 3, D. R. Reed 4, C. W. Reed 5, J. Hartless 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, R. Marlow 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 6 and 7.—Also on Dec. 30th, 1,564 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, W. C. Shute 2, H. Abrahams 3, F. Harris 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Marlow 7, W. E. Cheater (cond.) (first quarter in the method) 8.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung for Christmas service.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Fensom 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip 3, H. Miller 4, S. Wade 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Saint (first quarter) 1, V. Perry 2, S. Ruddesden 3, S. Osborne 4, M. Chown (first as cond.) 5, R. Fields 6.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day): Kathleen Andrews (first quarter) 1, J. Honey 2, Jonathan Honey 3, D. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cudby 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, Mrs. E. M. Smith 3, H. Smith 4, G. Farthing (first of Triples) 5, A. R. Vaughan 6, W. Hunt (first as cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. C. Seeger 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Button (first quarter) 1, A. J. Peacock 2, J. Weaden 3, E. J. Avery 4, F. B. Comer 5, Miss Marjorie Legg 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, Rev. H. F. Warren (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Popham (Pop), captain at the Parish Church for 38 years.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Corke 1, J. Wells 2, C. J. Beadle 3, C. W. Denyer 4, R. Tickner 5, G. Enever 6, A. C. Hazelden 7, C. Syfield 8.



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 Obituary—11, 28, 42, 59, 76, 94, 109, 125, 142, 157, 173, 185, 189, 205, 237, 253, 266, 283, 299, 316-7, 330, 349, 364, 380, 395, 412, 428, 446, 478, 493, 509, 525, 558, 573-4, 587, 604, 621, 637, 650, 666, 684, 714, 734, 747, 762, 779, 795, 813.  
 Oldest Church bell—10, 44, 65, 93, 108, 140, 204.  
 Oswestry, bells and ringers—813.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild—91, 106, 251, 285, 346, 397, 457-8, 490, 583, 637, 666, 686, 748.  
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 Parish Church, largest—333, 349, 364, 396, 411, 426, 526.  
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 Peal ringers, 1949—49, 57.  
 Peals for two Associations—472, 491, 508, 537, 572.  
 Peals, unorthodox—442, 474, 572.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild—74, 222, 298, 394, 459, 714.  
 Post, Thomas—785.  
 Press—145, 715.  
 Prize-ringing, Liversedge—522.  
 Proof of Treble Bob Methods—634.  
 Purchase Tax—712, 799.  
 Recordings of bells—476, 673, 700, 715, 763.  
 Record lengths—51, 342, 490, 506, 514, 521, 537, 649, 713, 721, 724, 730, 745-6, 761, 778, 794.  
 Ringers' Day—541, 686, 815.  
 Ringers' Outings—42, 253, 302, 334, 350, 380-2, 395, 398, 413, 417, 428-30, 445-6, 461-2, 478, 480, 494, 510, 525, 542, 556, 558, 590, 637, 638, 651, 654, 669, 701, 718, 779.  
 Ringers' Roll of Honour—657, 665-6.  
 Ringing instruction—75.  
 Ringing out the Old Year—732.  
 Roving Ringers, Society of—113, 141, 538.  
 Royal Cumberland Youths—73, 313, 553, 668.  
 Royal Exchange chimers—73.  
 Royal Princess—545-48, 562-3, 571.  
 Rugby and District, bells of—348.  
 Rutland, bells of—444.  
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild—58, 106, 221, 317, 329-30, 428, 462, 605, 686, 779, 795.  
 Scarborough bells—347.  
 Scientific Triples—75, 142, 811.  
 Scotland, ringing in—124.  
 Scottish Association—283, 425, 668.  
 Scottish bells—43, 45, 92, 425, 433.  
 Selby and District Society—235, 379, 395.  
 Shaw, G. B.—763, 778, 794.  
 Sheffield and District Society—185, 318, 446, 542, 602, 670, 830.  
 Shipway-Steadfast Controversy—10, 44, 92, 140, 156, 201, 205, 221, 236, 268, 460.  
 Shropshire Association—91, 185, 347, 492, 542, 602, 766.  
 Silent peal—185, 683, 636, 652, 685, 787, 794.  
 Smith, Alfred Paddon—97, 140.  
 Society for the Preservation of Ancient Bells—425.  
 Solihull bells—753.  
 Somerset rhyme—746, 778, 794, 827.  
 Songs and Ballads of the West—444, 460.  
 Sons who conducted father's first peal—76, 90.  
 Southwell Diocesan Guild—73, 89, 265, 350, 379, 668, 764.  
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 St. Martin's Guild—59, 253, 459, 686.  
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society—427, 602, 697.  
 Stedman Caters in Winter—717, 732.  
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 Swastika—535, 587.  
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 Tours—315, 407, 445, 450, 462, 476-7, 523, 526, 538, 540, 549-50, 554, 557, 570-1, 573, 578-9, 585, 601-2, 617-8, 621-2, 633-5, 649, 750.  
 Transportation of Great Paul—490.  
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 Widecombe-in-the-Moor—732, 746, 763.  
 Williams, G.—173.  
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 Worcestershire and Districts Association—267, 698.  
 York bells—347.  
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 Yorkshire Association—251, 337, 346, 412, 441, 666, 762.



## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

### Dunster Deanery Annual Meeting

Over 80 ringers and clergy attended the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch held at Minehead on December 9th. The service was held at St. Michael's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Grange-Bennett) conducting the service and giving the address. Ringing was supervised by Mr. J. Pugsley.

Tea preceded the annual meeting at which the president (the Rev. T. S. Dawson) was in the chair.

The balance sheet, read by the Rev. D. J. Cockle, showed that receipts balanced the payments.

Mr. G. Stacey (the hon. secretary) in his report stated that four successful meetings had been held at Dunster, Wootton Courtenay, Withypool and Porlock. The average attendance was one better than last year, being 65. During the year, 16 ringing members and one honorary member had been elected. With regret, the death of Mr. J. A. Lock, of Exford, had been recorded. He had been one of the useful unattached members.

### ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following were elected:—President, the Rev. T. S. Dawson; vice-president, the Rev. D. J. Cockle; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Stacey; auditor, the president; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley; representative on the committee of the Diocesan Association, Mr. G. Stacey. Two new members—Mrs. Middleton (Timberscombe) and Mrs. Lloyd (Dunster)—were elected.

Stogumber was selected for the next meeting, in the second week in March.

Mr. A. Madeley suggested that the Branch should have a yearly corporate communion. After discussion a proposal was adopted that a particular church should be chosen to make all the arrangements and do all the notifications.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the service and use of the bells and to the churchwardens and local ringers for the splendid tea.

A special welcome was extended to Major H. J. Cann and two ringers from Piddihinton. Towers represented were Stogumber, Carhampton, Dunster, Minehead, Porlock, Timberscombe, Selworthy, Dulverton, Exford, Sampford Brett, Old Cleeve, Box, Buckland-Newton and Wembdon.

### LATE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 20th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Names must be received by 17th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8238

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Jan. 20th, Watermoor (9) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, Viners, 5.30. Parish Church (12) after tea. Advise for tea by Jan. 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 8243

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Tea and meeting, Abbey Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) available after meeting.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8237

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Jan. 20th. Bells available Cathedral, St. Margaret's, All Saints'. Times of service and ringing in next issue. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to V. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 8244

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Rectory Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 15th, to Mr. H. Barsley, Wood Lane, Algarkirk, Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 8241

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton on Jan. 27th. Bells (10) at 3. Tea at 5. Names please by Jan. 23rd.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8239

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**WILLIAMS—ROBERTS.**—On December 30th, 1950, at the Parish Church, St. Mawgan, Newquay, by the Rev. J. A. Chesterton and the Rev. Canon W. R. Ladd Canney, Edward Vivyan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. C. Williams, Copper Hill House, Redruth, to Gwyneth Morwenna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberts, The School House, St. Mawgan.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON.** is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Cantain. 8141

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—All the nominations of the honorary officers and notices of motion to be included on the agenda for consideration at the annual general meeting to be held on Whit Monday are to be forwarded to reach me not later than January 27th.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. General Secretary, The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 8236

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### MEETINGS

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting to be held at Writtle (8). Saturday, Jan. 13th. Election of officers for 1951. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8119

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Jan. 13th, Deddington (8). Service 4.15, with handbell music. Tea. Meeting.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 8079

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at Repton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome. 8130

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 3-4; St. Martin's, 3-5.15, followed by tea (5.30) and meeting. 8059

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea please.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 8151

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5, George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 8154

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bell (8) from 2—4.45 p.m. and 7—8 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at the Astor Cafe, High Street.—H. J. Millatt Hon. Sec. 8147

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 13th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—R. Short Chilton Trinity. 8188

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Macclesfield, St. Michael's Church (12). Saturday Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss June M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 8194

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8182

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddeston, Herts. 8184

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting of the Northern District. Royston. Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. Herts. 8179

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Headcorn (8). Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by invitation. 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8185

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Immanuel bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for 1951 general officers received at this meeting. St. Leonard's bells after meeting. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8168



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells up 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8197

**LINCOLN GUILD**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8171

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 13th, St. Mary's Putney, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 6.30. Business, including nominations, 8.15. Names for tea please. Annual general meeting, February 17th. Southwark etc.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8144

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 8161

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Jan. 17th. Practice meetings, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, first Monday in each month, 7.15. 8145

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Wells, St. Bridget's, Benson, Oxon, by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 8163

**HERTS ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Andrew's bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please make special effort to attend.—A. S. Carter, Dis. Sec. 8159

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, at 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evershall Road, Reigate. 8172

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells (10) 3. Committee meet in vestry at 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Social 7.30-11.30 in Parish Hall (whist, games, dancing). Tickets 2s. 6d.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 8187

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea before Wednesday, Jan. 17th, C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8191

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Names please by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8191

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea by 16th to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8196

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 20th. 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell by previous Tuesday. 8180

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 20th. Towers open—St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8). St. Mary Quay (6). St. Lawrence (5). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 sharp, at St. Peter's. Tea 5 at Nightingale's, Brook Street. Names to Edward Ellenor 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8192

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wallasey St. Nicholas (6), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 16th at latest.—Alexander P. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8233

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea names by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8211

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Clevedon, January 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8225

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. Names before 18th to Miss Dunn, Crowstones Road, Darley Dale. Please endeavour to be present. 8230

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Members please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8213

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells—St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.; All Saints' 4 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.30 p.m.—Tea 5 p.m.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8202

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to Mr. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 8227

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Chipping Sodbury (6, recently rehung), Jan. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 16th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 8221

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—H. Gorringer, 3 Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8203

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Jan. 17th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 8199

**HEREFORD GUILD**—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.10. Please notify W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross. 8205

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Bolton Parish Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. A hot meal free. Names by Jan. 17th to A. Pendlebury, 8, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook. 8218

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8235

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Town Hall (12), Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Cafe near by. All very welcome.—R. Benson. 8232

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, followed by business meeting.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 8208

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Ramsbury, Jan. 20th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8224

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20th at Blethingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea by Thursday, Jan. 18th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 8219

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road.—F. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8222

**SALISBURY GUILD**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, meeting after. Names by Jan. 16th to Mr. J. Smith, 147, Damers Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Abbotbury, Weymouth. 8201

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Lymminster, Jan. 20th, 3. Names for tea, please by 16th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8198

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, at Sally Port Hotel. Names by Jan. 15th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 8215

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Sat., Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8223

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Next general meeting will be held at Guiseley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in Parish Hall. (Members thereof please attend without further notification.) Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d. per head) in Schools at 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. A. C. Walsh, 45, Ashtofts Mount, Guiseley, near Leeds, by Jan. 18th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8210

**DEVON GUILD**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—The annual dinner will be held at the Pheasant Hotel, Retford, on Jan. 27th, at 6.30. East Retford and Ordsall bells available. Tickets, 9s. each, from Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by Jan. 20th.—H. Denman. 8177

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Notify by Jan. 23rd for tea.—J. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, Somerset. 8207

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 27th at 2.30. By kind invitation of the Mayor of Doncaster, tea and business meeting will be in the Mansion House at 5. All ringers invited to ring at St. George's and inspect the historic Mansion House. Names without fail by previous Tuesday to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8231

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Margaret's Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 8229

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 111, High Holborn. Business meeting, including election of officers. Ringing also at Bishopsgate and Clerkenwell from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8206

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. 8209

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Cray (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than Jan 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8246

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**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Bells—All Saints', 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Paul's, 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8204

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8228

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Provisional arrangements: St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4; St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury 8234

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8220

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d. from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower Knowle, Bristol, 3 8123

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual district meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service, All Saints' Church, 4.30. Tea 5, All Saints' Church Room. Names by Jan. 23rd for tea.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8212

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## CHURCH BELLS OF AYRSHIRE

MANY of our readers are interested in the antiquarian side of bells, and to them 'The Church Bells of Ayrshire,' by Ranald W. M. Clouston, will reward an evening's study. At the outset, we would point out that Ayrshire possesses no rings of bells, but there are a few chimes. Thus the practical ringer will not hurriedly make a visit to this county of Scotland in search of new towers.

Students of early bells will, however, find that Ayrshire repays a visit. Among its 106 bells are two of mediæval origin, seven of the Dutch Renaissance period and one each from Flemish, French and Irish foundries. There are eight 17th century Scottish bells and 11 of the 18th century. From English foundries come 35 bells, of which 30 are modern.

Both of the two pre-Reformation bells are about 1495. The Dundonald bell, which is now in the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, has the inscription in Latin, 'Saint Giles pray for us, in the year of the Lord 1495,' with the founder's mark  $\times$ t on the waist. Mr. Clouston reminds us that St. Giles was the patron saint of blacksmiths, and a number of the English pre-Reformation bells are dedicated to him. One of the inscriptions used by the old Brayser foundry at Norwich may be translated: 'The sound of Giles rises to the vaults of heaven.' The Monkton bell is by an unknown founder.

The most interesting 'find' in Ayrshire is the two Hemony bells, the only bells by this celebrated Dutch foundry in the British Isles. These are at St. Margaret's, Dalry, and in the Wallace Tower at Ayr, and both are dated 1661. François Hemony was one of the greatest carillon builders that the world has ever known, although due to the ravages of war only about 30 of his carillons are in existence. He died in Amsterdam in 1667.

Of the Dutch bells there is an interesting legend concerning the Middelburg bell of 1619 that now hangs in the turret of Prestwick Public School, having formerly been in the ruined Church of St. Nicholas, Prestwick. The story goes that this bell was stolen by sailors and that some years later sailors from the locality happened

to put into a Spanish or Portuguese port. There they were sure they heard the Prestwick bell ringing and traced the sound to a ship in the harbour. Later a boarding party retrieved the bell and, according to Hewat's 'A Little Scottish World,' brought it back to the old kirk. Mr. Clouston, however, does not accept the story and states the legend was probably based on the bell's journey to Holland to be recast in 1619. When the church fell into disuse the bell was put away in the Town House, and it was due to a local poet that the bell was brought out from a useless seclusion to be placed in the turret of the new school.

Another unusual bell is that in the Primary School at Old Cumnoch, which was cast in Rotterdam in 1697. The shape of the crown is peculiar in its flatness and the bell thus presents a tub-like appearance. However, the casting is of the highest quality, the design and fineness of the two borders above and below the inscription being especially well done. The border below the inscription portrays a hunting scene with a farm labourer with a pitchfork, a boar, rabbits, a horseman with a lance, a house and a church.

Associated with the old church at Tarbolton, the predecessor of the present edifice, there was an old bell which was immortalised in Burns' poem, 'Death and Dr. Hornbrook.' The last verse reads:—

But just as he began to tell,  
The auld kirk-hammer strak the bell  
Some wee short hour ayont the twal,  
Which raised us baith :  
I took the way that pleased mysel',  
And sae did Death.

This clapper is preserved in the Masonic Hall at Tarbolton. Mr. Clouston says it is 14½ inches long. The head is flat and has two elongated holes in it. The clapper is of a bell that was in use prior to 1782.

In conclusion we would commend the lay-out of this publication. The illustrations are good and the notes on foundries, both ancient and modern, exceedingly helpful to the student of bells. Copies are obtainable from the author, Cookley Farm, Eye, Suffolk, post free 3s. 6d.



## TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE .. .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	† CYRIL FINCH .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 3	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 9
* MAXWELL M. OAKSHETT .. 5	† EDWARD J. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and on ten bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Mr. Rawlings has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	† FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 2	* EWART H. EDGE .. .. 7
* GEOFFREY C. BEECH .. 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 8
* RONALD BARLOW .. .. 4	† NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 9
† ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 5	† CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Royal. † 60th peal together. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. In memoriam Charles E. Morley, former captain at the above church.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in C.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
* BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 2	† J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. 8
RALPH S. LONG .. .. 4	ERNEST THORPE .. .. 9
† DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

* KATHLEEN TIVEY .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
† HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 7
JACK BAILEY .. .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 9
† FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5	† SIDNEY H. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all and for the Association.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

No. 30.		
* NORMA ROBERTS .. Treble	† ROBERT A. JOHNSTON .. 6	
STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 7	
† GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 3	† RAYMOND SUART .. .. 8	
† J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 4	† FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 9	
* WILLIAM WALL .. .. 5	WILLIAM LANGHORN .. Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to welcome the New Year.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble	* MAX PAGE .. .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
ALAN BRIDGES .. .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

MONICA DAVIS .. .. Treble	E. PETER ROCK .. .. 5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 5
CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 7
EWART H. EDGE .. .. 4	WILLIS BUCKLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. B. E. Burslow, ringer and chorister at the above church for 26 years.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 5
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 2	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES .. 6
* FREDERICK A. BARKER .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

\* First peal of Stedman.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' Variation of Parker's (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 6
* JOHN BEARDMORE .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. .. 7
ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 4	RONALD BARLOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

* JOHN CHITTENDEN .. Treble	ARTHUR BINFIELD .. 5
S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 2	† PETER CARTER .. .. 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
† VALERIE L. A. WALLIS .. 4	T. WILSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by M. S. CLOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples in the method.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 5
*HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
*FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev. E. A. Lee.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN BEARDMORE .. .. Treble	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 2	EWART H. EDGE .. .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. .. 7
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

\*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Jeannie P. Durber and Mr. Harry Brace.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5
*DAVID S. HARRIS .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
GORDON H. ARGUILLE .. .. 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. .. 7
NORMAN G. MCCRUM .. .. 4	*JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\*First peal in the method

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5
THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. .. 6
SAMUEL C. WALKER .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 4	JOSEPH E. KEEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. KEEN.

Rung in memory of the Rev. A. E. Cornibier, Vicar of this church, 1918-1925.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

A birthday peal for Mr. F. I. Hairs.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 4½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	PHILIP WALKER .. .. 6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

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

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25 cwt.
*DEREK NORRIS .. .. Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
RONALD E. NORRIS .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. .. 4	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\*First peal. †125th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.
ALBERT G. HARRISON .. Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
*SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 7
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\*First peal in the method.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.	
DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	*ALFRED SMITH .. .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\*First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
JAMES W. WILLIAMS .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
DEREK WHITFORD .. .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 6
KENNETH HARTLEY .. .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 4	ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by DEREK WHITFORD.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Treble	HERBERT LEWIN .. .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	RALPH CARLISLE .. .. 6
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 3	HORACE SEAGRAVE .. .. 7
MAUREEN PINDER .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. F. Hill, a life-long worker for the above church.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
'Worcester' Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	ELIZABETH MORTON .. .. 5
DAVID SMITH .. .. 2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 6
*HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 7
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by all the band. Harry W. Howard has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.



**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,*

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 5
*MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY .. 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* 50th peal.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 2	†FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 6
*WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.  
\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,*

**A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. Treble	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
ALAN D. STEEL .. .. 2	*EWART H. EDGE .. .. 6
ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 3	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 4	†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 100th peal together. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. P. Flanagan and Miss D. Morris.

**WINCANTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

HENRY G. DOEL .. .. Treble	REGINALD A. HIGGINS .. 5
H. PERCY SPARKS .. .. 2	*WALTER J. TILEY .. .. 6
*FREDK. L. ANDREWS .. 3	JACK A. LINTERN .. .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. 4	JOHN H. CHILCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK A. LINTERN.

\* First peal of Triples.

**WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

TAMIA DUNN .. .. Treble	H. STEWART BAILEY .. 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 2	DEREK PARRY .. .. 6
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS .. 3	*RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS .. 7
FREDK. S. ALMOND .. .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.  
\* First peal. To commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the opening of this church.

**WROTHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. Treble	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 5
*†WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 2	†PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 6
E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 7
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK .. .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

250th peal for the conductor.

**BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*C AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 4
JACK BRAY .. .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 5
*HARRY HALL .. .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**BODIAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Sun., Dec. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 24 extents of Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALBERT H. KEMP .. .. Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 3
LAWRENCE T. POPE .. .. 2	*†ROY TAPPENDEN .. .. 4

S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LAWRENCE T. POPE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. Fastest peal on the bells and believed to be the fastest ever in the county.

**BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*DONALD H. METTAM .. 3
EVELYN WRIGHT .. .. 2	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 4

W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of Doubles 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band. The first peal of Doubles on the bells.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

JANET S. BAILEY .. .. Treble	PETER J. LAWRENCE .. 4
PETER C. RIDGWAY .. .. 2	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Average age 17 years, all under 21 years of age.

**GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Treble	*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4
*SIDNEY MANNING .. .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 5
HAROLD HAINES .. .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.



## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK W. TOMLIN .. .. Treble	ALBERT H. KEMP .. .. 4
WILLIAM GORRINGE .. .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 5
ROY TAPPENDEN .. .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

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

## NEWTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob (four callings), ten 120's of Grandsire (ten callings), and six 240's of Grandsire (six callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb

*DONALD H. METTAM .. Treble	FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 3
†HUGH LONGLAND .. .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two Doubles methods.

## BEDFONT, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Double Oxford and one 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

AGNES E. PRICE .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 4
*TERENCE H. BLUNT .. .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal in more than one method.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's, being two each of St. Clement's Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Minor and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. L. SLACK .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
ANNE WORTH .. .. 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 5
*BARRY LAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal. Rung for the 19th birthday of Miss M. Cundiff, a prominent member of St. James' Youth Fellowship.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4
COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 2	MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 5
WINIFRED MAY BURTON .. 3	ALAN CATTELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

## ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	ERIC C. LUCAS .. .. 4
*CECILY C. ROBERTS .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 5
GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

## BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BAINS .. .. Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. 4
†MARY ATKINSON .. .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 5
†HAROLD MORWOOD .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

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

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## CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Treble	ALAN E. BUTLER .. 4
*PETER NEWING .. 2	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
*JOHN A. HILTON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Kent Minor.

## GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

SIDNEY A. ANSELL .. Treble	KEITH S. BRYDER .. 4
ANSLEY BOWERS .. 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 3	BARRY W. M. COWPER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY C. WEAVER.

## FRYERNING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Cambridge, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WRIGHT .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
JOHN H. SITCH .. 2	HERBERT DEVENISH .. 5
HARRY BRADLEY .. 3	CHARLES HARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Arthur Bradley, captain of this tower for nearly 40 years, and Mrs. Bradley.

## KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Treble	*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 4
*PETER BERESFORD .. 2	*WALTER J. COPE .. 5
*JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Minor and of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Wragby Delight, St. Albans Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DENIS HEAPY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4
†ANNE WORTH .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 3	WILFRED STEVENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

## MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

HERBERT JONES .. Treble	ELLIS NICHOLLS .. 4
HARRY STOPPS .. 2	WILLIAM YATES .. 5
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	WILLIAM H. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. First peal on the bells since they were recast in October, 1950.

## NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
*BERTIE BEE .. 2	ROBERT PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* First peal of Cambridge. A welcome to Canon Burrows and to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 4th.

## ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOUGLAS HALL .. Treble	STANLEY DANCE .. 4
*FRANK MITCHELL .. 2	EDWIN ATKINSON .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY .. 3	DANIEL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal in three methods. Rung in memory of Dr. H. B. Pare, who died Christmas, 1949.

## STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF .. 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES BLUFF .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal in the method by all. Rung to commemorate the 35th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the third bell, Mr. P. D. Baldock.

## WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WALLACE W. COUSINS .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. 4
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CYRIL COUSINS .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Doris M. Wiskin, a regular ringer at this church.

## WANBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*FREDERICK W. PEARCE .. Treble	†EDWARD C. ANGER .. 4
†THOMAS F. STONE .. 2	PETER ANGER .. 5
ANTHONY A. PEAKE .. 3	*WILLIAM AYRES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

\* First peal. † First peal in two methods. The first peal on the bells.

## WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 4
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
MICHAEL BROWN .. 3	HERBERT NEEDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

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

## GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST .. Treble	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL .. 4
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 5
*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung fully muffled for the passing of the old year.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,*

IN THE NAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD BARLOW .. 1-2 | **FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4**FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6Conducted by **FREDERICK W. GROCOTT**.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

IN THE NAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD BARLOW .. 1-2 | **FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6**FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4 | **CHARLES H. PAGE** .. 7-8Composed by **ERNEST MORRIS**. Conducted by **FREDERICK W. GROCOTT**.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

**MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY** .. 1-2 | **DANIEL T. MATKIN** .. 3-4**ROY C. HURST** .. 5-6Conducted by **DANIEL T. MATKIN**.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

AT TRENTWOOD,

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Being 12 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford,

Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St.

Clement's and Crayford College; 317 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

**MRS. J. BRAY** .. 1-2 | **JACK BRAY** .. 5-6**GEORGE E. FEIRN** .. 3-4 | **PHILIP BARNES** .. 7-8Composed and Conducted by **GEORGE E. FEIRN**.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

**DAVID G. JACKSON** .. 1-2 | **WILLIAM H. JACKSON** .. 5-6**GIBSON JACKSON** .. 3-4 | **W. ERIC CRITCHLEY** .. 7-8Composed by **WILLIAM BARTON**. Conducted by **W. ERIC CRITCHLEY**.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

**RONALD BARLOW** .. 1-2 | **FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4**FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6Conducted by **FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT**.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being four methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob,

1,248 Little Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

**\*JAMES E. DANIELS** .. 1-2 | **DANIEL T. MATKIN** .. 5-6**MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY** .. 3-4 | **\*MICHAEL J. E. BEST** .. 7-8Composed by **F. NOLAN GOLDEN**. Conducted by **DANIEL T. MATKIN**.

\*First peal of Spliced Major in four methods.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

**DAVID G. JACKSON** .. 1-2 | **WILLIAM H. JACKSON** .. 3-4**\*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY** .. 5-6Conducted by **WILLIAM H. JACKSON**.

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

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### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding for 1951. These should be despatched immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

We would like to assure the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society of Change Ringers that the omission of Scotland from our Christmas editorial was not intentional. The meridian in the Editor's mind at that time in his journey from east to west unfortunately did not travel so far north. We therefore send our greetings for 1951 to all Scottish Ringers.

The bells of Aston Parish Church will be broadcast at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday, January 21st.

Half of the band who rang in the New Year's peal at Dalton-in-Furness were from the Cumberland Association.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, and Mr. Herbert Jones, of Maids Moreton, Bucks. have joined the list of octogenarian peal ringers.

The weight of the tenor at Great Bromley, Essex, writes Mr. U. W. Wildney, is 15 cwt. in E. and not as given on Page 21.

Mr. Walter Ayre has rung 300 peals for the Herts County Association. His 100th was rung on January 8th, 1933.

Mr. J. Michael Stephens, and not his younger brother, compiled the index that appeared in last week's 'Ringing World.'

Salisbury District have lost their Ringing Master by the regretted death of Mr. Leonard Harris. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Lewis Andrews, of Longparish, Hants. who rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on his 91st birthday, did not start change-ringing until he was 78. He claims to be the oldest ringer in Hampshire.

The work of transferring the four back bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, from plain to ball bearings was successfully completed for the Centennial celebrations. Mr. A. J. Lancefield gives in another column a description of this memorable service.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Saunders has completed 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at St. Michael's, East Peckham. After the conclusion of ringing the Old Year out, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Starky) congratulated Mr. Saunders on his long service to the church.

This is the second year running in which Mr. S. Cloke and Mr. S. G. Waters have rung six peals during Christmas week.

Miss S. P. M. Lewin has succeeded Mr. W. Thornley at hon. secretary of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Warwick has now some enthusiastic handbell ringers who, conducted by Mr. W. H. Male, recently rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original).

In the television programme on New Year's Eve, and also in the Children's Hour, Miss Mary Jaycock was seen ringing at her home tower, St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks.

Burnham, Bucks, would like to know if its tower was the only one in the country where the Old Year was rung out by a local band of eight girls.

'Kewsett' has fallen into a common error in referring to Gilbert White as Vicar of Selborne, states a correspondent. He never was. He was curate there from 1751-2 and 1784 till he died in 1793.

How many Old Boys' Associations have peals to their credit? Last week we recorded the first peal of the Old Doningtonians at Sempringham, which was rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The peal at All Saints', Stamford, on December 30th, was rung under the worst conditions experienced by any of the ringers. Long before the end was reached all the band were shivering with cold and it was only through the perseverance of the conductor that this well-struck peal was successfully brought round.

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## LORD MAYOR AS MASTER

### MEMORABLE DAY FOR ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, held on January 6th, was one of the most memorable events in all the 195 years of its existence. About 140 members responded to the invitation by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith, J.P.) to the Council House.

Half an hour before the advertised time of commencement, the Cathedral twelve were in use, and the ringing chamber was soon crowded with ringers from suburban towers and surrounding districts. At five o'clock the ringers were formally received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and were served with tea in the beautiful reception room—a privilege which was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung upon handbells, after which the members gathered in the City Council Chamber where the annual meeting of the Guild was held.

After the Guild had been welcomed by the Lord Mayor to the historic building erected by Joseph Chamberlain, the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) occupied the chair. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Master thanked the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the members present, for his kind invitation to tea and for allowing them the privilege of holding their meeting in the Council Chamber. The Master's only regret was that, for the time being, the Lord Mayor's civic duties compelled him to absen: himself from the ringing at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings, but they all knew that his enthusiasm for a good touch of Stedman Cinques would ensure his return after the expiry of his term of office. He welcomed Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, and Mr. F. Price, of Bournemouth.

The Master referred to the serious illness of Mr. T. H. Reeves, and letters of apology for absence were read from Mr. J. W. Pemberton and Mr. L. Yates. He sincerely wished that they would all be speedily restored to health.

Since the last meeting the Guild had suffered the loss by death of Mr. W. A. Clark, an honorary member who, although not a change-ringer, had visited the belfries of all the Cathedrals in the country. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the additions of Mr. F. E. Haynes and Mr. E. C. Shepherd, who suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. The Master referred to Mr. Shepherd's recently published book, 'The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church,' and asked the Guild to accept a copy to add to its library.

Mr. Walker would not offer himself for re-election to the office of Master, but he had the greatest possible pleasure in asking the Lord Mayor to take office for the ensuing year, not merely because he happened to be the Lord Mayor, but for his personality and his reputation as a very fine ringer. The applause which followed testified the unanimous approval of the meeting.

In acknowledging his election to the office of Master, the Lord Mayor said how proud he was of the honour of being Master of this ancient Guild. It was very nearly the oldest society of any kind in Birmingham—he believed that there was only one other society that could possibly claim to be older. He could not promise to attend the meetings during his term of office as Lord Mayor, as his working day was already stretched to twenty-five hours! He thanked Mr. Walker for his past services.

Mr. G. W. Critchley was re-elected to the office of Ringing Master, and thanked the members for their confidence in him, and gave details of the result of the past year's work.

The following officers were also re-elected:—Trustees, Alderman A. Paddon-Smith, J.P. and

Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey; Central Council representatives, Alderman Paddon-Smith, J.P. and Mr. F. E. Haynes; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn; Thirteen full ringing members and six life members were elected.

The Master (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) was invited to be chairman at the Henry Johnson dinner which will take place on March 3rd. For the place of next meeting it was decided to accept an invitation extended by the ringers of Aston Parish Church to hold the April meeting at Aston.

The hon. secretary read a letter received from the Rev. C. H. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church, appealing for funds for the recasting of the eight bells from the demolished Church of St. John, Deritend, which were to be hung in the tower of Bishop Latimer's Church. It was decided to make a donation for this purpose of £10 from the funds of the Guild.

Mr. J. L. Hayward suggested that, in addition, a collection be made at that meeting, to enhance the Guild's donation, and this resulted in the splendid figure of £13 10s.

After the meeting, further ringing took place on the Cathedral bells, whilst several met in the Lord Mayor's Parlour with the intention of ringing a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells which, however, was not accomplished.

#### A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

Evidence of the virility of the St. Martin's Guild was provided by the attendance at the recent annual meeting when over 160 members and friends were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and his charming daughter-in-law, who is acting as Lady Mayoress.

Impressions left on the mind were of a dignified, yet warm reception; a sumptuous tea in the beautiful Banqueting Chamber of the Birmingham Council House; a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells—the first change-ringing in that room; of the determination of Albert Walker to relinquish the Mastership in favour of the Lord Mayor, and of the Lord Mayor taking his own seat again. It was gratifying to see that the Guild honoured its members who have rendered good and loyal service by electing Messrs. Shepherd and Haynes vice-presidents.

Other impressions were the expert way the Lord Mayor piloted the meeting through a long agenda; of the forthright tones of W. C. Dowding in insisting that the Lord Mayor's secretary should be instructed to keep the Johnson Dinner day free from other engagements; the alacrity with which a suggestion to take up a 2s. 6d. per head collection for Bishop Latimer bells was received, and reminders of great Birmingham men who have contributed so much to human progress. The portraits of John Bright, Joseph Chamberlain, Matthew Boulton and many other great men of the past are conspicuously displayed (as they should be) in the rooms and corridors of the Council House.

After the business meeting was concluded, the officers of the Guild, the Master of the College Youths and Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, were invited to the Mayor's Parlour, and very fine cut glasses were raised with the wish that the Lord Mayor's remaining months of office would be happy and successful.

#### ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

The method rung at Bassingham, Lincs. on December 23rd, was Annable's London Surprise Minor, which, points out Mr. J. R. Millhouse, is totally different from London Surprise Minor. We are sorry that the omission of Annable from the title of the peal caused such heartburning among our Lincolnshire friends.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We hope that the interest in the Christmas Quiz this year was not commensurate with the accuracy of the answers.

The best papers had only ten correct answers out of 20.

A prize has been awarded to Mr. T. G. Hawkins, 1, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, Slough.

The other competitor with ten correct answers apparently preferred to remain anonymous. He did not append his name and address to his paper.

One competitor writes: I fear I have not done as well as last year, but the 'Quiz' has again given me—and, I trust, many others—three weeks of most fascinating entertainment. Would you please convey to 'Kewsett' my thanks and appreciation for his clever and intriguing questions. I trust he will be able to provide another Quiz next Christmas.

#### Answers.

1. St. Nicholas, Arundel, Sussex.
2. St. Peter, Blaenavon, Mon.
3. St. Mary, Selborne, Hants.
4. St. Peter, Swinton, Lanes. (W. window in N porch.)
5. St. Mary, Ambleside, Westmorland.
6. St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bluntisham, Hunts.
7. St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincs.
8. All Saints, St. Ives, Hunts (on one of the S. pillars)
9. Pinner, Middlesex, has five small ones. One at Windsor Castle
10. Twyford, St. Mary, 8 bells, 12 cwt. Hants and Berks.
11. Holy Trinity, Langdale, Westmorland
- (6). Scaffell Pike 3,210 feet
12. Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia. (Vancouver practically as late.)
13. Bath Abbey and Swainswick.
14. St. Philip and St. Martin, Birmingham. (650 yards)
15. St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.
16. None. This is easily proved from the rule for divisibility by 11.
17. 336 changes. See 'Grandsire' or call bobs at 1, 3, 7, 13, 15, 19.
18. Twin bob touch; In slow; Double dodge; Last whole turn; Whole pull wrong; Stedman's Principle.
19. 14 bells
20. Alec, Jill, Jean, John, Mary, Tom: in order.

## ANOTHER RINGING MAYOR

It might be an added incentive to learners to suggest that by becoming a ringer they have much more chance of being elected Mayor of their town. In addition to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Mayor of Doncaster, Councillor Herbert Wilson, is also a ringer. Considerable attention was paid in the local Press to his official visit last year to a ringing practice at St. George's, Doncaster, and photographs were published of the Mayor ringing side by side with old-established members of the tower.

As a result of this visit, the Doncaster and District Society were invited to hold the tea and business meeting of the annual meeting on January 27th in the Mansion House, which is the official residence of the Mayor of Doncaster. This building is of considerable historic interest, and I am informed that there is only one other Mansion House in England.

The Mayor has agreed to preside over the meeting, and to come once again into the tower for a 'pull,' so it is expected that more publicity (of the right kind) will attend the occasion. It is hoped that many ringers will take this opportunity to visit the church and Mansion House of Doncaster, not to mention the heaviest eight in Yorkshire. The bells were recast and rehung in March, 1940, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, with a tenor of 30½ cwt.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.



# READERS AND THE CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

## LINE OF ACTION SUGGESTED TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES — STEPS TO COMBAT LOW STANDARD OF RINGING — WHY INTERFERE? THE PUBLIC DON'T KNOW

### 'VANGUARD OF A CRUSADE'

#### Process of Action

Dear Sir,—Mr. John Hill's courageous letter is eminently worthy of publication, and I am certain you experienced no qualms. But while its writing was precipitated by the very poor ringing broadcast on Christmas morning, Mr. Hill looks beyond this to scrutinise the foundations of our Exercise. He is appalled at what he believes he sees, the gradual crumbling away, and the failure of renewal, of its precious bricks, the young recruits on which its future depends.

Some of us would not be quite so pessimistic for there are good signs as well as bad; nevertheless the preservation of our art—the physical preservation of its bells, the living preservation of those who ring them—must always be a first call on our personal endeavours. The same end is also served by our organisations, from the local band, through the guild or association, to the unity of action achieved through the Central Council. So any assertion of failure of duty must be examined with honesty.

Yes, the Central Council is undoubtedly an attractive social event, but if it were not so, it would be poor commentary on the Christian folk who compose it. But the Council meeting itself is an intensive effort of the mind, and the culmination of many hours' labour by the various committees entrusted with its detailed business. Again, it is the Council as a whole which determines the scope of its work, not its officers who are its formal instruments, and if it fails in its duties, all the representatives serving it must take responsibility.

Likewise, such representatives are not responsible only as individuals, but come in the names of guilds and associations, being the formal channel for requests and motions for the Council. Any personal shortcomings of Council representatives must therefore be remedied by the guilds upon whom the responsibility for the work of the Council thus devolves.

In turn, the guild expresses the desire of its constituent districts, which depend on the support of individual members drawn from local towers. Here, then, ultimate responsibility rests.

The lesson of all this is that when an individual ringer feels that something should be done about something, as Mr. Hill feels so very forcibly, he should set in motion the machinery provided. Writing a letter to 'The Ringing World' is one most effective opening gambit, but if the Central Council is to be compelled to act, a motion must be tabled in the name of two Council representatives.

Finally, I would comment on the positive suggestions for action put forward by Mr. Hill:

(1) To persuade the B.B.C. to avoid broadcasting bad ringing, undoubtedly the worst possible advertisement for our art.

The president of the Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis, took the first opportunity of making an official statement and we hope that this will have repercussions in the right quarters. This is the latest development in a difficult process which already has been in action for a number of years.

(2) To prevent the practice of bad ringing by adequate instruction, to a sufficiency of recruits, obtained through efficient publicity combined with effective incentives.

This summarises the basic needs of the Exercise, and no opportunity should be lost in supplying them. To this end, I think Mr. Hill, as a district secretary, is in a position in which he can exert maximum influence on individual ringers, at the same time doing most to ensure that

the Central Council is obliged to consider ideas formulated to allay the dangers he fears.

As for 'The Ringing World,' this too is the servant of its readers and contributors, and we get the paper we deserve. Mr. Hill has, I am sure, now convinced himself of this, though I believe he is going to be disappointed, for rather than a storm about his ears, he may find himself in the vanguard of a crusade, a crusade going forward continuously for all who have the love of ringing in their hearts.—Yours sincerely.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,

Hon. Sec Maidstone District,  
Kent County Association, and  
Central Council Representative.

Ditton, Kent.

### FIRST STEP OF POST-WAR RECOVERY

Dear Sir,—I did not hear 'Christmas Bells,' and I am sure that Mr. Hill is quite right in much of what he says, and that his suggestions for getting down to the root of the trouble are good. I still feel that the difficulties encountered in guiding the B.B.C. to would-be 'eligible towers' would be enormous, as ringing is only one of very many things to be taken into account for a broadcast. Also on no account could ringers be imported over the heads of a local band.

As hon. secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, I have first-hand experience of the extreme difficulties attending our efforts at getting the bells rung for each service on Sunday, and I feel certain it is a problem which cannot be solved in any specific manner. Many of our towers here are fives and sixes and, geographically, the District is like a prairie: the ringers, where there are any, are generally very keen and I do feel at last that we have got one foot on the first step to post-war recovery.

With Mr. Hill I do cite this side of ringing as the measure by which the Exercise can view its strength:

I cannot entirely agree with Mr. Hill about the attitude taken by some of our leading ringers. I have on many occasions walked miles with them to give instruction at some obscure six-bell tower.

I can well imagine Mr. C. A. Bassett's joy at hearing Burwash and Salehurst on Christmas morning but I am afraid that Mr. J. W. Haw can have had little experience to express the views he does, although, of course, his ideals are those for which we all aim.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Warsash, Hants.

### THE TENOR BEHIND

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Haw's letter in Jan. 5th issue, regarding Christmas ringing at 9.20 a.m.—yes, Major methods may be more interesting to the average ringer, but the outsider knows nothing of this, and as long as the ringing is well struck doesn't care a bit what is being rung.

A company might produce Major or Royal, but if it can't strike Triples and Caters. I don't want to hear its Royal, thanks.

I often get distressed, Mr. Haw, and not only at 9.20 a.m. Christmas Day.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Isleworth.

### CERTIFICATES ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—Many ringers were disappointed not only with the Christmas broadcast of bells, but with others. There seems to have been little thought of demonstrating the beauty of the bells.

Why are broadcasts of bells often inferior? An authority has suggested that it be due to a sort of stage fright. If this be true, it seems reasonable to suggest that the work be done by experienced ringers who have come under criticism. Guilds and associations often decry certificate (or competition) ringing but even so, where bands take part in them, striking is improved.

May not the Central Council say something on the whole question? Criticism is cheap and has little effect unless something practical be done to improve ringing in individual bands. Peal ringing seldom enters into this question because peals are very often rung by selected ringers.

A band which can reel off say 168's of Grand-sire, Stedman, Bob Minor or Major and Kent Minor or Major as a composite touch would command respect if the striking be good. And if a Festival be held to test the efficiency of local bands, granting certificates where a good standard of ringing is attained, great interest must follow. Further, if the certificate awarded to a band be issued from the Central Council, such band (tower) possessing the same would regard it with pride and I think it can be safely asserted that a Central Council certificate of this character would be sought for by local towers up and down the land.

Some attempt should be made to kill such criticism as 'What sort of ringing do you call that?' when above you twelve of the finest bells in the country are clashing and banging in your ears. Particularly on special occasions when change-ringing is 'on show' is this essential.

F. C. S.

### PORTISHEAD'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—Mr. John A. Hill, Hon. Secretary, Andover District, says in his letter that, with the exception of the six at Portishead, the programme of ringing was a poor show; to this, I say 'Thanks,' although two bells seem to have been lost on the air.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in his remarks, says, 'With the exception of St. Benet's Cambridge, and possibly Portishead, it was just as bad as it could be.' To this I say—a slight smack of snobbery.

Mr. James W. Haw's ambition seems to be 'Brass Hats at any price,' as he was so distressed by the continual clattering (his name for everything with tenor covering) from Portishead. To this I say, 'I am very sorry that my contribution to his discomfort could be only one-eighth.'

Here in Portishead we ring twice each Sunday and would much rather hear a humble method well struck than Surprise rung in a jangle.—Yours faithfully,

A. LANE.

Portishead.

### BURWASH BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was with pleasure that I read the kind words of C. A. B. in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' re the rounds rung on Burwash bells for service on Christmas morning, and wish to thank him on behalf of our local band, who incidentally, with the exception of our instructor, have learned to ring during the past 18 months. It was the first time the octave had been rung by the local band.

V. I. L.



**XMAS DAY BROADCAST.—Cont.****BROADCASTING****Not a Good Medium for Ringing**

Dear Sir.—'Many shall be called but few chosen.' Such would surely be the verdict if there were to be a sudden judgment in the kingdom of ringing. The standard of ringing throughout the country is deplorably low and current tendencies are for it to become lower. Is it therefore reasonable to expect that more than a handful of local bands are of sufficiently high standard to produce an acceptable ringing broadcast? Yet I would not envy the man who dared to suggest that other than a local band, where such exists, should undertake a broadcast.

You get the same thing when it comes to ringing the opening touch on a rededicated ring of bells. I remember on one such occasion a local band trying four times to ring a touch of Grandsire Caters at the conclusion of the service of rededication of the bells in one of our beautiful cathedrals. They never did get the touch round, and there must have been three thousand people listening if there was one!

Apart from this, I wonder why ringers generally seem so anxious that bells should be broadcast. To my mind, broadcasting is not a good medium for ringing. To the layman, even those who like bells, ringing is a background noise. The sentimentalists always talk about hearing the sound of bells over the hills and valleys, across the meadow, maybe echoing around the city streets, but never have I heard one describe the beauty of the bells as heard from the church roof! And yet you stick a microphone in the louvres of the tower, usually guaranteed to pick up the nearest bells to the detriment to those on the other side of the tower, get the locals to do their worst, have some badly-struck changes, scramble the bells into rounds and hope for a pleasant result.

Even when the ringing is good the result is not particularly pleasing as the bells always sound as if they are struggling for life and their notes are restricted and canned. The one notable exception to all this was the series of delightful pre-war broadcasts from Croydon Parish Church. I expect it was something to do with the placing of the microphones. In any case, the ringing was very good, the ringers were content to ring ten properly rather than risk the twelve: the tone of the bells is exceptional and the internal acoustics of the tower are good. Otherwise, for my part, I think it would be a good thing if there were no ringing broadcasts at all or gramophone records either for that matter. Either medium is but a caricature of the real thing.

**Ignoring the Practical Side**

To return to my earlier point about the standard of ringing in the country generally, perhaps I may say why it seems to me that the standard of ringing is becoming lower. The greater knowledge of the art and science of change-ringing (not campanology, in deference to Mr. Smallwood) is being abused. The tendency in teaching learners is to over-emphasise the theoretical side of ringing and to ignore the practical side, with the result that you are getting an increasing number of youngsters who can ring any method under the sun but have never been taught the need for good striking and bell control.

It is all very well to have learners ringing peals of Surprise within six months of starting, but in my view they will miss the peals of Bob Major and Treble Bob and Grandsire and Double Norwich which they ought to ring, in order to learn to strike and handle their bells. Not only should their early peals be in the simpler methods but it is the duty of the conductors and instructors to see that youngsters' faults in striking, etc., are commented upon and, if possible, rectified.

Do not think I am carping about advanced method ringing: I have done my share of this and have derived great pleasure from it. There is nothing particularly wonderful about it, how-

ever, as after sufficient practice it is possible to ring London or Bristol mechanically, just as one might ring Plain Bob. It isn't what you ring but how you ring it that matters, and in your early days it is better to have the freedom to devote more attention to ringing your bell properly without having to concentrate too much on a method which is perhaps a little beyond your present stage of progress.

Well, Mr. Editor, some of your readers like a bit of controversy and others think it is not 'quite naice' but if this letter does not stir some of them up to wrathful indignation, nothing will! When the storm has died down, perhaps you will let me ventilate some more of my 'bees in the bonnet.'

Best wishes to all readers for the New Year,  
—Yours truly,  
Forest Hill, S.E.23. P. A. CORBY.

**EXERCISE CHARITY**

Dear Sir.—The Christmas morning broadcast ringing seems to have provoked a storm of protests and criticisms from ringers in various parts of the country, all of whom hasten to condemn the performances.

Before we dash into public view, making disparaging remarks, I think we might be wise in trying to find out something of the conditions existing in the particular belfries. The ringing was service ringing and we may assume it was carried out by the local bands. Perhaps the effort was the outcome of months of patient, slogging practice, with little or no guidance. Perhaps the bells were not the easiest to ring or hear. No doubt the ringers were very proud to be included in the broadcast, and no doubt they did their best to produce a good result. The ringing, with the exception of Portishead, Somerset, was not particularly good, but then, how many bands can claim, honestly and fairly, 'Our Sunday ringing is perfect; it could not be better?' Very few, if any.

However, it might be better if, in future, the B.B.C. were to approach the Central Council in connection with broadcast ringing. We might then hear ringing from some of the outstanding towers, well known for the good quality of their ringing and I've no doubt but that we should profit from hearing such ringing and would strive to equal it or surpass it.

Finally, Mr. John A. Hill, who makes such an outspoken criticism of the broadcast ringing, would do well to listen a little more attentively himself, for then he might have heard eight bells at Portishead, ringing Grandsire Triples (local band) in an area where the ringers don't care for the adjective 'stoney.'—Yours sincerely,

Bath, Somerset. ROGER O. FRY.

**CRAZE FOR SPEED**

Dear Sir.—I have read with interest the correspondence re the Christmas Day broadcast. In spite of bad striking the broadcast was spoiled mostly by what seemed to be bad positioning of the microphones. I noticed that each time a tower was 'faded' in and out, the bells sounded much better than when they were 'on,' particularly in the case of Willenhall.

I wish to make no defence for bad striking, but isn't one of the causes of bad striking the craze for speed? Isn't it a fact that 'stoney' ringers obtain better striking because they are inclined to ring slower than method ringers? Slower striking in itself is not a remedy as it tends to produce waves as against the clashes produced by speed. The remedy lies in three basic qualifications, i.e., good bell control, mastery of method and a good ear. The first can be obtained by good instruction, the other two cannot be obtained by instruction, only by personal application.

One last observation, in my experience, good striking is one of those things that just happens. I do not believe there is a band of ringers in the country who can produce perfect striking at any given moment.—Yours truly,

Godshill, I. of W.

L. BAILEY.

**AN HONEST BROADCAST****Warning to Central Council Against Interference**

Dear Sir.—If the B.B.C. happen to read the January 5th issue of 'The Ringing World,' they would be justified in deciding that there will be no more broadcasting of bells. Not because of the quality of the ringing but because of the ill-feeling the broadcast has clearly produced.

When Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested that he hoped that the B.B.C. would ask someone to advise them in future on the selection of bells, perhaps one is justified in assuming that he had in mind the Central Council. If so, God forbid!! The Central Council has a useful function to perform in being a centre point for the collection and distribution of information of use or of interest to ringers; but if there is any suggestion of it arrogating to itself the position of deciding who may or who may not broadcast, then one feels that it is time to remind the C.C. that it is only an unofficial body able to claim a precarious allegiance from possibly 40 per cent. of known ringers. In other words, having no legal authority, its decisions can be ignored with impunity. Moreover, if the principle of the B.B.C. consulting an 'expert' was established we all know what that would mean; namely that all the plums would be taken by a small clique, and no one else would get a look in.

Let us examine this question from a wider angle. From time to time, services, with bells, are broadcast. In passing, it is suggested that no broadcast of services, if it is to include bells, should be allowed without consulting an 'expert.' I do not know what procedure the B.B.C. adopt, but presumably they either approach an incumbent direct or through recognised legal channels, i.e., the Archdeacon and/or Rural Dean. Having arranged a broadcast, no incumbent worth his salt would attempt to fake it: he would not displace his organist because there happened to be a better a few miles away, or substitute some first-class choir for his own. In other words, he would put over an honest broadcast with his normal people. Why should he displace his ringers? If he did, his band would have every justification in telling him that he had better get his special band to go on doing the ringing. Provided a broadcast is honest it is none the worse for, perhaps, not being 100 per cent. perfect. In any case, an incumbent owes at least as much loyalty to his own people as no doubt he expects from them.

The average person could not care less about the method—see Mr. J. W. Haw's letter—and does not even know how many bells are being rung. If you do not believe that, ask your friends, whilst the record is being played, how many bells there are in the B.B.C. time signal. Possibly one in ten will name the number correctly. Again, one has only to ask people what they thought of such and such ringing to realise that ringing has to be really bad before the quality is criticised by the non-ringer.

The whole point is that the average person switches on his or her set to enjoy a broadcast and not with the fixed determination to criticise, which clearly was the intention of a number of ringers. Moreover, that Christmas broadcast was meant to give, and no doubt did give, pleasure to millions of listeners hardly any of whom would even notice an odd mis-strike, or not be very concerned if they did.

The consensus of opinion in our ringing chamber last Sunday was that the criticisms which have appeared in your paper have their root in selfish jealousy: and I do not think that that opinion is very wide of the mark.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER (Group Captain).  
Apperley, Glos.

NOTE.—Those who know Mr. Lewis and the other critics of the Christmas Day broadcast will strongly resent the imputation that selfish jealousy was at the root of their observations. Their desire is that in a broadcast the ringing should be a good example of our art and not immature, with indifferent handling.—ED.



## CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND, CENTENARY

### Bells Featured In An Historic Service

It has been estimated that over 20,000 people were present at the Canterbury Centennial Service of Thanksgiving held in Cathedral Square, Christchurch, on Sunday, December 17th, 1950. In the Cathedral, its surrounding Square and adjacent streets the people gathered to pay homage to Canterbury's pioneers, and thank God for the blessings of the past century.

Man had done his best to make the occasion fitting: Providence co-operated, and picturesque pageantry was played out in brilliant sunshine in weather such, we are told, as greeted the pilgrims on December 16th, 1850.

While the representatives of the community, the province and the nation were assembling in their respective places, loudspeakers broadcast the bells of Canterbury Cathedral, England, the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. This record was followed by one of the bells of Christ Church, Oxford—the cathedral and college of John Robert Godley and the members of the Canterbury Association. The city of Christchurch is named after this college.

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where, on September 1st, 1849, Dr. Sumner, Archbishop of Canterbury, blessed the first Canterbury Pilgrims and their undertaking before they embarked on the first four ships, were next heard pealing out over the city and were closely followed by the bells of the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, where later Canterbury Pilgrims worshipped before leaving England.

At the arrival of the Governor General and the viceregal party the National Anthem was played. Then was sounded a fanfare of trumpets to mark the conclusion of the first century of the Canterbury Settlement and to mark the beginning of the second century.

The service began with the vast congregation, led by a mixed choir of over 200, singing the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' during which the procession of church dignitaries, including the Primate of England (Dr. G. F. Fisher), the Primate of New Zealand (Archbishop West-Watson), eight bishops and representatives of most other communions, wended its way through the Cathedral precincts to the temporary balcony erected above the west door of the Cathedral.

The first lesson was read by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of New Zealand (the Rt. Rev. J. A. Thomson). The lesson was from Genesis 12, 1-9. The Rev. Canon P. Temuera, M.B.E., gave thanks in his native tongue for the work of the Maori evangelists, Tamihana, Taawao, Hohepa, and others, who brought the Christian Gospel to the Maori people before the establishment of the Canterbury Settlement. The past chairman of the Methodist Conference (the Rev. H. J. Odell) read the second lesson, Hebrews, 11, 8-16. This was followed by prayers for the future by the Archbishop of New Zealand. The sermon, given by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. G. F. Fisher) was framed around the text from the Epistle to the Hebrews: 'For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.'

His Grace impressed the congregation with a deep sense of the importance of the occasion. His call was to work, under God, as the pilgrims had done, in building for the future.

Following the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the Blessing, the trumpets and organ sounded for joy; and the bells of the Cathedral rang out as the people streamed away from what was surely the most impressive gathering in the province's century of history.

A. J. L.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Syston District

It is very encouraging to be able to report another good year of progress in the life of the Syston District.

Eleven towers were visited during the year, namely:—Syston, Thurnby, Humberstone, Rothley, Cossington, Mountsorrel, Thrusington, Ashby Folville, Birstall, Sibley and Barkby; the meeting at Ashby Folville being a joint one with the Melton District. The attendance at these averaged 42 as compared with 30 last year which, considering the size of the district, is worthy of note.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. G. H. Bostock, of Rothley. Mr. Bostock joined the M.C.A. in 1927, and although not a prolific peal ringer, gave of his best every Sunday.

Eighteen members were elected during the year, thus bringing the total membership up to 112, and of this number 100 have paid their subscription.

Mr. J. Norton, of Billesdon, was made an honorary life member in recognition of his faithful services.

Collections for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £5 18s. 10d., a little short of last year's figure, but nevertheless, a good effort. Included in this total is £1 12s. collected at Syston, which was handed to the Rector of Hoby for his Steeple Fund.

The number of towers in the District has now increased to 16, with the addition of Humberstone, Mountsorrel and Barrow-on-Soar, which have been recently transferred from other Districts. Hoby bells can be rung again, as the repairs to the steeple have now been completed. The ringers are to be congratulated on raising the money needed in just under 12 months.

In conclusion, the chairman and secretary wish to thank those who have supported them during their term of office, and especially to the ladies who take so much trouble in preparing teas.

F. K.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### South-West Division

Optimism and progress were the keynotes of the secretary's report to the annual meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association held at Dagenham on January 6th.

The most significant feature of the report was the increase in membership—23 ringing members making a total of 250, and 13 honorary members, making a total of 42.

Spliced Surprise was now being practised in the Division; the record length of Bob Royal at Prittlewell, Albanian Royal at the same tower, and a greater variety of methods rung at most towers were also reported.

Approximately 60 members received a very cordial welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Siviter), a very great friend and admirer of ringers generally.

Confidence in the officers was shown when all were re-elected, viz.:—Master, J. H. Chalk (Wanstead); secretary, F. V. Gant (Hornchurch); committee representatives, J. Sitch (Brentwood) and J. Grove (Leytonstone).

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Chaplin, the local Master and tower-keeper. Ringing was continued after tea at Dagenham and St. Margaret's, Barking.

## NORTHAMPTON TOWER CAPTAIN MARRIED

On January 6th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Northampton, Mr. W. R. Hammons, Ringing Master of the Northampton Branch, was married to Miss M. Griffin.

In the afternoon, at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, where Mr. W. R. Hammons is tower captain, a quarter peal of Grandisle Triples was rung by the following:—E. Frost 1, B. O. Soden 2, E. Nobles 3, J. King 4, P. Jones 5, J. Dove 6, G. Care (conductor) 7, E. G. Bennett 8.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Ilchester Deanery Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Ilchester and Merston Deaneries Branch held at Yeovil on January 6th, over 40 members and visiting ringers were present, including a member of the Central Council, Mr. H. Sanger.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Preb. H. Mortlock Treen, assisted by the Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Rev. D. Ballard.

At the business meeting, the officers were re-elected, viz.:—Preb. V. W. Saunders, chairman; Mr. T. Setter, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; Mr. Walter Poole, Ringing Master.

The general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, wrote regretting not being able to attend, as on the first Saturday in each month he helped at a ten-bell practice at Wrington.

Arising out of the minutes was the question of the part ringers would take in the Festival of Britain. After some discussion, it was decided it could be left to individual towers.

Mr. T. Setter was nominated as a candidate for the Central Council representatives.

Places chosen for the year's meetings were Hazelbury Plucknett, Kingsdon, West Coler, and the annual at Martock.

H. F.

## CAWTHORNE'S HAPPY YEAR

Cawthorne Church bellringers, with their wives and friends, had a supper at the Golden Cross Cafe on December 30th, to celebrate ringing successes during 1951.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. S. Meanley) congratulated the team on winning both the Barnsley Shield and the Cup and also thanked them for consistent Sunday service ringing since the ban was lifted.

By a stroke of good fortune the team was complete for two members of the team, C. Rusby and B. Broadhead at present serving with H. M. forces, were able to obtain leave.

## HONEYMOON RINGING

On the last afternoon of the old year, the Piddlehinton ringers had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Vivian Williams of St. Wenn, Cornwall, and his bride, on the first day of their honeymoon.

Arrangements had been made for the happy couple to take part in a quarter peal at Piddlehinton, but owing to their late arrival (the bridegroom blamed the lack of signposts!) this had to be cancelled. However, about 30 minutes' ringing was enjoyed at Piddlehinton, Puddletown and Bere Regis. Thanks are due to the three incumbents for allowing the use of their bells.

On the following Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Williams, on their return journey, together with members from Piddlehinton, were given a grand reception in the tower at North Cadbury by Mr. W. A. Osborn and his band of ringers, who placed the bells at the disposal of the visitors for over an hour.

E. T. P. E.

## THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

The ringers spat upon their hands  
And grasped their sallies red,  
The eighth man looked at his watch.  
'Now it is twelve,' he said.

'The Old Year's gone, I'll toll for him.'  
And straightway he began  
To toll twelve strokes upon his bell,  
Twelve strokes are for a man

As midnight struck, the tolling ceased.  
'Going,' said Number One.  
The ringers all 'gan pull the ropes,  
The New Year had begun.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven,  
eight,

The bells made merry din.  
The Old Year had been tolled out,  
The New Year welcomed in.

CHUMMY (aged 14).



## OBITUARY

### MR. F. G. BRADLEY

By the death of Mr. F. George Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods, the Lancashire Association has suffered a serious loss. He had a seizure on December 19th and passed away soon after the New Year had been ushered in. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Bradley learnt to ring on the installation of the bells at Whittle in 1910 and continued without a break until a few months ago. For the last ten years he had been chief ringer in this tower. Handicapped as a ringer by having only one eye, he was a capable standard method ringer up to Superlative.

For nearly 20 years he was Master of the Preston Branch and served on the committee for a similar period. Skilled in debate, he excelled as a chairman or in committee work and was well known to most Lancashire ringers.

He took a deep interest in his service ringing, but had a number of peals to his credit. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow and two daughters.

By his own wish his remains were cremated at Carleton, Blackpool, on January 5th after a service at his home. Half-muffled ringing by ringers of St. John's and visitors took place to coincide with the cremation. A peal will be attempted in due course. E. R. M.

### MR. W. A. CLARK

One of the oldest honorary members of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. A. Clark, died at his home, Swanshurst, Moseley, on December 15th. For many years Mr. Clark had been a familiar figure at the Henry Johnson Dinner, and at meetings of the Guild, and his genial personality won him many friends.

### OTTERY ST. MARY

#### The Last of the Kelly Band

The passing of Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery St. Mary, recalls to Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, memories of the days when there were only six bells in this tower.

'Call changes were then rung,' he writes, 'and I was the one to see that the cards were placed before each ringer and collect them afterwards. That was in 1886.'

John Godfrey was the last link with that generation of ringers of which my great-grandfather was a ringer in 1790. Now there is no Godfrey connected with ringing at Ottery, a connection which lasted 200 years from father to son.

'When the two trebles were added in 1887, call-changes were still the order. When the Rev. Maitland Kelly became Vicar, he introduced change-ringing, but old Grandfather Godfrey was violently opposed to it and would only have call-changes rung on Sundays for some years after Mr. Kelly's advent.'

'The Reverend gentleman trained a band of youngsters, of whom John and four younger brothers and myself were part. We had to practise with bells silent until we could ring 168 fairly well.'

'In the course of time the call-change ringers gave out. Strange to relate, old Grandfather Godfrey learnt to ring the treble and did it so well that he was in the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by his son, S. H. Godfrey, aged 16. A previous attempt was lost in the last 500 through a missed call and then the old man was furious, saying he would never ring again.'

'Change-ringing flourished at Ottery until the band began to break up. G. White departed to Dorchester. Fred and Sydney Godfrey to London. J. E. Baker to Yeovil and myself to Wootton Bassett, where we carried on the good work of the Rev. Maitland Kelly.'

'Since then I have rung many peals in all parts of the country. Always on my yearly visit to Ottery for the last 53 years have I received the greatest kindness from my old friend John and family. Now I am the last ringing member of the Kelly band. All have departed and John has joined them. Lest them rest in peace.'

### ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—

On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: W. C. Dowling (cond.) 1, Molly P. Flynn 2, W. James 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson 5, T. C. Woodward 6, H. C. Kent 7, P. Merry 8. First quarter for 6 and 8. A compliment to the Rev. G. J. Hodgins, M.A., on having completed 25 years as Rector.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. F. Layton 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Jill Brittain 3, D. N. Layton 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pitso (cond.) 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. First in method by 1 and 2.

**BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single, 180 Plain Bob): W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, A. Tomkins 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett (first quarter in three methods) 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Hart 1, R. Beale 2, Betty Stephenson (first 'inside') 3, J. V. Lonsbrough 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled in the last hour of 1950.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lyddiard 1, M. F. Oakshott 2, Hilda Oakshott 3, G. F. James 4, E. C. Bishop 5, P. T. Brett-Smith (first quarter in the method) 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, Brian Bishop 8.

**BURTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Golding 1, Betty Griffiths 2, B. R. Kenny 3, J. Boutland 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, Heather Logan 6.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.**—On Dec. 31st, 7 Stedman Doubles, 600 Sandal, 720 Duke of York, 504 Oxford, 120 London Scholars: K. H. Wood 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, A. Rusby 4, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

**CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.**—On Dec. 16th, at Christchurch Cathedral, 1,176 Grandsire Triples: C. Hollobon 1, S. Barnett 2, N. Reeve 3, C. Ward 4, N. Sloan 5, J. de Lambert 6, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. First quarter of Triples by all except the conductor. To mark the centenary of the founding of the Province of Canterbury.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brinson 1, B. Peters 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. Hooper 4, F. Paramore 5, E. Hellier 6. First in the method by the regular Sunday service band.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. R. Fleetwood 1, D. Beard 2, Miss R. L. Hopkins (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 4, S. Kelly 5, I. Campbell 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. R. Fleetwood (first as cond.) 8.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Deadman 1, J. Jones 2, Olive Deadman 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, Mrs. Wiggins (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire for all the band.—Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's): Olive Deadman 1, Audrey Deadman 2, J. Jones 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, T. Clarke (first quarter) 6. First quarter in five methods for all.

**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, P. C. Holmes 2, R. Ferris 3, J. Amer 4, A. J. H. Scott (cond.) 5, T. Wood 6.

**FAIRFOLD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Bob Doubles, 360 St. Dunstan's and 180 of Grandsire): Miss F. Hope 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss E. Morse 3, Miss J. Morse 4, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 5, G. Budge 6.

**FELPHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. P. Peskett 1, H. J. Peskett 2, G. W. Holliss 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6. Rung half-muffled following memorial service for the Rev. E. V. Bond.

**FRAMPTON, Lincs.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 London Surprise, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 180 Plain Bob): E. Kemp 1, F. Bishop (first 720 London) 2, A. Young 3, J. R. Kemp 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Plain Bob, 180 St. Clement's): E. Kemp 1, F. Bishop 2, H. Young 3, J. R. Kemp 4, T. Cummins (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. R. Young 6.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: R. Armstrong 1, S. Proctor 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. Relf 4, F. Proctor 5, F. S. Parsons 6, C. Blake 7, H. R. Woods (first on ten as cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. A wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

**HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Griffiths 1, Hazel Close 2, Mrs. D. Griffiths 3, J. Hayes, sen. 4, A. Close 5, T. Griffiths 6, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 7, J. Hayes, jun. 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1950.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, W. N. Genna 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Hiscock 1, E. Edmundson 2, H. Y. Gardner 3, A. Ager 4, D. Cull 5, J. M. Page 6, A. F. Cull 7, D. C. Price (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Col. E. S. Woolley and Mr. T. W. M. Bennett, former churchwardens.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Beene 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepany 3, C. J. Piper 4, B. Stepany 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 3, 4 and 5, and also by the local band. A farewell to E. Gavan D. Tonkin, who is joining the R.A.F. at Cranwell.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): A. B. Brooks 1, P. E. Dodd 2, B. C. Stirland 3, R. W. Rex 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. F. Smith 6.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. S. Bigge 1, A. E. Cox 2, A. R. Blaby 3, P. Newton 4, J. D. Kape 5, D. Cox 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' on Jan. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, H. W. Rogers 4, A. I. Pearson 5, E. Dodds 6, D. J. Charnley (cond.) 7, R. Chamberlain (first quarter) 8. Rung as a fourth birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Rogers.—Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, D. J. Charnley 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, F. D. Bishop 6, A. L. Pearson (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8. Rung immediately before midnight.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss R. J. Pett 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, A. L. Pearson 5, T. E. Davies 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, R. Chamberlain 8.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, H. Nicholls 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. An engagement compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,261 Grandsire Doubles: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, L. H. Colcombe (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. H. Young (cond.) 3, A. Oakley 4, A. Colcombe 5, L. Davies (first quarter) 6.

**LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Evans 1, Miss M. Davis 2, F. E. Roberts 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. T. Wingate 5, R. T. Jones 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, E. W. Colley 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 3, 6 and 8.

**LONGPARISH, HANTS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews (aged 91) 1, G. Brown 2, F. Tonges 3, C. Ball 4, O. G. Smart (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer upon his 91st birthday.

**MATHON, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: W. Ranford 1, G. Lewis 2, R. Lewis 3, W. Nutt 4, F. Merrick 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Angel (first quarter in the method) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, W. C. West 5, A. W. J. Hunt (first quarter 'inside') 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, C. G. Gibbons 8.

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard 3, F. Cooper 4, R. Simmonds 5, D. Rowlands 6, P. Everett 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Goodchild 9, J. W. Banks 10. Rung after the dedication service of a memorial window to the memory of Mary Louisa Fordham, who was a ringer at this church for 22 years.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At St. Leodegarius' on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Pinder 1, S. Pinder 2, Patricia Lewin 3, H. Lewin 4, G. Paling 5, R. Carlisle 6, H. Seagrave (cond.) 7, B. Bates 8. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. F. Hill, who gave the 6th bell in memory of her husband, Dr. W. Hill.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, J. K. Shadrack 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Mary, Shadrack (first as cond.) 5, P. Eves 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WESTMINSTER.**—At the Abbey on the Feast of St. Stephen, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, D. E. Parsons 3, R. W. Green 4, H. Langdon (cond.) 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, A. B. Peck 8.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, R. W. Green 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. N. Pitso 6, H. Langdon (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Cannell 4, W. A. Hughes (first extent of Double Oxford) 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.—Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (720 and 540): Mary Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, R. Bird 6.



## OPERATION SNOWSTORM

### In Mid-Buckinghamshire on Boxing Day

On Boxing Day, nine campaigners from round about Bedford launched their offensive into the mid-Buckinghamshire countryside. Our optimistic hopes were rewarded by icy roads and sunny skies as our convoy of three Morris Eightys started out together at Bromham.

The first objective, Little Horwood, was reached at ten o'clock. After admiring the unusual wall-painting in the church, we raised the five bells for some good striking. Next, we were made welcome at Great Horwood by the Rector. The six bells here have much to commend themselves to the ringer. A striking feature of the church is an enormous flag-pole on the tower.

The twelve o'clock chimes and an accompanying tune on the bells greeted us at Winslow. The heavy-going six meant hard work for the tenor-man, but their tone was ample reward for our labours. One hour after leaving Winslow church and bells, we had a pleasant feeling inside us; not luck, but commendation had guided us to a splendid Christmas feast.

As a result, we reached Swanbourne late but it would have been a pity to have cut short our visit, as the six bells are a handy lot. Soon we were on the road to Mursley. The six here run fast and well; we only caught up with them two paraffin stoves had been lit to dispel the cold. Afterwards a good course of Plain Bob Major was rung on the church's enormous set of handbells.

Dusk was falling as we drew up to the church of Drayton Parslow on the hill. The treble here had no stay and we had to disentangle the rope. In spite of careful handling, however, the rope jumped the wheel and we had to resort to Doubles methods on the back five.

We ate our sandwich tea in the cars on the way to Stewkley, the last call of the day. We spent an hour and a half here, being reluctant to leave this spacious tower and richly Norman church. To conclude the day some of us adjourned to the King's Head and rang our handbells before an open fire.

The following are some of the methods we rang:—Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford Major, Stedman Triples and Doubles, Sandal Treble Bob, St. James' Youths' Exercise and St. Lawrence's Little Bob Minor. We should like to thank the incumbents and local ringers for allowing us to ring at seven. We hope representative, Buckinghamshire towers. R. W. S.

### QUARTER PEALS

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 7th. 1,440 Doubles, consisting of Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and Plain Bob: J. Pordson 1, B. Barber 2, S. Fenn 3, G. Walpole 4, A. E. Long 5. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walpole, both members of the local company. Also a farewell to W. Warner, who has joined H.M. Forces.

**POWICK, WORCS.**—On Dec. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Trumper 1, G. Morris 2, W. Compton 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardiner.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Jan. 2nd. 1,380 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Stedman, 600 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Taylor 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, R. Dowdeswell 3, D. Surman 4, H. Webb 5, F. Pendry 6. Rung for engagements of J. Hughes and J. M. Pendry, F. Humphries and J. M. Smith, also 13th wedding anniversary of H. Webb. First in four methods by all except conductor.

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—On Dec. 26th. 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. R. Martin 1, J. Charnock 2, J. Pordson 3, T. Barker 4, E. Cowperthwaite 5, V. C. J. Wood 6, K. Grayson 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8, A. Hatch 9, E. Gower 10. Rung as a tribute to Mr. G. Bradbury, senior churchwarden at Preston Parish Church, who died December 16th.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6.7.8 exxercise): A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. M. Osborne 3, H. F. Perry 4, Miss S. Booth 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, J. M. Aspinall 7, J. R. Brice 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

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### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Joycelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hilditch, Sunnyside, Rotherham, and Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rogers Thrybergh, Rotherham, Yorks. 8242

### RETURN THANKS

Mrs. John Potter and family thank all members of the Lancashire Association who have contributed to the late Mr. John Potter's memorial tablet. 8245

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Miss Gillian A. Smith is now Buckden, Old Heathfield, Sussex. 8271

### PUBLICATIONS

'THE TOWER AND BELLS OF SOLIHULL CHURCH,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 7s. 6d. post free from the author, Hollebecke, Witely Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. The complete story of this ancient tower and its ringers. Illustrated with photographs and with drawings by the author. 7946

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON,** is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Captain. 8141

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.** Subscriptions for 1951 to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire. Please note change of address. 8270

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—All communications with regard to this tower should be sent now to L. W. Bullock, 106, Gay Gardens, Dagenham, Essex.—H. Roome. 8251

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### MEETINGS

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. —Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. 8211

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 8203

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, at 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8172

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District. —The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8193

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Members please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8213

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells—St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.; All Saints' 4 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.30 p.m.. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8202

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. 8199

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Please notify W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross. 8205

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting. 8208

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20th at Bletchingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Ringing after. 8219

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, meeting after.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8201

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Sat., Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8223

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting will be held at Guiseley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in Parish Hall. (Members thereof please attend without further notification.) Service 4 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8210

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Tea and meeting, Abbey Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) available after meeting.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8237

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.30 p.m., Whickham, St. Mary's. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to S. Thompson. Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8253

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Rawtenstall, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter 8247

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 20th. Usual times.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 8216

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Jan. 20th. Ringing: Cathedral and All Saints', 2.30—4.30; St. Margaret's, 3.30—4.30. 6.30—7.30. Tea, 5. in St. Martin's Schools.—John R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8272

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 20th. Chelsea, 2.15. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.45. All welcome.—Hutchings. 8262



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8283

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, Uphill, near Weston-super-Mare. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, at Devonla, Uphill Way. 8256

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Notify by Jan. 23rd for tea.—J. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. Somerset. 8207

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 27th at 2.30. By kind invitation of the Mayor of Doncaster, tea and business meeting will be in the Mansion House at 5. All ringers invited to ring at St. George's and inspect the historic Mansion House. Names without fail by previous Tuesday to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8231

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Margaret's Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 8229

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 111, High Holborn. Business meeting, including election of officers. Ringing also at Bishopsgate and Clerkenwell from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8206

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. 8209

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Cray (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than Jan. 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8246

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton on Jan. 27th. Bells (10) at 3. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Cafes available.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8239

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Bells—All Saints, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Paul's, 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham. B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8204

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8228

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d. from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower Knowle, Bristol. 3 8123

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. —Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8220

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Provisional arrangements: St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4; St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury 8234

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual district meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service, All Saints' Church, 4.30. Tea 5, All Saints' Church Room. Names by Jan. 23rd for tea.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8212

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Shepton Mallet. 8269

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Witton on January 27th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before Jan. 22nd to Alfred Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath. 8261

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. Mary's, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, by Jan. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 8278

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Original towers unobtainable. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements. Good attendance requested.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8268

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Names to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, 4. 8255

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, Jan. 27th, Shirland (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 24th to Mr. R. Mason, Town End, Shirland, Derby. 8267

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Over (8), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m.—M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 8276

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. All bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Prince of Wales. 8259

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Mangotsfield (8), Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business, elections, etc., 6 p.m. Tea notifications immediately please to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8248

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members take own food. Business meeting in the tower, 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 8279

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Angel Hotel. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, please. No names, no tea.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 8263

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Ringing 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8266

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 22nd to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8260

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting will be at Benefield and Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8254

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. 8250

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, at Poole. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by Jan. 24th. 8258

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 2—5. Service 5. Meeting, Hawdon Institute, 5.45. Dinner, 8s. each, Londesborough Hotel, Selby, 6.30. Names for dinner, together with remittance, by Jan. 23rd to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8273

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 3.30 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 6.45 to 7.30 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business, St. Chad's Vestry, 6 p.m. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 8777

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A.G.M., February 3rd. Ringing at Elstow 2.30—4; St. Peter's, Bedford, 3—4.25 and during evening. Service, St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. To ensure a good meal, names by Jan. 29th.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8249

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11 Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 8265

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—East Malling (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd (not Feb. 8th, as given in error on programme card). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8274

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 27th to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding. 8240

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby on Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 31st to H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 8257

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8252

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Prior's Court, Chieveley, Newbury, Berks. 8264

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Ravenshorpe, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Jan. 29th, please.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8275

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Annual Dinner, February 3rd. Ringing arrangements: R.C. Church, 2; St. Bene't's 3; St. Mary's 4; St. Andrew's 5.30. Business meeting at St. Andrew's (5.30) for election of Central Council representatives. The consent of nominees should first be obtained. Any other members intending to be present please reply at once.—A. W. T. Cleaver (Downing). 8282

**ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ELTHAM, S.E.9.**—On Saturday, Feb. 3rd, the tower will be open for members and friends of the Lewisham District. Tea (1/6) 4.30. Handbells. Tower bells available from 5.30 till 9. Music and dancing for those who wish to remain in the hall. Names to F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9. 8281



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243657	After making 3rds over
762543	7 again call B.S.B.S.
756324	Odd parts, as above.
437256	over 7th.
S 264537	Even parts as above, but
256743	over 6th.
372456	Even times repeated
643572	with Bob for Single at
654237	end of 6th and 12th
726354	parts.
437526	PART ENDS
453672	423 432
264753	342 243
372564	234 324
357426	423 432
643257	342 243
726543	— 324 — 234
752364	Odd Part Ends 7—6
437652	Even Part Ends 6—7
S 624537	
652743	
376452	
S 423576	part end

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## PEAL RINGERS OF 1950

ONE of the fascinating things about ringing is the meticulous care with which records are kept. There are, it is true, ringers who are not interested in such things, probably through fear of becoming egotistical; others who regard records as mundane and not in keeping with the art of change ringing and its primary function. The majority of our readers are, however, interested in the realm of personal achievement as applied to the Exercise.

Heading last year's list of peal ringers is Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, with a total of 106 peals. Mr. Fearn held the same distinction in 1948 when he scored 108 peals, but he failed the following year to reach the century mark. Recently he rang his 700th peal. Of his peals in 1950, 100 were rung on tower bells.

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, who is second on the list with 102 peals, concentrates largely on handbell ringing. Twenty-five different ringers took part in the handbell peals rung at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, of whom 13 were visitors. Mr. Matkin conducted 82 of the 96 peals he rang in hand and has to his credit the fact that he called more peals than any other ringer during 1950. Associated with him in many of the peals was Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, who rang 93 peals. No other lady exceeded the 40 peal mark in 1950. In two years she has rung 206 peals, a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm for this branch of the Exercise.

Mr. Walter P. Whitehead, that champion of the Midland Counties Guild, has had a profitable year with 89 peals, 11 short of his total last year. This includes five non-conducted peals. This friend, Mr. Ernest Morris, despite the calls of genealogical research, found time to ring 77 peals. His list of tower peals includes 11 of Doubles, 13 of Minor, 9 of Triples, 15 of Major, 3 of Caters and 1 of Cinques. Of the peals on lower number bells many were pioneer work with inexperienced bands. Mr. Morris' versatility is well known and his record for the year includes 42 lectures and three sermons. If his present rate of ringing is maintained he will soon have more peals to his credit than any other living ringer.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who in 1949 established a record with 143 peals in the year, rang 75 peals, closely followed by his fellow-officer in the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Alfred Ballard, with 70. Other Leicester enthusiasts figure

in our list, with Messrs. P. J. Staniforth (57), Terence A. Thornber (57), Shirley Burton (50) and John Bramley (47).

High up on the list are two Stoke-on-Trent ringers—Mr. F. W. Grocott (72) and Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw (68). The North Staffordshire Association, thanks largely to their keenness, have had probably their best peal ringing year. In 1949 Mr. Grocott just secured his footing with 41 peals.

The Chester Diocesan Guild have had a memorable year with peals of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, 8,032 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods and non-conducted peals of Bristol Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. There is real substance behind these performances, which cannot be lightly tossed off on a Saturday afternoon. Nevertheless, the Chester Guild have their representatives in the list—Messrs. John E. Bibby (Frodsham), W. Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), C. Kenneth Lewis and Ralph G. Edwards (Birkenhead).

Leading peal ringer in the Home Counties was Mr. R. F. B. Speed (Harrow) with 61 peals, followed by Mr. P. A. Corby with 43 (including 10 different Surprise methods). Mr. Leonard H. Bowler, of Cricklewood, N.W.2, who rang 42 peals and appears in our list for the first time, rang 39 peals of Surprise in 20 different methods. His spliced ringing included peals with 3, 4, 6, 9 and 12 methods. Another Londoner with a penchant for Surprise was Mr. A. Cutler, of Harlesden. He also rang peals in 20 Surprise methods with one each in 3, 6, 9 and 12 Spliced Surprise Major.

The Midland contingent are also well represented with Messrs. J. W. Frank Trotman (60), A. V. Pearson (58), H. E. Fearn (50), Terry R. Hampton (45), Howard Howell (40), Frank E. Haynes (40) and George E. Large (40). The last named, commenting on his performance, writes: 'For the first time in 26 years of ringing I am entitled to join the "Crazy Gang."' He adds that most of these peals were organised by himself, and he had the support of enthusiastic ringers. Mr. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, had also a meritorious list of 41 Surprise peals in 22 different Major, 8 different Surprise Royal and 9 different Surprise Maximus methods.

It was the privilege of Mr. Nolan Golden, the sole representative of East Anglia in the list, to call most tower bell peals in the year. Of his total of 43, he conducted 39 in tower bells and one 'in hand.' Mr. J. Frederick Milner, of Kirklington, Notts, also had a good



year with 58 peals, as did Mr. G. C. Briggs, of Chesterfield, with 45 peals from 79 attempts.

Another ringer with a varied list is Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford. He developed the cult of Spliced Surprise Major with peals in 4, 10, 16, 18, 20 and 22 methods. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, of Hereford, who was listed two years ago, scored just 40, and another newcomer who deserves congratulation is Mr. Harry Parkes, of Ashford, Kent, who just got in the list.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 8
JOHN WORTH .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 10
ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. 11
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Treble	†PETER G. PARROTT .. .. 7
FRANK L. FISHER .. .. 2	‡WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 8
*ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3	HERBERT G. GILLINGS .. .. 9
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 4	*ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER .. .. 5	JOHN F. TILLET .. .. 11
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 6	‡A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Kent Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal on 12 bells as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. Mrs. Marriott (nee Tillett) and William Ernest Pye, son of Mr. E. W. Pye.

## TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	‡S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 6
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	†HARRY POYNER .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	§NORMAN G. MCCRUM .. .. 8
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4	§JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire. ‡ First peal of Royal. § First peal of Yorkshire Royal. A farewell peal to John B. Bennett, who is going overseas on National Service.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE .. 6
RALPH COLES .. .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 7
JEAN M. BROOMFIELD .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 8
*DOREEN COKER .. .. 4	EDWARD R. COLES .. .. 9
SYLVIA COKER .. .. 5	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* 25th peal. Rung to celebrate 50 years' partnership on the above bells by 1 and 2, during which they rang 78 peals together, of which F. Hayes conducted 52. An 89th birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 7th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 7
HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 3	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 8
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 9
SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 5	†PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WALLACE .. .. Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 8
THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 5	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST WALLACE.

First peal of Stedman and of Caters as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW .. .. Treble	WALTER STEEN .. .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. .. 2	EDWIN WILLIAMS .. .. 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 3	BENJAMIN BARKER .. .. 7
JACK W. GLEW .. .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to their popular captain, Jack Glew, on attaining his 70th birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	ALAN J. BUTLER .. .. 5
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 2	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 6
FREDK. A. MUNDAY .. .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15 cwt.
*BRIAN BISHOP .. .. Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD .. .. 5
TOM BRETT-SMITH .. .. 2	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. 3	EDWARD C. BISHOP .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. BISHOP.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's Four-part Variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

HARRY POYNER .. .. Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 5
*DAVID S. HARRIS .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 6
*WILLIAM A. LACY .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	JOHN GRANT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman.



METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Treble	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
*FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2	*MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 6
†GILLIAN A. SMITH .. 3	*JOHN E. COOK .. 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. † 25th peal. A farewell peal to the ringer of the third, who is leaving the district.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDNER .. Treble	*PETER ANGER .. 5
*MARY I. KENNELLY .. 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 4	ELI VINCENT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A 17th birthday compliment to Brian Bladon, who had to withdraw from the band through illness.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT J. STOKES .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL .. 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 2	†PETER ANGER .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 7
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.

\* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	*FRANK REED .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. Treble	PETER ANGER .. 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	WILLIAM E. COURT .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 5
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
*JILL BRITTAIN .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Joyce A. England.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE .. Treble	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	GERALD ARMSTRONG .. 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4	JOHN E. LLOYD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith, of Ibstock, brother-in-law of the 4th ringer.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*NANCY MARKLEW .. Treble	EDWARD E. SOWMAN .. 5
CECIL E. CARR .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 7
*JOYCE BRAY .. 4	CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. MEASURES.

\* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ISAAC SMITH .. Treble	*JACK SMITH .. 5
†WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 2	*F. RONALD FORSTER .. 6
*MARGARET E. WHITE .. 3	*ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 7
*HENRY KIRK .. 4	*ERIC ELLISON .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by ERIC ELLISON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since being augmented. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. L. Copus, the new curate of the parish.



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## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*MICHAEL LIMMER .. ..	Treble	AUDREY EWINS .. ..	5
WILLIAM H. EASTNELL ..	2	DAVID H. PEARCE .. ..	6
RODGER POSNETT .. ..	3	JAMES BROOKES .. ..	7
†WILLIAM BUTLER .. ..	4	WILLIAM HENLEY .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. PEARCE.

\* 1st peal. † 25th peal.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*JUDY DODSON (15) .. ..	Treble
WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. ..	2
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ..	3
GILLIAN A. SMITH .. ..	4
RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..	5
BRIAN D. THREFAILL .. ..	6
*FISHER J. DODSON .. ..	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HARRIS (73) .. ..	Treble
JAMES SMITH .. ..	2
JACQUELINE EVANS .. ..	3
DAVID KING .. ..	4
CHARLES ROUSE .. ..	5
JOHN W. DAVIS (82) .. ..	6
LESLIE BARRY .. ..	7
*GRAHAM LONG .. ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jacqueline Evans.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EILEEN S. WYLES .. ..	Treble
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. ..	2
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. ..	3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. ..	4
WILFRED S. PALIN .. ..	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. ..	6
GEORGE KENWARD .. ..	7
ERIC NAYLOR .. ..	Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Cyril S. Jarrett.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.	
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ..	Treble
*MARGARET E. RICHARDS ..	2
*MARY I. KENNELLY .. ..	3
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS ..	4
†WALTER H. TRUUMAN .. ..	5
†IVOR H. TRUUMAN .. ..	6
JACK R. WORRALL .. ..	7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
MARGARET H. BAKER .. ..	Treble
*A. ROBIN GUY .. ..	2
*SHIRLEY RYMER .. ..	3
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. ..	4
JOHN B. GUY .. ..	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. ..	6
PETER C. WRIGHT .. ..	7
REGINALD L. SILLS .. ..	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.	
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. ..	Treble
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. ..	2
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. ..	3
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. ..	4
LESLIE G. BRETT .. ..	5
SIDNEY W. ARBON .. ..	6
ALBERT E. WHITING .. ..	7
A. PATRICK CANNON .. ..	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First touch in the method as conductor.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. ..	Treble
*DONALD COOMBS .. ..	2
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. ..	3
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN .. ..	4
FRANK C. MAY .. ..	5
GERALD FROST .. ..	6
*PETER J. KING .. ..	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
ALEXANDER PAGE .. ..	Treble	*JOHN W. MEADE .. ..	4
NELIA M. LEAHY .. ..	2	PATRICK PAGE .. ..	5
*A. GORDON LEAHY .. ..	3	†TOM PAGE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

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

## BARMING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
DAVID G. GUNNER .. ..	Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. ..	4
FREDERICK E. MANSEY .. ..	2	CHARLES H. G. RUFFLE ..	5
WILLIAM T. GRICE .. ..	3	HENRY J. MANSEY .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

## SANDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*ALISON WOOD .. ..	Treble
*MARGARET TOMLIN .. ..	2
†FRANK W. TOMLIN .. ..	3
ALBERT H. KEMP .. ..	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. ..	5
S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

## CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and forty 120's with ten different callings.		Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. ..	Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ..	3
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. ..	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. ..	4
CLAUDE COUSINS .. ..	Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.



## BARMING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	LUTHER HONESS .. .. 4
*MARGARET H. BAKER .. 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 3	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

\* First peal in more than one method. † 50th peal. First peal in six methods as conductor.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in six methods. The conductor's 75th peal of Minor, conducted 54, rung in 74 different towers.

## EWELME, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER .. .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany. The first peal on the bells, recently restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co.

## LOCKING, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Norfolk and Old Double and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*DERRICK MILLIER .. .. Treble	MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 4
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 2	WILLIAM HART .. .. 5
†SAMUEL WHITE .. .. 3	HENRY BUTTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

## SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. R. PARKER.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A compliment to Rev. C. K. Clay upon his appointment to Saxilby.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two of Plain Bob and four extents of Single Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HUGH LONGLAND .. .. Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4
*DONALD H. METTAM .. 2	*FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in three methods.

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## TARRING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*KEITH S. BRYDER .. .. Treble	RICHARD WILSON .. .. 4
ANSLEY BOWERS .. .. 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 5
BARRY W. M. COWPER .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal of Minor.

## TRYSELL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR \*

Being seven 720's, called differently.

*HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 4
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. 2	†FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* 300th peal and completes the 'circle' at this tower. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

## WELLOW, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*LT.(E) D. S. ELWOOD-ROW Treble	TREVOR J. HAYWARD .. 4
WALTER J. STARR .. .. 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN .. 5
SHIRLEY P. DRAKE .. .. 3	REGINALD SKUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor; also a farewell peal to the tower Master, Lieut. Row, R.N., who is leaving to take up another service appointment. First peal on the bells for 40 years.

## WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*MIRIAM R. JAMES .. .. Treble	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. .. 5
*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal on the bells for 19 years.

## WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven different extents.

*LEONARD COLLEY .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
*JOHN COLLEY .. .. 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 3	†DENNIS A. PASSANT .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*W. D. KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	*WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 4
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 5
†HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3	†CECIL RADDON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung for the centenary of the hanging of these bells.

## CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Double Court, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROBERT J. STOKES .. .. Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 4
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM E. COURT .. .. 5
*MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods as conductor. To mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardiner.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2	ALAN CATELL .. .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	*JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 'in hand.'

## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all. First peal in the method as conductor.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,536 Plain, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in eight methods. Witness: A. G. JAMES.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Hunt.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5-6
JILL POOLE .. .. 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7-8
*NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal on handbells.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

AT 4, CLARENCE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Mary Bennet and Mr. John Davey.

## NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 13, ICKWELL GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 1-2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3-4
CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD 5-6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

First peal on bicycle bells.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, E. Brown 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who is leaving for Southampton.

**BELFAST, N. IRELAND.**—On Jan. 6th at St. Donard's, Bloomfield, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Stewart 1, R. King 2, F. King 3, S. Kenny 4, J. Rush (cond.) 5, Ann Mercer 6. First quarter in the method for all except conductor.

**CARDIFF, GLAM.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hannington 2, J. Davies 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, T. Yeomans 5, J. Evans 6, A. W. Heath 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral on Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Bousfield 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Ling 5, C. Lightning 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, A. Harvey 8. With 6-8 behind. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lightning.

**CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 240 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Tattersall 1, D. T. North 2, G. Gammon 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5. First quarter of Doubles in three methods by all.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Rhodes 1, K. Taylor 2, J. W. Hovey 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. H. Hill 6. Rung as a farewell to J. W. Hovey (cond.), who is joining H.M. Forces.

**DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Kimber 1, G. Clare (first quarter Stedman Triples) 2, Mrs. T. Kimber 3, F. Savage 4, V. Savage 5, E. Chivers 6, R. Beck (cond.) 7, A. Lintern 8.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Olive Deadman 1, Audrey Deadman 2, J. Jones 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymore (cond.) 5, Mrs. Wiggins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Littlewood, interred earlier in the day, widow of the late Vicar of Drayton.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Corderoy 1, R. B. Blond 2, B. L. Brown 3, D. Jordan 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, A. H. Webb 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Canon E. J. Evans.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Davey 1, J. Williams 2, R. Steer 3, G. Steer 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, H. Bromfield 6. First quarter in any method for 1, 3 and 4.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Pat McFarlane 1, Miss Judy Dodson 2, Miss Pam Collis 3, J. King 4, H. Colcombe 5, F. J. Dodson 6, J. Brent 7, W. Simmonds (cond.) 8.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Windwood (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Trotter 2, J. Smart 3, W. Welling 4, W. Birmingham 5, L. Stilwell 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

**IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Harvey 1, W. G. Damen 2, M. J. Percy 3, R. L. Wareham 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, J. N. Houghton 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Bishop 1, D. White 2, J. R. Kemp 3, E. Fisher 4, W. E. Clark 5, A. E. Flatters 6, J. Petch 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. H. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. E. Ham 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Giles' Church on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Frost 1, B. O. Soden 2, E. Nobles 3, J. King 4, P. Jones 5, J. Dove 6, G. Care (cond.) 7, E. G. Bennett 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. W. R. Hammons (captain of the tower) and Miss M. Griffin, married at St. Michael's on this day.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): Ann Humfrey (first quarter on a working bell) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Routh Paton (first quarter as cond.) 3, Margaret Paton 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Paton, of Radley College.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on Jan. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: B. A. Cornell 1, T. J. Lock 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, A. Day 4, A. W. Coles 5, A. Hatten 6, W. J. Arnold 7, C. Sayer 8, B. C. Johnson 9, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 10. The first quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal ever rung in the city. Rung to commemorate 43 years as a member and 28 years as conductor of the Cathedral Society by H. E. C. Goodenough.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Westwood (first quarter) 1, C. P. Parker (first quarter 'inside') 2, Ed. Large 3, T. Elliott 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,248 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Platt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, A. Clements 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Dunnington 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. Fields 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brooke 6, S. Gilbert 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At St. George's Church on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): T. G. Fox 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, H. G. Andrews 4, W. A. Theobald 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, J. Prior 8. Longest length of Spliced for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss B. E. Li. Roberts 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, G. Townsend 3, R. Townsend 4, H. Bishop 5, E. J. Bray 6, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 7, W. W. Daniell 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10. Rung for the golden wedding of the ringer of the third.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Smith (first of Surprise) 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, R. T. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Dec. 24th for midnight Mass, 1,320 Minor (720 College and 600 St. Clement's): Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss M. Webster 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6.—Also on Jan. 7th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of Norwich for 1 and 2.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Chappell (first of Bob Doubles, age 13) 1, E. Norman 2, R. Short 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Davis 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. B. Merchant (ringer at Wembdon for 46 years) and Mrs. Merchant, also 21st birthday compliment to E. Norman.

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Alec Dimmock 1, T. Barker 2, J. Charnock 3, J. Jackson 4, E. R. Martin 5, J. Blackburn 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, A. Hatch 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. G. Bradley, captain of this tower for 40 years, and Ringing Master of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding for 1951. These should be despatched immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Mr. Bryan Bristow, a member of the Leeds, Kent, band, has died on active service in Korea. The condolence of all ringers is expressed to his relatives.

Mr. P. Amos is in Ward 2, Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital, Northampton, for an operation to his leg.

An enquiry comes from Lyme Regis, whether Stratford Surprise Major has been rung before. The local company have registered a quarter.

Mr. George A. Naylor writes that the peal rung at Upchurch on December 22nd was Single Oxford Bob Minor and not Oxford Treble Bob Minor, as published.

Mr. W. A. Smith rang at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, the first peal on the bell that is dedicated to his father. We should imagine that very few sons have had a similar honour.

Mr. J. W. Davis has completed 60 years as tower master at Lydney, Gloucestershire and, despite his 82 years, his name appears in our peal columns this week.

Mr. R. D. Edge, of Queens' College, has been appointed hon. secretary of Cambridge University Guild in succession to Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver, who has had to resign owing to pressure of work.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Claybrooke, Leics, was a noteworthy occasion for the two lady ringers—Miss Nancy Marklew, of Hinchley, and Miss Joyce Bray, of the local band. They are the first ladies in their respective towers to ring a peal in this method.

The two current issues of the Peterborough Diocesan Youth Magazine contain instructive articles upon bells and ringing, edited by Mr. P. Amos. They are written specially to appeal to those contemplating recruiting among Youth Groups. Copies may be had from the Diocesan Youth secretary, Miss M. Stockdale, Little Houghton, Northampton.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Kent County Association are shortly to have available for its members a badge, an order having been placed with manufacturers. The badge is a striking one in red and white enamel with the Kentish horse drawn on the outline of a bell, in turn encircled with lettering.

We have received the January issue of 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District quarterly magazine. It is a readable production and the tradition established by Mr. Frank Wright, the first editor, is being well maintained.

A profitable week in the Swindon area was spent by Miss Mary Kennelly and Mr. Jack R. Worrall and other members of the Bristol University Society with seven peals in the bag. At Shrivvenham, Mr. Charles Gardner, who is 78 years, eight months, rang his first touch in Little Bob Major.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich on January 6th enabled Messrs. A. R. Andrews, C. A. Andrews, W. J. Button and E. W. Pye to complete peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus. The conductor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, has now called peals in this method from Minor to Maximus.

A father and his fifteen-year-old daughter scored their first peal together at Hersham, Surrey. For the daughter, Miss Judy Dodson, it was her first attempt. Mr. F. J. Dodson has been a Sunlay service ringer at Hersham for nearly 30 years and had previously stood in at least a dozen attempts in various methods before scoring his first peal.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on January 13th, in memory of the late Mr. Leonard Harris, unfortunately failed after approximately 4,700 changes had been rung. Ringers taking part were:—W. E. Cheater 1, H. Abrahams 2, D. R. Reed 3, R. N. Marlow 4, J. Hartless 5, J. Mussell, 6, F. L. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Lewis 8.

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## LEADING PEAL RINGERS of 1950

In response to our request we have compiled the following list of peal ringers for 1950. Only two ringers, it will be noted, have rung more than 100 peals—Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, and Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, of Bournemouth—compared with five in 1949.

Of those who have rung 1,000 peals, only one is represented in this year's list—Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn.....	100 (22)	6	106
Daniel T. Matkin.....	6 (2)	96 (82)	102
Mrs. F. J. Marshall say	9	84 (11)	93
Walter P. Whitehead..	47 (14)	42 (25)	89
Ernest Morris.....	52 (33)	25 (4)	77
Harold J. Poole.....	54 (37)	21 (12)	75
Frederick W. Grocott..	45 (27)	27 (21)	72
Alfred Ballard.....	34 (1)	36 (6)	70
Frederick E. Wilshaw..	47 (6)	21	68
Richard F. B. Speed...	54 (14)	7 (2)	61
J. W. Frank Trotman..	35 (11)	25 (6)	60
J. Frederick Milner...	57	1	58
Arthur V. Pearson.....	58 (3)		58
Walter Allman.....	57 (10)		57
John E. Bibby.....	57 (4)		57
Peter J. Staniforth....	42 (19)	15 (5)	57
Terence A. Thornber...	39 (2)	18	57
John Worth.....	52 (23)		52
Shirley Burton.....	50 (3)		50
Henry E. Fearn.....	50		50
James E. Daniels.....	3	45	48
John Bramley.....	28	19 (1)	47
George C. Briggs.....	32 (14)	13 (12)	45
Ralph G. Edwards.....	44 (1)	1	45
Terry R. Hampton.....	45		45
C. Kenneth Lewis.....	45 (14)		45
Philip A. Corby.....	42 (28)	1 (1)	43
Nolan Golden.....	42 (39)	1 (1)	43
Leonard H. Bowler....	42		42
Alec Cutler.....	42		42
Walter F. Judge.....	42 (26)		42
Howard Howell.....	40 (20)		40
Frank E. Haynes.....	39 (7)	1	40
George E. Large.....	40 (34)		40
Jack L. Millhouse....			40
Wilfrid F. Moreton....	39 (14)	1 (1)	40
Harry Parkes.....	40		40

Number conducted in parentheses.

Messrs. W. P. Whitehead, J. W. F. Trotman, F. W. Grocott, E. Morris and F. Wilshaw rang five peals non-conducted.

Messrs. W. Allman, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth, R. G. Edwards and C. K. Lewis rang two silent peals.

## HANDBELLS FROM BICYCLE BELLS

## Peal Rung on Novel Set

In our peal columns this week is recorded the first peal on bicycle bells, rung at Northill, Bedfordshire, on January 11th.

This set of handbells is the result of 14 years' work by Mr. G. William Wagstaff, of Northill, where he is churchwarden and captain of the ringers.

The set is made entirely of bicycle components comprising bicycle bells, spokes and nipples, valve seatings, leather straps and rubber repair patches.

The diameter and notes of the bells are:—Treble, 2 7/16 in., B flat; second, 2 3/16 in., A; third, 2 5/16 in., G; fourth, 2 11/16 in., F; fifth, 2 1/2 in., E flat; sixth, 2 9/16 in., D; seventh, 2 5/16 in., C; tenor, 2 7/8 in., B flat. The total weight is 2 lb. 3 1/2 oz.

Mr. Wagstaff has also made handbell sets from doorbells. His well-equipped workshop bears evidence that he is a worthy follower of the line of Northill craftsmen amongst whom is included the name of Thomas Tompion, the 17th century clockmaker.

## FIRST OLD BOYS' PEAL

The Old Lincolnians' Society has one peal to its credit, viz.: 5184 Bob Major rung 'in hand' in Lincoln School Library on September 2nd, 1947. The band was: P. M. Freeman 1-2, J. Freeman (conductor) 3-4, K. S. B. Croft 5-6, D. W. Townhill 7-8.

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

## MR. G. CROSS RE-ELECTED MASTER

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 13th.

Mr. George Cross presided at the business meeting, supported by Mrs. Matthews, the hon. secretary.

Arising from the minutes, the Master reported that Mr. R. Ling had arranged for a new supply of certificates to be printed at a much reduced cost. Regarding Shoreditch bells, they had met the Vicar and rung there on three occasions but found that the tenor bell did not go well. He had been in communication with the Vicar about this bell and also with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and they hoped it would be put right.

## LOSSES BY DEATH

The Master announced that during the year the Society had lost, by death, four members, viz., Mr. Charles Martin, Mr. George Steere, Mr. George Radley and Mr. Charles Tyler. While Mr. Steere did as much as anyone for the Society in years of membership he had the least of the four members who had passed over.

He did not know if members had heard of Mr. Charles Tyler. He had a wonderful band at Henfield that was up to Surprise standard and a band that could ring Stedman Cinques. A visiting band came along and rang a peal of Superlative, the first Surprise peal on the bells. It caused the local band to dissolve as they had been looking forward to ringing the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

The members present stood in silence as a mark of respect to these old ringers.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Francis, an auditor, presented the balance sheet which showed a balance at the end of the year of £97 11s. 9 1/2d. against £99 2s. 3 1/2d. at the beginning. A payment was made for writing the peal book; some 69 peals had been entered and the work was completed to the end of 1949.

## 36 NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Matthews presented the secretary's report which stated that the year had been a quiet one but progress had been maintained with 36 new members. Only six peals had been rung, viz.—A peal of Minor in seven methods; Double Norwich Court Bob Major; Plain Bob Royal (in hand); Stedman Cinques; Stedman Caters; Rutland Surprise Major.

Enjoyable meetings had been held at Luton, Westerham and Burnham, with an average attendance of 35. An anonymous gift of headed notepaper had been received.

The Master said there was one other peal of special interest to the Society, that of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, in memory of Mr. George Steere. As Mr. Steere had been a member for many years of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, they felt it would be a nice compliment to ring the peal for that Guild.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Mariory Jackson (Balham), Miss Janet Hott (Erith), Miss Barbara Beeson (Ruislip), Messrs. J. A. C. King, H. D. Buckingham and R. Currey (Winchester).

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before vacating the chair, Mr. George Cross thanked the officers for their support during the year. The dinner had to be cancelled because of the poor support. He thanked Mr. T. Francis for his services during the time he was unwell.

On the proposition of Mr. Peter Bond, Mr. Cross was re-elected.

Mrs. Matthews was re-elected secretary. Mr. Geoffrey Carter reminded the gathering that Mrs. Matthews took over at a critical time in the life of the Society and she had proved her worth. Her election made history as it was the first time that a national society like theirs had had a lady secretary.

There was one other name submitted for the position, Mr. Butler, but his nomination was not seconded.

Mr. P. Winterton was re-elected hon. treasurer, the Master remarking that he had been of great help to them at St. Martin's.

For the post of senior steward there were two nominations—Mr. T. Bevan (who held the office last year) and Mr. F. Hawthorne. The voting was—Mr. Bevan 23; Mr. Hawthorne 16. Mr. Bevan was thus re-elected and Mr. F. Hawthorne re-elected junior steward. The auditors, Messrs. T. Francis and Mrs. Richard Deal, were re-elected.

Elected as Central Council representatives were:—Messrs. G. Cross, T. Francis, P. Bond and F. Hawthorne. Mr. C. Matthews and Dr. R. Ling were elected trustees.

Discussion took place on meetings during the year. Reading was selected for April 21st, Mr. W. Diserens promising to make enquiries.

When Guildford was selected for the meeting on July 14th, Mr. A. H. Pulling remarked that the ringing would have to be better than that day else it would be confined to rounds.

Barnet was chosen for the meeting on October 13th and it was also decided to have, if possible, a meeting at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate in November.

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Mr. T. Martin Page asked what the Cumberlands were going to do do regarding the Festival of Britain.

The Master said they would attempt a peal in May and perhaps ring something a little bit out of the ordinary. For that peal attempt they were going to get a band that could ring rounds just as well as at Holy Trinity (laughter). They would also see if they could have the bells of St. Martin's available on one Saturday for ringers visiting the Festival.

## PLANS FOR A DINNER

Mr. P. Bond asked if there was any likelihood of the annual dinner being held this year.

The Master explained the circumstances that led to the cancellation of last year's dinner and impressed upon the meeting that such a function to be a success needed the full support of members.

The matter was fully discussed and 21 of those present promised to attend if the function was arranged. It was decided that the officers, with Mr. Frank Matthews as secretary, should make enquiries and submit a definite proposition before the next meeting.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to St. Martin's for the use of the bells and the hall for the meeting and thanked the ladies who had arranged the tea. Regarding St. Martin's bells, some of the pulleys were getting somewhat worn and the church authorities had promised that they would be put right and also a balanced clapper placed in the tenor.

Mr. P. Bond, in seconding, thanked the officers for their services.

## BATS IN THE BELFRY

The following is culled from 'The Belfry', the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the K.C.A.

In the midst of ringing, a bat flew in and out between the ropes and the ringers in a most disconcerting manner. The effect on the ringing, however, was not quite disastrous for the touch came home in spite of the supposed dread of the fair sex for getting bats entangled in the hair.

The bat seemed disconcerted too, and became entangled with some cobwebs (now happily gone with the wind—vacuum variety). Struggling with a grey streamer in its wake the bat made a forced landing on the belfry table where it was grabbed firmly and placed carefully on the belfry stairs to sort things out for itself.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—7

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### A PRESENT FROM BIRMINGHAM

Mr. Fussell records many times how he wrote illuminated peal records for various ringers and towers—a noted instance for example is—'Monday, 24th (December, 1883). Sent an illuminated copy of the peal of Grandsire Caters—6,137—to Carter, Russam and Miller. Also peals for Harrington, Newson, Page, Barrett, Titchener, Jacobs and Griffin, wishing all a merry Christmas.' Later he says: 'Found a letter from Carter, of Birmingham, at home for me (after ringing in New Year) with a present in it, in the way of a scarf pin with a monogram on. They sent their thanks for the illuminated peals I sent them.'

### A VISIT TO SHREWSBURY

As was usual, wherever he went, Mr. Fussell soon found ringing friends, and by his keenness and unbounded enthusiasm stirred up interest where things were dormant. Usually he found a companion to go out with him on his visits to different churches and would dig out the sexton or head ringer, get the tower key and go up and take off copies of the bell inscriptions and make sketches of the formation of bell-frames or the fall of the ropes, etc., many of which are given in his diary and others in some notebooks. A typical example of his deep interest in this side of our art is—while at Bridgnorth—'March 5th: Wrote to the sexton of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Mr. T. Bratton,' then 'Sunday, 11th: Went to S. by the 10.35, called at Bratton's house. When we arrived, he being in church for the service, had a walk round the town. Made a sketch.....went to the Abbey church: called again at B's house, found him and had some refreshments when Mr. J. Blount came in and took us up to St. Chad's tower, saw the belfry (5 peal boards ornamented).....copied the inscriptions off the bells, all hung on the level in a circular wall. (Then follows the inscriptions of the 12 bells.) Left the tower and went to Mr. Bratton's for refreshment and left again at 2.10 for St. Mary's.....called on Mr. Price, the sexton, and went up the tower, saw the clock and chiming apparatus and copied the inscriptions off the 10 bells (which follow). Bells on a level. 4 peal boards. Went to the Abbey church and got keys off the sexton, Mr. Peter Cain. Went up the tower to the bells and copied inscriptions (which are given). Ringing room just below the bells, which go badly. On the tower roof, which is pure lead, is

1647

### WARDENS

JOHN POVEY

JOHN BROWNE

Came down from the tower 4.15 and returned keys. The bells here are supported by very large beams among which the ringers have to stand to ring. The way up the tower is a roundabout affair, having to cross over several roofs and flats and staircases to get to the belfry. After finishing at the Abbey church and seeing the stone pulpit we went back to Mrs. Bratton at the Forester's Arms and had refreshment, when Mrs. B. kindly sewed up my trousers which I had torn among St. Mary's bells, fortunately only bruising my legs and breaking the skin. Went to the station and caught the 5.5 train to Bridgnorth, got here 6 o'clock and had tea and wrote up this diary, finished at 9.10.'

Thus ended a good day's 'hunting' but he was out again the very next day for, he records, 'Got up at 8 and had breakfast and walked to Quatford, copied the inscriptions off the bells, went in the chancel and aisles to examine several tombs to the Wolryche family, the oldest being an immense table stone. Left Quat

and walked along the Kidderminster Road to the 6th milestone and turned off to Alveley church of St. Mary, the building very recently restored. Bells rehung on entirely new fittings except the frames.' (He then gives inscriptions and drawing of the frame.) Tower about 14 ft. square, bells rehung by Taylors. Left Alveley at 1 o'clock and continued on to Arley. Went to the church and found the key of the tower in a niche. Went up among the bells and copied inscriptions (which are given). After copying the foregoing, I went outside the tower and had a view of the country and River Severn. Came down into the belfry, a large roomy place with the following notice of some ringing on a musty old board.—

On the 24th Dec., 1786

was rung in this tower

4 peals of 240 changes

John Oxenbold 1

Richd. Beckly 2

George Smith 3

Richd. Roberts 4

Richd. Brown 5

John Gill 6

The above peal was rung in a masterly manner. John Gill, printer.

From the ringing room a door opened into a gallery with two sittings for the ringers' use, the room being heated with a stove fixed in one corner dirtying and smoking the place out.'

The foregoing is but an example of many other such visits to neighbouring towers which are too numerous to quote here.

Mr. Fussell did much to promote and encourage ringing on every possible occasion. He mentions, time after time, how he went to help with beginners, for instance, 'Wed., saw Mr. Overton, went to St. Leonard's in the evening about 8 o'clock and helped to instruct some beginners with the management of the bells.' Again, 'Helped at St. Leonard's the learners balancing the bells.' 'Assisted the beginners with lashed bell practice and the 3 bell changes, after which we had handbell practice.' 'Called at Soar's house and left my copy of Troyte's book on ringing for him to read and copy from.' At this time he mentions also, 'I find that the builder for whom I work (Mr. Bate) has 6 ringers in his employ including myself.'

### THE JONES FAMILY

He describes a visit to Chetton, how he walked there and saw Mr. Jones, jun., who took him up to the belfry and helped him copy the bell inscriptions and says, 'The Jones family seem to be prolific; at one time there was enough members to ring a peal of 8. On many occasions the Chetton bells have been rung on New Year's eve entirely by Jones.'

### SECOND VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

7th April, 1883: 'Went to Birmingham by the 12.10 train via Bewdley, called on T. Miller at 2.40; went to John Carter's and had tea. Met at St. Chad's at 5.20, saw Sanger, Russam, Payne and others. Started for a peal of Grandsire Triples (not enough for Stedman) and finished the 5,040 at 8.40. Went over to the pub and saw Mr. H. Johnson, Thomas of Reading, Amos Cresser and other members of St. Martin's Society. Left at 11 p.m. and went home with Thomas. Had supper and went to bed at 12. Sunday morning went to S. Phillips and rang Grandsire Caters till 10.30, thence to St. Chad's for Grandsire Triples till 11 a.m. Returned with Thomas for dinner. (Missed the 1 o'clock train and took tram to Selly Oak. Saw Hy. Bond and A. Cresser, found some ringers and went up S. Mary's tower and rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 20½ mins. Copied a tablet in the tower, cut and blocked in solid marble. Left at 4 and continued on to Northfield church, could not ring, there being only 4 of us, the

Selly Oak ringers did not come with us, and Tom Miller and C. Barnacle had gone to King's Norton. Went in the tower and saw the bells (then he gives copy of inscription and plan of frame), made sketch of church and copied a brass on a tomb. After some refreshment, went on to King's Norton and rang out of church with a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples. This was exceedingly well rung considering the go of the bells. Returned to B'ham by 9.12 train.

'Monday. After breakfast with Thomas, went and called on Mr. J. Barwell re situation—had a bath and returned to New St. station. Called on T. Miller, also on T. Russam and then took bus to Harborne..... Started for peal of Stedman Triples, rang 40 mins. when the 6th went in wrong. Started for a ½ peal but broke down again owing to interruption at the door. Rang some touches.....'

'Tuesday, after breakfast, wished goodbye to Mr. Thomas and went to look at St. Martin's Church—saw bells and clock and attempted to copy inscriptions but found it was too tedious to do alone. Went to New St. and thence to Wolverhampton by the 10.35. Saw S. Peter's Church and had general look round. Went up and saw bells. Here I found a good ring of 10 on one floor. A small Sanctus with an unintelligible inscription on 1639. Left church at 12.30 and I may add that the church contains many brasses and tablets, antique and very interesting, and a curious gallery of wood in 16th cent. work. Went along Darlington St. and Compton Road and got to Bridgnorth a little after 4 p.m.'

### BACK IN SLOUGH

Mr. Fussell left the employ of Mr. Bate at Bridgnorth and records it thus: 'Friday, April 13th. Got up at 6 a.m. Called on Mr. Bate and wished him goodbye and got particulars of the work he wished me to do in Gloucester for him and took my boxes in the bus to the station. Went to Gloucester via Worcester by 7.40 train—had a look round Worcester while waiting for train. Arrived Gloucester 10.30 and after doing my business I had a look round the Cathedral and copied the inscriptions off the bells of S. Mary's Church. Went to S. Nicholas' but did not get all the inscriptions of the bells owing to the short time I had to spare. Left Gloucester 3.30 and got to Slough at 9.20.'

Next day he went to Farnham and 'had a chat with Parker about ringing. Also to where my brother Alf was at work at Stoke and had a talk with him. Nothing has been done at Slough since I have been away. Went to Windsor in the evening.'

In May, 1883, Mr. Fussell did quite a lot of ringing in Reading, and of St. Laurence's says: 'Since I was here last quite a lot of improvements have been made—new mats and the place cleaned up. Permission was given to have the bells re-brassed. A local man commenced putting the brasses in and had fixed up the 2nd and tenor when Edgely stopped the work as the bells went much worse than before. This shows the folly of employing anyone but the proper foundlers or hangers.'

On one occasion at St. Mary's he went to hear them start on a peal but the tenor man failed to turn up so he was 'roped in' and rang the 4th. The peal was lost, however, after an hour, 2-4-5 having shifted courses. 'Edgely met with an accident in the afternoon, a piece of timber having split his head open—it came on to bleed as we were ringing. Went to Mr. Newell's house till 11.30 p.m., rang Triples and Minor on handbells.'

### 'BELL NEWS' NEWS!

Mr. Fussell was responsible for sending a great many accounts of ringing, meetings, bell history and inscriptions, sketches, etc., to be published in the 'Bell News' and often records this fact like this:—'Sent letter to Harvey Reeves with two accounts for Shiplake and Sonning which I finished writing this evening.' Again: 'Went to the "Curfew," Windsor, and called on an old ringer named Rolfe. Had a

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# CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

## RINGING WILL NOT COME ON A PLATE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hill's letter, the first comment, re difference between Grandsire and London, the difference in music alone is immense. With regard to striking, usually you have a more experienced band ringing London than you would normally have ringing Grandsire. From remarks passed to me by various members of the public, I find that they can tell the difference between good and bad striking.

Does Mr. Hill do anything to improve his striking and the standard of ringing at his district meetings? Do the struggling bands referred to do anything to help themselves?

By that I mean arrange combined practices, and, most important, is there the team spirit present? Or, as so often happens, do one or two make progress and the rest become jealous, with the usual results?

When the guild instructor goes to give a hand, are one or two too big to admit their mistakes and so, being obstinate, retard progress?

One section of the letter appears to be pointed at that 'small minority of enthusiasts' who spend their leisure hours and pocket money to get together to practise the higher methods. Without these enthusiasts there would be no progress.

Clearly, the whole situation boils down to this. If you want to get on in ringing, or anything else for that matter, you have to go out to get it. It won't come to you on a plate.—Yours faithfully,

B. STIRLAND.

Cowes, I. of W.

## A PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—You are quite right in calling attention to Christmas broadcasts of church bells. Oftimes these things are of a very rushed nature; such was the experience at Aldbourne three years ago.

Without giving previous warning to anyone, the recording van of the B.B.C. came to the village, about three weeks before Christmas, with the request that they would like to make a recording of the bells ringing.

Unfortunately we had just lost two ringers by death, and I myself was in hospital. That meant calling a very hasty conference, and at least three old ringers were brought in, men who had not handled a bell for years.

Luckily, they voted for call changes. Queens and Tittums were rung fairly well but the ensuing rounds were of very poor quality. Now all this rush and agitation might have been avoided if due notice had been given and the men given a real chance to practise. If proper representations are made to the right authorities, things will change as they did after the early days of poor performances by choirs, brass bands, etc.—Yours sincerely,

Aldbourne, Marlborough. T. A. PALMER.

## W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

Long chat with him re "Bell News" and some old books he had about the bells of the Curfew and the Ringers. He was very ill and scarcely able to speak. Finished account of the Curfew bells for "Bell News" and sent it to H. Reeves. (Next day): Went and saw Mr. Rolfe again—he is much better—took him some grapes to cool his throat and had a chat with him. Lent him some "Bell News" to read. Met Joe Parker coming home from Eton and heard H. Tucker was unwell. Met H. Appleton with a bundle of old "Church Bells" and he left them at my house. (These copies of "Church Bells" are now here on my desk, having been sent to me for reference along with other MSS. and photos, by Mr. E. H. Preston, of Slough, who was instrumental in saving the late Mr. Fussell's books and papers from destruction.)

(To be continued.)

## LET US FACE THE FACTS

Dear Sir,—The remarks of two of our most eminent ringers and your excellent leader, 'Christmas Day Broadcast,' have again made prominent the question of the general standard of Sunday service ringing which after all is, or should be, the Alpha and Omega of all our Associations.

The general standard of service ringing never has, in my opinion, been such as one would expect after so many years of Association activity. It has, however, seriously deteriorated during recent years and this is particularly so within the confines of some of our most prominent and flourishing associations. Albeit, I am not so sure the B.B.C. has not done the Exercise a signal service by its insistence in presenting to the public ringing as it really is and not as we would like it to be.

When bells are to be broadcast, it is to be expected that all those who regularly ring those bells would desire the honour of ringing; to leave out one because he is a bad striker, or to bring in a stranger unnecessarily, might ruin the band.

I posed this question of bad ringing in my letter of September 10th, 1948, and have since been told many times by one of my District Officers that, although mainly right, I was too severe. I do now fully understand, because it still rankles, I can never hope to be elected to any office in this district; such is the tolerance of Christians.

Let us face the facts:—We are living in an age of specialisation in all things. There are the extraordinarily proficient at the top, followed by the great mass of the very mediocre. We have but few of the persistence of W. H. Fussell to-day.

The general standard of education, of morals, the will to personal effort and selfless sacrifice, the church attendance, the choirs and the numbers of candidates for ordination have all declined, but there are in all these those who have attained heights never before dreamed of; could we expect to be otherwise with ringing, which demands a maximum of personal effort and tolerance and is so closely allied to the Church?

The foundation of all good ringing is bell control. I have seen more good ringing material spoiled in the past four years than in all my previous 40 years' experience, notwithstanding the spate of excellent instruction books and the recent excellent articles in 'The Ringing World.' Once a potential ringer has been spoiled he is spoiled for ever; he inevitably always reflects the faults of his teacher. Nevertheless we have to take our teachers as we find them: most are undoubtedly sincere and really believe they have the ability to teach, whilst the student generally has implicit faith in his teacher. It is only after years of effort he finds out that after all he has not been taught to ring.

If the general standard of ringing is to be improved, our Associations have two main problems to solve:—

(1) How to so educate the clergy in ringing matters as to convince them that good ringing is as important as a good organist or choir and that everyone appointed to teach should really know his job.

(2) To ensure that all who undertake to teach can themselves handle and strike a bell properly, or are not too intolerant to be taught to do so.

A course for instructors followed by a test and certificate of ability to teach is the answer, but would it work?

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Cortier (first quarter) 1. F. Precey (cond.) 2. Anthony Tyers 3. Mrs. M. M. Godley 4. Miss B. Dyke 5. W. Read 6.

## VALUE OF COMPETITIONS AND TEAM WORK

Dear Sir,—I feel that, on behalf of the Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers, I am compelled to reply to the leading article published in the issue dated January 12th, namely, 'The Christmas Day Broadcast.'

We of this Association and, I feel sure, of the Barnsley and District Association, pride ourselves in our good striking, and we regularly hold contests for the furtherance of this ideal, many of the ringers having rung 600 changes with less than 30 bad blows being struck throughout the test piece and, furthermore, we would far sooner ring 600 or 720 changes as near perfect as possible than 5,040 where no man listening can distinguish either trebles or tenors, open leads or otherwise.

The bells of the tower with which I am connected, namely, Friezland, attained their centenary in 1950, and, throughout their career, it has been their tradition to ring with a closed lead as, in our opinion, the rhythm is broken by the open lead and tends to bring the next series of changes on with a rush, whereas the 'beat' is constant with the lead closed, and the music is thus sustained.

I must add, in fairness, that we are a six-bell tower, but many of the towers connected with us possess eight and can strike well with the open lead.

I heartily endorse the opinion you make of forming a panel of competent ringers to advise the B.B.C. on the choice of towers, and I can thoroughly recommend several such men from this Association.

I disagree with the point you make as to the highest standard of ringing being found amongst the regular peal ringers, judging by the peals I have been privileged(?) to listen to, and you state the reason yourself when you say that very few service ringers ring peals together. That in itself points to many of the causes of bad striking in peals.

After all, you can't expect any sportsman who is part of a team to blend with another team in three or four hours, so why expect it of campanologists?—Yours faithfully,

A. FARRAND.

Hon. Sec., Halifax and District A.C.R.

## MAJOR BETTER MUSIC THAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—As another young ringer, I would like to say how much I agree with the remarks of M. J. W. Haw in your January 5th issue.

I believe that a better standard of striking is usual with the tenor turned in, simply because the ringing soon becomes intolerable if it is not well rung with good, precise leads; whereas in Triples and Caters, etc., you have the tenor to cover up the mistakes to some extent.

I also believe that Major can be better music than Triples because it is easier to hear the bells coursing up and down, i.e., the cyclic nature of the combinations of the heavier bells is more apparent, also there is opportunity for more variety. The ear is not distracted by the monotonous boom of the 'passing bell' at each row end.

I, in my short experience, have found that those who start by ringing Grandsire Doubles, particularly those in remote places, perhaps progress as far as Grandsire Triples and, if lucky, Stedman, but then find great difficulty in ringing Major, but not so the other way round.

Just one more point on this 'striking' question. I think we hear a lot too much of the supposed excellent ringing of the West Country stoney bands. I myself have found their standard to be far below that generally accepted among change-ringers, in Yorkshire at least.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. JACKSON.

Holmrook, Cumberland.

The average age of the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at All Saints', Hoole, Chester, on January 9th, was 15 years and five months. All are still undergoing full time education in the city of Chester.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FREEDOM FOR B.B.C.

## Capturing the Atmosphere

Dear Sir,—The Christmas broadcast may have been a bad one, I did not hear it, but I cannot allow the suggestion of a panel of referees from the Central Council to 'vet' the B.B.C.'s choice of towers for broadcasting purposes to go unchallenged.

Did the B.B.C. wish for 'perfect' broadcasting of church services they would rarely go outside their own studio or the Cathedrals to obtain same. By going to the country parishes they risk broadcasts of lower standard in order to capture atmosphere or a true picture of general church worship. It is the same with the bells: the B.B.C. get good and bad broadcasts by their policy and setting up such a panel of experts as you suggest would lead to much heartburning and quarrelling. In the end there would be a monopoly held by two or three towers approved by the panel or the B.B.C.

No, leave well alone, the B.B.C. has a freedom in which we, as free people, ought to rejoice. The Corporation is free from commercial monopoly, firmly resists any effort to 'buy' its time, and we must not seek to control any of its activities, however small.

I believe any band honoured with a broadcast does its best, but the best laid plans often come unstuck, especially in such a nerve-racking business as exhibition ringing.

A few weeks ago an acquaintance stopped me in Bournemouth Arcade and said, 'How beautiful St. Peter's bells sounded to-day.' An outing party had used our bells but I had not met them so I was naturally pleased to hear the tribute. But my friend continued and I became suspicious. He said, 'They reminded me of a poem I've read where it says "Ring out wild bells"—the ringing was not as mechanical as yours is on a Sunday.' My deputy captain told me the ringing was atrocious. Do the public really appreciate good striking?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT RINGING

Dear Sir,—From Christmas Day broadcast:—(1) The critics include no less a person than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis.

(2) The qualification for selection should not be the ability to ring Surprise methods but the four standard methods with perfect striking and open leads at handstroke.

You cannot have more perfect striking than in some of our companies of the Halifax and District Association. Ask Mr. R. F. Deal, Mr. A. A. Hughes, or any other gentleman ringer who has heard perhaps only one of those companies, and pardon me when I state, Cart Wheel.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

## 8,032 SPLICED MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, through 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Mr. J. C. E. Simpson and his band on ringing the 8,032 Sliced Surprise Major in eight methods at Frodsham.

I had the pleasure of being able to go there to hear the peal being rung, my only regret being that I was obliged to leave about 20 minutes before the finish to catch my train, otherwise I should have had the pleasure of congratulating the ringers personally on the fine striking and the grand beat. Indeed, it was hard to realise that the peal was in eight methods and that there were 202 changes of method. I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. J. Bibby for their kind hospitality during my visit.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DUPLICATE BOOKS

Dear Sir,—In June the Council approved a recommendation of the Standing Committee with regard to the disposal of duplicate copies of Central Council library books, the detailed arrangements being left to the librarian.

At the time, it was contemplated that any books so distributed to recognised Association libraries should be regarded as gifts; but after due consideration it seems that the interests, both of past and future donors of books and of the library itself would be better served if such books were sent out on permanent loan.

Several librarians have already made enquiries and distribution can begin as soon as all recent acquisitions have been examined. The librarian would be grateful if any of those who have written and who would object to accepting books under the conditions of a permanent loan would notify him as soon as possible.—Yours etc.,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian,  
Central Council of  
Church Bell Ringers.

## ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Bassingham, Lincs. on Saturday, December 23rd, was Annable's London Surprise Minor and not London Surprise Minor, as published.

Annable's London Surprise Minor is the sixth place edition of Netherseale, and cannot by any 'streak' of imagination be thought to be a variation of London Surprise. Why it was given the extra title 'London' I do not know, unless it was that it came before London.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branton, near Lincoln.

## AN IRISH ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—The Irish Association of Change Ringers has had in preparation for some time past a Roll of Honour of its members who served in the Defence Forces during the 1939-1945 World War.

The Roll is complete as far as resident members are concerned, and I am now anxious to have the names of all persons who were non-resident life members of this Association prior to 1945 who served their country.

I would be grateful, therefore, to have the names of those who were in the Defence Forces, together with the service in which they served, and any decorations received. Some of the readers may know of some of our members who made the supreme sacrifice; if so, I would be glad to have their particulars.

As I am anxious to write up the Roll of Honour as soon as possible, I would be glad to have particulars before the end of the present month.—Yours faithfully,

FRED. E. DUKES.

26, William Street, Drogheda.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY RECORDS

Sir,—It must be a matter of great concern to all members of the Oxford University Society that the only records of the Society's existence prior to 1920 are one or two scattered peal boards and the Society's Annual Report for 1885-6, which is in a collected volume 'Twenty-four Oxford Pamphlets, 1760-1925,' at present in the Bodleian Library.

I would indeed be very grateful for any documents or information relating to the activities of the Society in the period starting at its foundation, in 1872 to the year 1920.—Yours etc.,

GERARD McCURM.

St. Catherine's, Oxford.

## A PROTEST FROM SCOTLAND

## St. Mary's Cathedral's Work

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, attention was drawn to the leading article in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 22nd, 1950, and headed 'Greetings.' Starting with New Zealand, we proceeded to Australia, Tasmania and South Africa, thence to the South-East and South-West coasts of England, Wales, Ireland and Canada, but no mention of Scotland. That this omission was intentional was fairly obvious, following, as it did, a previous article when you went out of your way to deplore the fact that no peal ringing had been accomplished in Scotland.

The meeting felt very strongly about this, and I was instructed to notify you of the fact.

It is possible that you may suspect this to be an outburst of the 'rabid Scottish Nationalist type,' so I hasten to assure you that the majority of our ringers at St. Mary's, Glasgow, are English. I'm an Irishman.

With regard to peal-ringing. As soon as the probably date of the Royal birth was announced, we in Glasgow made arrangements to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, on the Saturday following the event. This proved to be the worst possible date for the majority of the band so we made an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples with two ringers from Edinburgh, two from Paisley and four from Glasgow. This came to grief owing to two bells having crossed, probably in front, at a single. Conducted by Miss M. K. Branson, it would have been her first of Grandsire Triples, and first as conductor. Anyhow, we did try, and we will require to await another event of major importance before we can 'have another go.'

It was reported at the meeting that the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, had been rung, in changes, on every Sunday for the past three years and as service ringing is the sole reason for the existence of our Society, we feel that our efforts have been completely justified.

Having got the foregoing 'off my chest,' I feel in a better frame of mind, so much so that I am moved to offer you the best wishes for 1951 of 'the forgotten ringers in Glasgow.'—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Cathedral,  
Glasgow. Society of Change Ringers.

NOTE.—We expressed our regrets last week in Belfry Gossip. We feel certain, however, our Scottish friends would like full publicity to their protest.—Ed.

## THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Dear Sir,—Two peal reports in a recent issue have prompted me to look up others rung in the county during the last 20 years. I find that the majority are credited as having been rung in Glamorganshire.

This ancient Welsh territory—Land of Morgannwg—was lost in 1093 by Iestyn apGwrgan to Norman knights led by Sir Robert Fitz-hamon, Baron of Granville. In spite of what some English reference books may say, it still is the County of Glamorgan, controlled by the Glamorgan County Council.

It may be of interest to note that Sir Robert Fitz-hamon's daughter and heiress, Mabel, married Robert, Earl of Gloucester, a natural son of Henry I. by Nest, daughter of Prince Rees of Tewdwr, the last native Prince of Wales. They granted a large part of her dower land in Glamorgan to the Church for the founding of the Cistercian Abbey and Monastery at Margam. The writings and deeds of the monks are preserved and catalogued and are the historical authority.

The monastery ruins are preserved but the nave of the old Abbey of St. Mary is now part of the parish church of Margam. It has no tower but the two old monastic bells are hung for chiming under an opening in the eave of the roof.—Yours faithfully,

Portcawl. TREVOR M. RODERICK.



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

## MR. LEONARD HARRIS

By the sudden death of Mr. Leonard Harris, the ringers of the Salisbury area and of the whole Salisbury Diocesan Guild have suffered a severe loss.

Born at Britford 67 years ago, he learned to ring on the bells there and later became captain of the ringers. His last 'touch' was on these bells on Christmas Day. He also rang for a great number of years at the Salisbury towers, especially at St. Martin's.

His first peal was rung in 1907 at St. Martin's, Salisbury, being Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Challis Winney; his last was in 1949 and it was fitting that it was at St. Thomas', Salisbury, in which he rang the 7th, a bell which he had long wished to ring to a peal.

Mr. Harris was vice-chairman and a Ringing Master of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Known to a very wide circle of ringers, he will be remembered for his ever-cheerful disposition, his humour, and a personality which made him outstanding.

The funeral service was held at Britford on January 6th and was attended by a large gathering, including many ringers.

Handbells were rung over the grave and after the service a half-muffled quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung by:—R. Lowe 1. H. Abrahams (conductor) 2. L. Page 3. J. Mussell 4. R. N. Marlow 5. J. Lewis 6. In the evening half-muffled touches were rung at St. Thomas', Salisbury.

## An Appreciation

Dear Sir,—It is with deep regret that I learn of the passing of Leonard Harris, of Britford. For fourteen years I had the privilege of association with him in the conduct of the Salisbury Branch of the Diocesan Guild and in his company I visited most of the churches in South Wiltshire. A quietly competent ringer, he was a man of some erudition and he first awakened in me an interest in the archaeology of churches and bells. I well recall the first lesson was how to distinguish mid-Victorian from ancient work, and whenever I came to a church which was unfamiliar to me, but well-known to him, he drew my attention to its points of interest, and told me all about the bells.

In those days he regularly attended practices at Sarum St. Martin's and, as an obstinately dull learner, I always tried to get the next rope to Len Harris, as I knew that when I went wrong—an inevitable occurrence—he would quietly and quickly put me right, before the conductor, with justifiable heat, had time to shout at me. He never lost his temper when ringing, but carried out his duties as Ringing Master firmly and capably. I never knew whether he was a native of Wiltshire, I think he must have been, as he possessed that innate courtesy so typical of the Wiltshire countryman. May his soul rest in peace.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

## MR. CHARLES EDWARDS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Edwards, of 28, Longley Road, Farnham, Surrey, on January 12th, at the age of 88 years.

A keen and enthusiastic ringer, he lived at Ealing before coming to Farnham 22 years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a number of ringing societies.

He is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters—one of whom is Mrs. C. Kenneth Lewis. The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to the family.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 14th, 1.320 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich and 600 Cambridge): Michael Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Sumner 3, John Cannell 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Ralph Bird (cond.) 6. First extent of Ipswich for all except conductor.

## WILLIAM ARCHER CLARK

## An Appreciation

The death of Mr. W. A. Clark at his residence, Swanshurst, Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham, on December 15th, was not altogether unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some considerable time.

Mr. Clark was an honorary member of St. Martin's Guild for many years, he having been one of the few, during these later years, who knew Henry Johnson in person.

Though not an active ringer, he was able to handle a bell in rounds, he having been in his youth a member of Moseley Parish Church band. Here there hang eight cast steel bells, now fortunately not ringable, which came originally from St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield.

Mr. Clark was extremely interested in bells and bellringing and he attended many meetings at church and cathedral throughout the country. He was a company director, and when in London always took the opportunity to listen to the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Another of his interests was photographing churches and cathedrals and buildings of historic interest both in this country and abroad, he having travelled extensively in pursuit of his hobby. He was a Freeman of the City of London, a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, London, and president for three years of the Birmingham Photographic Society, and a noted judge and exhibitor in the photographic world. He held an international reputation as an architectural photographer, also as a lecturer. Mr. Clark, a bachelor, was also a noted antiquarian and his house, Swanshurst, contained many treasures of historic interest.

A. WALKER

## MR. S. A. AVIS

The death occurred at Woburn on January 14th of Mr. Sidney A. Avis at the age of 79. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble and other ailments for the past twenty years, during which time he had to undergo a number of operations.

At the time of his retirement from the post of the clerk of works on the Duke of Bedford's Woburn Estate, he held the position of foreman in the Sunday service band at St. Mary's Church. He was a member of the Bedfordshire Association for over 54 years, having joined on April 6th, 1896. Owing to business ties, he only had the opportunity to ring 13 peals. He was, however, an excellent striker both on the tower and handbells in all the standard methods, amongst his performances being peals 'in hand' of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus. He will be remembered in the Bedfordshire Association as the designer of the original certificate of membership.

It was a melancholy circumstance that Mr. Avis and the writer were only discussing the day before he died the fact of having rung together their first peal (in 1897) which qualified as having been accomplished during the latter half of last century.

The funeral took place at Woburn on January 18th, the Bedfordshire Association being represented by Miss Steel (president) and Mr. H. D. Harris (vice-president). A half-muffled peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church on the following evening by a representative band of the Association.

H. D. H.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Jan. 10th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: N. B. Davis (13) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. J. Bryant 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, C. H. Smart 5, E. T. P. Field (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1.259 Grand-sire Caters: D. N. C. Emery (first quarter peal) 1, R. G. Bell 2, F. H. Crook 3, C. N. Leman 4, P. H. Watts 5, W. G. Paul 6, H. G. Timms 7, S. H. Hoare 8, G. W. Seaman (first of Grand-sire Caters as cond.) 9, R. Smith 10.

## MR. CHARLES TYLER

By the death of Mr. Charles Tyler, at the age of 87, Henfield, Sussex, has lost a notable figure whose keen interest in ringing was well known. He was one of the first members of the Sussex County Association, joining in 1885, and he was captain of the Henfield ringers for nearly 50 years. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Tyler and his wife came to Henfield 60 years ago and established a general stationery business which Mrs. Tyler still carries on at the age of 89. Much sympathy is felt with her.

At the funeral service at Henfield Cemetery on January 3rd, the local ringers were represented by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cruttenden, Mr. E. Lish, Mr. E. F. Packham and Miss S. M. White. The Cumberlands were represented by Miss Stella Wickens, and the College Youths by Mr. H. Stalham. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss S. M. White 1-2, Miss S. M. Wickens 3-4, H. Stalham 5-6, F. C. Cruttenden 7-8.

In the evening the bells at Henfield Parish Church were rung half-muffled and also those at St. Nicholas', Brighton

C. H. W.

## WINCHESTER &amp; PORTSMOUTH GUILD

## Winchester District

Ringers from scattered points in Hampshire, Aldershot and Guildford attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District on January 6th. Ringing available was on the 12 at the Cathedral and the light six at St. Maurice's.

Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Guild, presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman. Apologies included one from Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary of the Guild.

The balance sheet showed that the District was over £5 better off than for the previous year. Membership had increased by seven to 117 ringing members and 19 honorary members. The chairman thanked the retiring officers, Mr. L. A. Tremear (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. Lampard (hon. treasurer) for their work, and the secretary replied by thanking the members for their support.

Only two of the retiring officers stood for re-election. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Preston Candover) succeeds the Rev. J. S. D. Mansell as branch chairman; Mr. J. A. C. King is secretary and Mr. H. D. Buckingham treasurer. Elected to the Central Committee were Mr. H. Newnham and Mr. L. A. Tremear (in place of Mr. G. Sanders). Mr. R. Smith was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. G. Smith tendered his resignation as auditor, a post he had held for over 40 years, and it was decided to fill the vacancy at the next quarterly meeting.

Subject to permission, the following quarterly meetings were decided upon:—April 7th, Hursley; July 14th, Stockbridge and Leckford; October 6th, Ropley and Bishop's Sutton. A practice meeting will be held at Tichborne on February 24th, and the next annual meeting at Winchester on January 5th.

Bishop Corfield was elected an honorary member and the following ringing members:—Messrs. E. Thompson, J. Smith, P. Latter, S. Pollick (Winchester College), D. Vernier, W. Harrison (St. Maurice's), J. Elstead, J. Vincent (Stockbridge), and the Rev. Maunders (Sparsholt).

The appeal for the George Williams Memorial bookcase was read and the meeting voted £5 from the funds for this object.

The meeting closed with the chairman thanking the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the Rector of St. Maurice's for the use of the bells. Tea was followed by members attending evensong in the Cathedral at which the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth preached, and drew an analogy between the Epiphany and the work of ringers in revealing the Church to the world. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### East Devon Branch

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Seaton on January 13th and was very well attended, there being over 50 ringers and friends present. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Cooke; Preb. E. V. Cox read the lesson. In his address the Vicar said how pleased he was to see church bellringing making such progress, and went on to explain the good that ringers were doing for their church. A splendid tea was provided by the Axe Vale Cafe.

The Rev. H. Taylor was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Preb. E. V. Cox. The hon. secretary, in his report, said the branch was in a very sound position, there being 124 performing members together with five hon. members. The accounts showed a balance of £34 2s. 1d.

Officers elected for 1951 were:—The Rev. H. Taylor, chairman; Mr. G. C. Woodley, vice-chairman; Mr. G. Arbury, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. G. Turner, Ringing Master and assistant secretary; Messrs. P. Davis, L. Baker and C. G. Turner, Guild Committee. The chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, to which the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, replied.

Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Major, also Grandisle and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

### BOXING DAY OUTING IN DEVON

It had been hoped on Boxing Day to take part in an outing organised by Mr. Jim Lilly, of Highweek, but, owing to his serious illness, this had to be cancelled. However, Mr. Wilfred Panter fixed up an alternative outing at very short notice and this was much enjoyed by seven Dorset ringers, all of whom expressed the hope that Jim would soon be fit again.

The towers visited, all in the Credon area, were Colebrook, Bow, Zeal Monachorum, Down St. Mary and Lapford. Sleet was falling as the last tower was left and by the time the Dorset contingent reached Bridport snow was falling heavily but, despite the heights of Askers, home was finally reached at about 11 p.m.

E. T. P. F.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Devizes Branch

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch at Devizes on January 6th. The service at St. John's Church was conducted by the Rev. E. Brooks (Rowde) with Mr. P. Laws at the organ.

At the meeting Mr. W. C. West was re-elected as chairman, Mr. A. Weeks vice-chairman, Mr. F. Slatford hon. secretary and Messrs. E. Parker, P. Harding and S. Grant Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. West, G. Harding and C. Andrews were nominated for election to the Central Council.

Potterne, Seend and Bishop Cannings were chosen for future meetings.

Ringing, which took place at the three churches in the town during the afternoon and evening, ranged from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

### NOT HIS MASTER'S VOICE

Dear Sir,—We were interested in the letter entitled 'Dogs and Bells' because we have had a similar experience here.

We have an Aberdeen terrier who used to spend a good deal of time with my husband, and has always, when he hears 'Big Ben' strike, made a terrific noise, barking and wailing.

In the family we say, jokingly, 'He knows that it is not his master's voice.'—Yours sincerely,  
MARY E. JOHNSTON.

South Croydon.

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### MARRIAGE

WAYMAN—WAYMAN. — On January 20th, 1951, at St. Laurence Church, Surfleet, Lincs, by the Rev. C. W. Leeke (Vicar), Enid Mary, only daughter of the late Rupert Richardson and Mrs. A. Richardson, of Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs, to Jack Hubert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wayman, of Teddington, Middlesex. 8310

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AMENDMENT.—Re our advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of January 5th and 12th. Many friends have pointed out that 15s. per day adds up to five guineas per week. We agree. The difference is that we accept only weekly bookings during June, July, August and September.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 8295

### PUBLICATIONS

'THE TOWER AND BELLS OF SOLIHULL CHURCH,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 7s. 6d. post free from the author, Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. The complete story of this ancient tower and its ringers. Illustrated with photographs and with drawings by the author. 7946

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### MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON. is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Captain. 8141

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Note change of secretary from T. J. Southam to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 8315

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL. — Ringers coming to London to live, either permanently or temporarily, and looking for a local tower, are invited to communicate with the undersigned. Very raw beginners will be especially welcomed. Practice, Wednesday evening.—A. C. Winn, 198, Woodmansterne Road, S.W.16. 8300

WE REGRET both the leather and rexine editions of the RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1951, are sold out.—W. Viggers and F. Hodgson. 8308

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### MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8y) on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Margaret's Hall.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 8229

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 111, High Holborn. Business meeting, including election of officers. Ringing also at Bishopsgate and Clerkenwell from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Cray (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. 8246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head.—B. J. Luck. 8228

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual district meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service. All Saints' Church. 4.30. Tea 5, All Saints' Church Room—John Chesterman. 8212

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Shenton Mallet. 8269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. Mary's, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 8278

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Original towers unobtainable. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements. Good attendance requested.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8268

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. All bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Prince of Wales. 8259

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Saturday, Jan. 27th. 3.30 p.m. Ringing 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8266

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. 8260

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (6) 2 p.m.; St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12) 3.30; St. James' (10) 5.15. Service, St. James', 6. Dinner 7.15. 8294

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M., February 3rd. Ringing at Elstow 2.30—4; St. Peter's, Bedford, 3—4.25 and during evening. Service, St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. To ensure a good meal names by Jan. 29th.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8249

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8251



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Prior's Court, Chieveley, Newbury, Berks. 8264

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11 Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 8265

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—East Malling (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd (not Feb. 8th, as given in error on programme card). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8274

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 27th to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding. 8240

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby on Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 31st to H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 8257

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—Meeting, February 3rd at St. John-the-Evangelist, 3 p.m. Bells at Salford are not available.—E. Walker, Sec. 8284

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter branch.—Meeting, Heavitree, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 31st.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8285

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Paignton (8) Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8293

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. Method: Stedman Caters, among others.—W. F. Sheraton. 8294

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Over (8), Sat., Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 8320

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4288

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 8301

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8280

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, Feb. 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cup of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8290

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, St. James', Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by Jan. 31st, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsby Street, Wigan.—J. Burns. 8311

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, followed by business meeting.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 8291

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Billesdon, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Jan. 31st, to Mr. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon.—W. Swan, Hon. Sec. 8298

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (opposite Central Library). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Ringing afterwards.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 8307

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Newcastle, Feb. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8286

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stony Stratford, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 8316

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8304

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Potterne, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8305

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is at Dronfield, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea and sandwiches for all in Green Dragon at 5 p.m.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 8296

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Feb. 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. P. M. Lewin (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8321

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 31st, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8314

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch Priory, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business. Please notify for tea. This is an important meeting. Please attend.—Davis 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8306

**CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Egremont, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Jan. 29th, to Mr. A. Eilbeck, 8, Central Avenue, Egremont.—J. A. Haile, Branch Sec. 8323

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 3rd, Stoke Bishop (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House. Notify by Jan. 31st.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 8324

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Feb. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8302

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Corn Hall. Business and election of officers. Suffolk Guild invited. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 8312

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10th, at Havering-atte-Bower (6) 3—4.30 p.m. (Buses 250, 175 or 123 from Romford Station to Havering Green.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please, by Feb. 8th, to Mrs. Osborne, 7, Albany Road, Hornchurch. Ringing at Romford (8) 6—8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8319

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Feb. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Feb. 5th, to J. W. Sangwin, N. Tamerton, Holsworthy. 8287

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 10th, Working Men's Club, Stoney Stanton. Bells available 4.30. Dinner 6.15. Tickets 6s. Late buses to all parts of district. Names for dinner and bus, with remittance, by Feb. 5th, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley. 8303

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute. Names for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 8th. 8318

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), February 10th. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman. 8297

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Mildenhall (10), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 8322

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 8th.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 8299

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 3rd at the Imperial Hotel at 6 p.m. Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Early application essential. Ringing arrangements later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. (Phone SPR 1025.) 8289

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Annual committee meeting, Reading, March 10th, followed by special general meeting. Agenda—Canon Coleridge Memorial. Details of meeting, service, tea and ringing times later.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8313

## QUARTER PEALS

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—(On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. H. Nichols (first quarter) 1, H. Drury 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and 540 Grandsire): A. Street 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**CLAVERLEY, SALOP.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun. 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, G. Newman 7, F. Hinton 8. Rung in honour of George Green, former churchwarden, on his 90th birthday.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. D. Fleetwood 1, Miss R. Hopkins 2, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 3, I. Campbell 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6.

**DERBY.**—On Jan. 14th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, W. Bond 2, A. Mould 3, J. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Williams 5, W. Sten 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Fletcher, the G.O.M. of the local company.

**DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. R. Morris 2, C. A. Harding 3, A. Morgan 4, G. E. Large 5, R. Sayers 6, R. Woodvatt (cond.) 7, J. Nash 8.

**LEYTON, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. A. Richards (first of Kent Treble Bob Major) 4, E. T. Beauchamp 5, F. Haysom 6, A. J. Boyack 7, E. D. Smith 8.



**5,040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

Dear Sir,—You will note that no composer's name is given to the peal of Little Bob Royal rung at Newcastle-under-Lyme on December 26th. This is due to the fact that I used a 24-course block, giving 23564, twice repeated and omitting 34 in one part, making 70 courses in all. This block is of uncertain origin and is, I think, 'any man's prey.'

To save any further correspondence I have enclosed the figures.—Yours truly,

F. W. GROCOTT.

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## RECORDS OF 1950

**S**UBJECT to adjustments by the Peals Analysis Committee, it is now possible to give the Exercise statistics relating to peal ringing in 1950. While the high figure of 2,906 peals recorded in 1949 has not been reached, the total for the past 12 months of 2,724 is the second highest on record.

The following table is illuminating as showing the monthly totals for the past four years:—

	1950	1949	1948	1947
January ...	197	242	207	140
February ...	224	234	193	101
March ...	205	199	188	138
April ...	240	232	253	180
May ...	239	214	234	201
June ...	166	209	177	161
July ...	197	199	184	137
August ...	266	249	231	170
September ...	224	238	177	167
October ...	218	270	236	184
November ...	256	251	334	349
December ...	292	369	225	246
Totals ...	2724	2906	2639	2174
Tower bells	2370	2527	2365	1953
Handbells ...	354	378	274	221

It will be noted that in five months of 1950 the totals for 1949 were exceeded. The most prolific month of the year was December with 292, but this was 77 peals less than the corresponding month of last year. Why is December such a favoured month? The Christmas holiday undoubtedly accounts for a number of extra peals, but against that in the weeks preceding Christmas many ringers' leisure is restricted.

There was no occasion for national rejoicing during 1950. In the table above will be noted the high November figure in 1947 when 349 peals were rung, many of which were for Princess Elizabeth's wedding. The birth of Prince Charles a year later was a similar occasion for the nation expressing its feelings by the ringing of peals.

If the blessing of peace is vouchsafed to us in 1951, there are likely to be many additional peals rung in connection with the Festival of Britain, particularly in towers where a peal is a special occasion. There are in the country some thousands of ringers whose names rarely appear in 'The Ringing World,' and if a national request

is made to ring the bells then they respond. Members of the Standing Committee are still deliberating on Dr. Hatcher's and Mr. Spice's report and doubtless there will be plenty of time to pass on the conclusions to the Guilds and to the Exercise at large.

It is likely, however, that there will be towns and villages where the Festival will not be regarded as a special occasion. Some people put every obstacle in the way of a peal and this week we record the remarkable attitude of Church authorities in Adelaide, who on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the first Primate of All England to visit the Commonwealth, felt that the event did not warrant a peal attempt and the ringers were consequently disappointed.

We do not think that the fact that there were 182 peals less rung in 1950 as compared with 1949 can in any sense be interpreted as a sign of dwindling enthusiasm, or that recruits are not forthcoming. Last week, for example, we recorded seven first peals and this can be taken as a fair average. One of the reasons among regular and leading peal ringers is the desire to explore uncharted and more difficult peals in the way of Spliced Surprise. Few of the leading bands can conscientiously say that they climbed each new pinnacle at the first attempt. One tower with which the writer is familiar had a series of disappointments before the company could master a peal in a particular Surprise method. And it is right that such conditions should prevail. The idea of a 'cast iron' peal with a 'cast iron' band is repugnant to many ringers. The element of uncertainty is one of the joys of the game. Many ringers take more pride in the quality of their peals than the quantity, and this is a commendable feature second only to instructional peals for advancing young ringers in the art.

As regards handbell ringing there was only a difference of 24 in the two years' totals. We are pleased to find new companies appearing in our lists and trust that this side of the Exercise will not be neglected. Here again it is quality and not quantity that has been the objective of certain bands, and the new laurels gained by Mr. G. E. Feirn's band in Lincolnshire and those by Mr. Christopher Woolley's band in Hertfordshire have only been gained after weeks of steady practice. It is, however, from Bournemouth and Leicester that the biggest contribution to handbell ringing has been made. Obliging conductors in both towns are ever ready to place their time and experience at the disposal of visitors.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. .Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 9
*RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 11
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6	TONY PRICE .. .. .Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. and Mrs. E. M. Wayman.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. .Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 9
JILL POOLE .. .. .4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 10
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 5	JACK BRAY .. .. .11
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 6	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. .Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Enid Mary Wayman and Jack Hubert Wayman, which took place earlier in the day.

## TEN BELL PEAL

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 2	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	†ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 8
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
*ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 5	HENRY HUBBALL .. .. .Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 WIRRAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ..Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal rung in this method, and it was rung as a birthday compliment to Brian D. Threlfall.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT ..Treble	*J. LEONARD GLYDE .. 5
*NORMAN MALLETT .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 6
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	*ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 4	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN MARTIN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now 'circled' this tower.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN CHEETHAM .. .. .Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	ARTHUR BURTON .. .. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. .. 7
RAYMOND SCOTT .. .. 4	WILFRED SCOTT .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung with deeply muffled bells in memory of John Denner, a ringer at this church, who, with his wife, was interred in this churchyard on this day.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*EDWARD M. SIMMONDS ..Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
†HARRY POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. .. 6
JOHN LINDON .. .. .3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5096 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising 3,416 Plain Bob and 1,680 Little Bob, with 35 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS .. .. .Treble	F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 5
MONICA DAVIS .. .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. 6
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 7
E. PETER ROCK .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal of Spliced Major for the Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON ..Treble	RONALD CHAFER .. .. 5
†G. EDWARD BRUMPTON .. 2	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. 6
HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 3	HARRY HALL .. .. .7
PHILIP BARNES .. .. 4	JACK BRAY .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. .Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN ..Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
REGINALD POSTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON .. .. 6
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3	†WILLIAM POSTON .. .. 7
FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

\* First peal of Major. † 100th peal on Bridstow bells.



**BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Arrangement of Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
JOHN E. S. MORETON .. Treble .. HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5  
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 2 .. JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 6  
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3 .. \*ALFRED J. HINDE .. 7  
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 4 .. LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

**EWHURST, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

**A PEAL OF 5152 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble .. \*KENNETH SNELLING .. 5  
\*RAYMOND OVERY .. 2 .. \*WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6  
\*HAROLD A. MAY .. 3 .. \*FREDK. A. MUNDAY .. 7  
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4 .. \*C. ERNEST SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and by the Guild.

**HODNET, SALOP.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Luke,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

\*WILFRED KERR .. Treble .. RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 5  
GEORGE A. PACKER .. 2 .. EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6  
RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 3 .. †HOWARD HOWELL .. 7  
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 4 .. †MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

\*W. GEORGE PAGE .. Treble .. J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 5  
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 2 .. SAMUEL BIRCH .. 6  
ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 3 .. HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 7  
TREVOR REYNOLDS .. 4 .. ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

\* First peal of Major.

**MEOPHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

\*MICHAEL FULLER .. Treble .. †ANTHONY E. COX .. 5  
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2 .. PERCY J. SPICE .. 6  
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3 .. JACK DAFTERS .. 7  
†JOHN E. CANNELL .. 4 .. PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal.

**NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

\*MARJORIE ABBOTT .. Treble .. \*ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5  
\*MURIEL REAY .. 2 .. \*JOHN ASHCROFT .. 6  
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 3 .. \*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 7  
†JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 4 .. JAMES L. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

**PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.  
\*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble .. \*ARTHUR H. FISHER .. 5  
BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2 .. FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 6  
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3 .. JOHN H. HUNT .. 7  
\*HENRY W. STOVELD .. 4 .. \*NORMAN J. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Denys,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 2,880 Cambridge, 2,176 Superlative, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

\*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Treble WILFRED W. RING .. 5  
\*ROBERT COLLINS .. 2 .. THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6  
\*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3 .. MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7  
\*WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4 .. HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier, who was captain at this tower for 30 years, also a 19th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Rogers, youngest daughter of the conductor.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 10 cwt.

\*JEAN M. WOOD .. Treble .. REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5  
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2 .. PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6  
JILL POOLE .. 3 .. †JOHN HILL .. 7  
GORDON H. ARGUILL .. 4 .. †FREDK. T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples on tower bells and 25th peal. ‡ First peal on eight. A compliment to Mr. J. O. Lancashire on his 87th birthday.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

*At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,*

**A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

\*DENNIS CHAPMAN .. Treble .. NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5  
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2 .. WILLIAM CLOVER .. 6  
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 3 .. GEORGE SAYER .. 7  
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4 .. HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lock and a third birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bason's grandson.

**GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Jan. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble .. URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5  
FRANK L. FISHER .. 2 .. CECIL W. PIPE .. 6  
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 3 .. GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7  
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4 .. ERNEST W. PYE .. Tenor

Composed by F. N. HOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob as conductor. Rung on the 180th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich rung at Norwich on Monday, January 15th, 1771.



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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Jan. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
This is the 250th peal in the tower.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24½ cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSTON .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* 150th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Sydney A. Avis. E. J. Hobbs has now completed the circle of this tower.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN .. 5
*MICHAEL F. LAYTON .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 6
†PETER R. LAYTON .. 3	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 7
ALBERT HARMAN .. 4	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene, M.A.

BEXLEY, KENT.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.
MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT .. 6
*MARJORIE JACKSON .. 3	*FRANK MATTHEWS .. 7
*A. RONALD LING .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* Specially arranged for Leonard H. Baybut, who returned to India on January 23rd, all the ringers taking part in the peal wishing him bon voyage.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

SAMUEL BIRCH .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	*J. DENIS HOLDEN .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CATHARINE M. TRIST .. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5
ARTHUR PEAKE .. 2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 6
*RONALD BARLOW .. 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 7
†DENNIS KNOX .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*MICHAEL BISHOP .. Treble	D. JORDAN .. 5
†ALEX WOODLEY .. 2	R. B. BLOND .. 6
H. K. WHITE .. 3	A. H. WEBB .. 7
J. P. BLOND .. 4	J. C. NAPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*MONTAGUE NORTHWAY .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. 5
YVONNE ELOIE .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	*THOMAS DREW .. 7
RONALD N. MARLOW .. 4	JACK MUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 6
*DENIS MADDOCK .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London. A birthday compliment to Anthea, daughter of H. O. Baker.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

T. MARK WHITE .. Treble	*GEOFFREY DODDS .. 5
*DAVID W. BEARD .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

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

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*FRANK STEAD .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 2	JOHN JACKSON .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH .. 7
SIDNEY TUSON .. 4	JOHN CHARNOCK .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, Canon B. E. Hughes. M.A.. B.D.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*RONALD J. GALE .. Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
ELIZABETH M. HANNAM .. 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 6
MRS. DORA EVANS .. 3	EDWARD J. FRY .. 7
PHILLIP W. WEEKS .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the conductor.



RFADING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 5
ELIZABETH BROWN .. .. 2	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 6
MARGARET L. TUTT .. .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

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

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 5
†DAVID GODFREY .. .. 2	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. .. 7
ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

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

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

SIDNEY FLINT .. .. Treble	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 5
*JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 3	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. Edwin Preston, of Sefton, as Precentor of Hereford Cathedral.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*MARY WEBSTER .. .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4
DONALD CHADWICK .. .. 2	*FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 5
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Canterbury, 480 Old Doubles, 360 April Day, 360 St. Dunstan's, 240 Chase, 2,880 Grandsire and 240 Morris's arrangement.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN E. LABUTT .. .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. .. 3
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE .. 2	*HARRY WOODING .. .. 4
†FRED HOLLY .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

\* First peal in six methods. † First peal of Doubles. Rung in honour of the 65th birthday of John E. Labutt.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's (one calling) and 36 120's (10 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*M. JENNIFER LEE (The Queen's School, Chester), aged 13 .. Treble	
†BETTY GRIFFITHS (Chester City High School) .. .. 2	
SHIRLEY GOLDING (Chester City High School) .. .. 3	
JOHN BOUTLAND (The King's School, Chester) .. .. 4	
BRIAN HARRIS (The King's School, Chester) .. .. 5	
*HEATHER M. LOGAN (The Queen's School, Chester), aged 15 .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in connection with the 'Universal Week of Prayer' and as an 18th birthday compliment to B. Harris. Average age of band 15 years 5 months.

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### BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Double Oxford,  
Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*JOHN R. WORSDELL .. Treble	CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
JOHN E. COOK .. 3	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal.

### LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. 75, 79, 80; 81, 82, 83; 58).

Tenor 8 cwt.

*MARY I. KENNELLY .. Treble	*BRIAN BLADON .. 4
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. 2	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 5
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Cambridge Minor and of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

COLIN A. KIRK .. Treble	MICHAEL BROWN .. 4
HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
WINIFRED MAY BURTON .. 3	ALAN CATTELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

### WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY WOODCOCK .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING .. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	*BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...

\* 75th peal. A wedding compliment to Arthur D. Cook and Molly Westoby.

### CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON .. Treble	JOHN HEDLEY .. 4
MARGARET FIDELL .. 2	ERNEST WALLACE .. 5
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 3	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WALLACE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

### LANGLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Alnwick, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY DODDS .. Treble	*†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 4
WILLIAM WELLING .. 2	TONY PRICE .. 5
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* 25th peal together. † First seven-Surprise peal.

### EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEOFFREY A. PARKER .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Arranged by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT ST. ANDREW'S BELFRY, WALKERVILLE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Norfolk and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and St. Columb.

Tenor size 8 in C.

CATHERINE E. LAMPHEE .. 1-2 | JONATHAN F. EGGLETON .. 3-4

PHILIP L. COOPER .. 5-6

Conducted by PHILIP L. COOPER.

First handbell peal in six methods in Australia. Rung to commemorate the opening of the jubilee year of the Australian Commonwealth.

### SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 22A, ST. PHILIP'S ROAD, UPPER STRATTON,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 1-2 | B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3-4

JACK R. WORRALL .. 5-6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

### BRISTOL.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ANNIE BROWN .. 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS .. 5-6

EDWIN J. BROWN .. 3-4 | RAYMOND C. SEAGER .. 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Brown.

### NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST GILES,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 98. Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

ERIC NIXON .. 1-2 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5-6

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4 | RONALD BARLOW .. 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

### BRISTOL.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON .. 1-2 | FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6

HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4 | MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

### ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

#### CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 1, MAIN STREET,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor size 10 in A.

\*J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 1-2 | †STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 3-4

†JOHN A. HAILE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

\* First peal in five Doubles methods. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First peal 'in hand' for the Association and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Haile, mother of the ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

### TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON .. 5-6

HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 3-4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.



**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy E. Turnbull 1, Mary W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Hough 1, G. Armstrong (first quarter in method) 2, Miss B. Colver (first quarter in method) 3, J. Hill 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough 6, T. K. Deacon 7, G. P. Garner (cond.) 8. Rung for the christening of the Rector's grandson, Nicholas John Wood.—Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hough 1, Miss B. Colver 2, T. C. Belton 3, J. Armstrong 4, C. R. Belton (cond.) 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

**BLEDLOW, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hunt (first quarter) 1, G. Strathdee 2, A. Seymour 3, A. Strathdee (first quarter) 4, R. Witney (first quarter as cond.) 5. To commemorate the dedication of the altar rails by the Bishop of Oxford.

**EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Wingate 1, G. Watt 2, S. Delve 3, L. Allen 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, H. Carlsson 6. First quarter by all.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Court Triples: Miss W. Wilkinson 1, J. Segar 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First spliced quarter in these methods by all the band.

**EVERLEIGH, WILTS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Deer G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, J. Hutt (first quarter) 2, F. Wheeler 3, E. Cadie 4, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 5, E. C. Hughes 6, F. Whipp 7, D. Vincent and J. Belcher 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Betterton. Mrs. Betterton is vergar and caretaker of the church.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. A. Parsons 1, J. S. Hawkins (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, R. W. Green 4, F. A. Barker 5, R. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, J. W. Euston 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—On Jan. 14th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss F. A. Edgar 1, G. Dodds 2, D. W. Beard 3, L. Fox 4, R. H. Begrie 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, B. D. Threlfall 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. H. Winch 1, A. J. Smith (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, H. V. Young 3, G. Peters 4, B. Hawkins 5, C. Smart 6, A. Harman 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

**LEIGH, KENT.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Spillet (first quarter) 1, G. Hitchcock 2, D. Pankhurst 3, G. Whitehead 4, B. Pankhurst (cond.) 5, A. Stubbins 6. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Whitehead (formerly members of the band). Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 are grandfather, uncle and great-uncle respectively.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Stratford Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First in the method by all, on the bells, in Dorset and for the Salisbury Guild.

**MANCHESTER.**—At the Cathedral on Jan. 18th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Simkins 1, F. Barraclough 2, H. Longden 3, D. Ogden 4, N. Aires 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, F. Brotherton 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10. Rung on the 80th birthday of the Rev. Canon Green, Sub-Dean of Manchester.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. W. Palmer 2, E. R. Christmas (first quarter) 3, R. Williams 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. C. Turnbull.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville 1, H. Standley (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. T. Walmsley 3, H. Barlow 4, D. J. Gay 5, V. Sykes 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, T. B. Hartley (first quarter) 8.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): B. Cheeseman (16) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, Dorothy A. Walden (14) 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First in two methods 'inside' for 2 and 3. A compliment to Canon A. W. Markby, the popular branch chairman, on his completion of 21 years as Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

**RAUNDS, NORTANTS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Bellamy 1, A. Gibbs 2, W. Whitmore 3, W. Copperwheat 4, L. Groom 5, A. Wilson 6, H. Richardson 7, E. Whitmore (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Higham Ferrers.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Adams 1, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 2, A. Stamp 3, C. R. Wright 4, J. Coad 5, H. E. North 6, G. E. Tuke 7, A. Firth 8, P. E. North (first quarter of Royal as cond.) 9, T. C. Ryder 10. First quarter of Royal for 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. North, who passed away on Jan. 11th and whose son and grandson (conductor) were ringers.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, Helen Gorringe 2, E. Avery 3, J. Harris 4, A. Hoad 5, W. Hoad 6, W. Gorringe (cond.) 7, G. King 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—On Jan. 14th at St. Mary's, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 1, D. C. Williams 2, W. Glasspool (first 'inside' Caters) 3, R. Faithfull 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull 5, Miss J. Cox 6, R. Brown 7, M. J. Butler 8, R. W. Rex 9, D. Longman (first quarter peal) 10. Arranged for R. W. Rex, of Newbury.

**ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: J. N. Haile 1, G. McKay 2, J. A. Haile 3, H. Wilson 4, S. Richardson (cond.) 5, T. McKay 6. First quarter peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. I. Marsden, who has completed 50 years' service as a ringer.

**ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Addis 1, Walter Reynolds 2, Wilfred Reynolds 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (first as cond.) 5, H. Wilce 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. Heal, wife of the Rev. H. F. Heal, Vicar.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, W. Noble 2, G. Nicholls 3, H. W. Pratt 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, L. W. Fisher 6, S. Clements 7 (covering). This is believed to be the first quarter rung on these bells by all St. Ives Guild ringers.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. Fadden (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, S. G. Peck 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. G. W. Stainsby, who was laid to rest earlier in the day.

**WITCHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Deem 1, W. Hayman 2, P. Davis 3, R. Pike 4, C. Deem 5, J. Skinner 6, E. Rowe 7, J. L. S. Glanville (cond.) 8. First quarter Bob Major by 3, 4 and 7.

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### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding for 1951. These should be despatched immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The seventh bell, cast in 1541, has been incorporated in the restored ring of eight at Yatton, Somerset. Is there any other tower that can claim a bell as old or older still in a ring of bells, enquires Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton.

By calling 1,260 Grandsire Triples on his 19th birthday, Mr. G. Armstrong becomes the seventh Barwell ringer to conduct a quarter peal. Six methods have now been covered.

Mr. W. J. Paice, of Binsted, Hants, writes that he called the peal of Grandsire Triples, published on page 48, at Wokingham over 40 years ago when it was given to him by a friend as the composition of J. Carter and known at the time as Carter's 12 part.

Portishead, Somerset, is again in the news. Mr. Ronald J. Gale, the local tower master, has rung his first peal of Major, having agreed to stand in at short notice. The peal was to have been conducted by Mr. D. Hoare, of Radstock, who was suddenly taken ill with influenza.

Since the publication of leading peal-ringers of 1950, Mr. Michael J. E. Best, of Bourne-mouth, has informed us that he rang 52 peals during the year under review. Of these, 48 were on handbells (conducted one) and four on tower bells.

Adelaide ringers, during 1950, rang nine tower quarter peals, 15 handbell quarters and three handbell peals. In these, 20 Adelaide ringers have participated. Permission for a tower bell peal was refused. A peal attempt was planned for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury but the ringers were told it was not sufficient reason for a peal.

Regarding the enquiry from Lyme Regis as to the first performance of Stratford Surprise Major, Mr. E. W. Tipler (Lutterworth) and Mr. J. H. W. White (Coventry) inform us that it was first rung at Nuneaton on April 28th, 1938, conducted by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, writes telling how he and Mr. Ralph Maklum rang the old year out and the new year in at the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, on a recently-augmented set of handbells. The Westminster hour chimes and the hour of midnight was followed by Queens, Tittums and Whittington, which was much appreciated by the congregation. A letter from Mr. Maklum some months back was the subject of an editorial: 'An American Wants to Know.'

We regret the passing of Mr. George H. Walters, of Prestbury, Cheltenham, on January 23rd. He was a well-known conductor in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The Rev P. J. Boulsover, his wife and two children sailed for Australia last Tuesday to take up work at Atherton, N. Queensland. For seven years he has been ringing captain at St. Peter's, Bexhill, Sussex, and has done a lot of hard work teaching boys and people of all ages to ring. Following so soon after the departure of Mr. Smeaton to Australia this is a severe blow to Bexhill. At a farewell meeting the St. Peter's ringers presented him with an initialled Ronson lighter. A farewell peal was arranged, but unfortunately the band met one short. Every success is extended to him in his new pioneer work.

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, has resigned as secretary of the Calne Branch, Salisbury Association, after 27 years' continuous service because he feels it is a job for a younger man. At a recent meeting the chairman, Canon White, paid tribute to the amount of good work Mr. Wilson had done during his long term of office. Mr. Wilson is still an able ringer as the following shows:—Finding the rope rather short on the 2nd at Calne, he just takes one of the belfry chairs, stands on that, and rings a perfect touch of Stedman Triples.

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Annual Meeting at Repton

For the beginning of Repton's history, one must go back to early times when the Saxons were slowly becoming converts to the Christian faith: it was for a time the ancient capital of the Saxon kingdom of Mercia and is older, probably, than Derby. Most of Repton Church, dedicated to St. Wystan, an early Christian martyr, was rebuilt about 1340 but the chancel of the old building was retained.

Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt which was discovered in the 18th century. The crypt has always been regarded by archaeologists as a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work, the roof being supported by four spiral columns.

Just as Repton's ancient story is associated with its church, so its modern history centres on the school where the late Archbishop and the present Archbishop of Canterbury were at one time headmasters.

It was at this church, so steeped in ancient history, that the Guild held its fifth annual meeting when upwards of 70 ringers were present from a wide area. The Vicar (the Rev. Harcombe) conducted the service and gave the address. Ringing was supervised by Mr. S. H. Jones. An excellent tea followed in the Court Room when the company were the guests of the local ringers.

Following tea, the annual meeting was held at which the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson (in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert) presided.

Five new members were elected before the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) presented the yearly report. He spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. L. C. Smith (Rolleston) and Mr. G. Brown (Winshill). Nine meetings had been held during the year and all these had been well attended, the average being 36 per meeting. Twelve resident ringing members had been elected, four honorary and 12 non-resident life-members.

### RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

The past year had seen a record established in peal ringing with a total of 77. These were rung at 28 churches and 10 handbell centres. Mr. W. P. Whitehead headed the list of conductors with a total of 25, followed by J. W. F. Trotman 12, Ernest Morris 6, A. Cattell 4, J. W. Cotton 4, S. H. Jones 3, B. G. Key 2, W. F. Woodward 2, A. Hough 2, R. Beniston 2, F. W. Grocott 2, J. Bramley, P. W. Grice, W. G. Soar, J. J. Morris, J. Bailey and A. E. Rowley one each. Five peals were rung 'nonducted' and one peal 'silent'.

The balance sheet, read by Mr. J. H. Brittan, showed that receipts balanced the payments.

Officers elected for 1951 were as follows:—President, The Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; Central Council Representatives, Messrs. B. G. Key and J. W. Cotton; committee—Miss R. Hemmings, Messrs. W. G. Soar, E. W. Beadsmoore and W. F. Westward.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the local ringers for their hospitality.

Meeting cards for 1951 were distributed and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—February 24th, All Saints' and Parish Church, Burton; April 7th, Winshill or Appleby; May 19th, Measham; June 30th, Ashby; August 18th, Hanbury; September 29th, Rolleston; November 10th, Ticknall. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

Towers represented were Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Rolleston, Ticknall, Seales, Lullington, King's Bromley, Derby (Cathedral, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's), Hoar Cross, Kingsbury, Ockbrook, Barwell, Nuneaton and the local company.

## A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

### Mr. F. H. Dexter's First Peal

On January 19th, 1901, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts. This was the first peal to be rung by the newly-formed Society of St. Martin's, Leicester, and was also the first peal by the two youngest members of the band. Of this twain, fate decreed that one was soon to be called to the land of his fathers whilst the other was destined to become the ringer who was to do more than any other individual to place Leicester on the ringing map. Frederick H. Dexter, big-hearted ringer, gifted composer and conductor, a great leader and a prince of good fellows.



MR. F. H. DEXTER

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary a party of Cathedral ringers and friends assembled at his home on the evening of January 19th. Whilst six of the company were attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of the event the remainder joined Fred in another room to partake of refreshments and to talk over bygone days. Eventually the Stedman Cinques ran into rounds and the ringers joined the main party. And then the lid blew off!

Although Fred no longer rings and the belfry knows him no more, he can still talk and two hilarious hours passed whilst he was recalling his adventures (and misadventures!) over the fifty years in his own inimitable manner and using his own specific variety of Basic English in the telling! The evening will long be remembered by all who were present; the kind of evening that only ringers can have; but what a pity it is that golden anniversaries only happen every fifty years!

Farewells were said and the party wended their several ways home, happy in the knowledge that the old 'Sergeant Major' was the happier for their visit.

By a coincidence, January 19th was also the 30th anniversary of the first peal rung by Alban Disney, of Anstey, which was rung in 1921 at Birstall, where his father was then Vicar. Mr. Ernest Morris was the conductor and during the peal he took off his tie, then his collar, then loosened his shirt! Had it not been Alban's first peal, also the first (and as yet the only) peal on the bells, he declared he would have given up the attempt.

## WEDDING BELLS AT SURFLEET

### Marriage of Mrs. Enid Wayman

The wedding took place on January 20th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Surfleet, Lincs, of Enid Mary, only daughter of the late Mr. Rupert Richardson and of Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet, and Jack Hubert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wayman, of Teddington, Middlesex. Mr. Richardson was for a number of years Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and one of the best known and most respected ringers in the country. He was captain of the local band, of which his wife and daughter are members, Mrs. Richardson having succeeded her husband in this office.

There was a large congregation at the service including representatives of the Mothers' Union and several other village organisations of which the bride is a member, and numerous ringers from Donington, Spalding, Leicester, Burton-on-Stather, Lincoln and the London area. The bride, who wore a dress of gold brocade, was attended by her cousin, Miss Lois Farr, and two young bridesmaids, Pat Wayman, daughter of the bride, and Jean Barnett. Mr. R. L. Wayman, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Some 70 guests were present at the reception, which was held in Spalding.

A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on the light ring of 12 before the wedding, after which the bells were 'fired.' Later in the day a peal of Stedman Cinques was successfully brought round on them, as was one of Kent Treble Bob in the neighbouring parish of Pinchbeck. An attempt which should have been made at Donington unfortunately had to be postponed owing to illness.

## A VISIT TO KENT SCHOOL

Dear Sir,—Whilst on a business visit to the United States of America recently, I had the good fortune to be invited to ring on the bells at Kent School, Connecticut.

The opportunity came quite unexpectedly and was the result of my glancing through a school magazine at the home of George Ramsey, a business friend, whose son, Graham, is a prefect at Kent. Although not a ringer himself, Graham Ramsey worked at tower grabber's speed to arrange for my visit and 'phoned to me at 10 p.m. to tell me that everything was arranged for the following Sunday.

Kent, which is set in delightful surroundings, has 309 boys, of whom eight are ringers at the present time. Unfortunately, I was not able to meet two of them as, due to the close proximity of Christmas, they were busy swotting for exams; the need for quiet during this important period also explained why the bells were fully muffled for our ringing.

The ten bells of Kent School (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.) were installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and were given to the school by Frank J. Humphrey and his wife, Katherine, as a thankoffering for the preservation of the life of their son through a dangerous illness. They were rung for the first time on Easter Day, 1932.

For some time the school engaged Mr. Isaac Attwater to train the ringers but after he left, the work of training has been handed on from boy to boy to ensure that there is always a team capable of keeping up the tradition of ringing the bells at dusk each day. I was tremendously impressed when I realised that these boys, none of whom stay at the school more than five years, had been able to keep alive the art of bellringing without any material outside assistance since the middle 1930's. The team as it now exists is able to ring Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples.

Father West, the assistant headmaster, gave me a warm welcome and was very appreciative of the little advice I could give during a very short stay. In return I extended the good wishes of all church bellringers to them in their work.—Yours, etc., GEORGE H. HANCOCK.

Willoughby, near Rugby.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—8

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

During 1883 Mr. Fussell took part in six peals, viz:—Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's R.C., Birmingham, conducted by John Carter; similar peal at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berks, called by H. Edgely; another at St. George's, Camberwell, called by W. H. Gardams; Holt's Original at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, called by H. J. Tucker; Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Southgate, N., called by G. Newson; and Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Anne's, Highgate, N., called by Jas. Barrett.

Of the Wokingham peal he says:—'We rang 40 minutes and broke down. The second attempt was successful, the striking being very good in the first half. The second half was not so good and the bells were out of course at one time but put right at the 5th part end. However, the Wokingham men say it was a better peal than the first one rung there.'

Of the Camberwell peal he says he worked till 4.30, caught train to Vauxhall 4.40, and got to St. George's, Camberwell, at 6.20; had tea and went up the tower. Commenced ringing 7.15 and completed 5.040 in two hours 59 minutes, this being his fifth peal and 'the second best for striking throughout.' Came down at 10.30 and stayed till 11.10 returning to Datchet by 12.5 from Vauxhall; arrived home 2 a.m. One wonders what would be said to-day if we rang a peal so late?

### AN ENJOYABLE OUTING

In September, 1883, Mr. Fussell records that 'Father and I went to Farnham where J. Parker, Fells, Chapman and others rode in the wagonette to Chalfont St. Peter and rang 720 Doubles called differently. Then to St. Giles' for 720 Bob Minor and at Amersham 720 Grandsire and 720 Bob Minor; also to Little Missenden where 720 Doubles was rung. After having a very enjoyable day got home at 11 p.m., the weather being very fine and warm.

'During the day there was not a single cross word spoken and no unpleasantness whatever, rather an unusual thing when ringers meet! There were scarcely any mistakes and everything seemed very successful. We did not go to Cheneys as intended owing to illness at the Manor House, nor to Chesham as the 5th and 6th require two to ring each of them properly.

'Father (75th year) although he does not ring and has never done so (in fact he does not like bells) quite liked the outing, and had a very pleasant time looking round the villages. Mr. Elbourn, of Amersham, was very kind and it was chiefly through him we were able to get on so well. He intends putting up a board for our 720. Each 720 was the first performed on the bells.'

Sunday, September 16th, was Mr. Fussell's 22nd birthday, and he walked to Farnham and rang 720 Grandsire Minor for morning service. In the afternoon he went to St. George's Chapel, Windsor. September 22nd was his brother Alf's 30th birthday, but on October 22nd he records: 'My brother's birthday. September, as we all thought, being a mistake in the registering.'

In October he and his brother walked to Iver, through Langley, and in the churchyard there saw John Steel's gravestone with a bell carved on top. At Iver they met the ringers and at 5.30 went to the tower where Mr. Fussell rang the tenor (20 cwt.) and his brother the 5th. He writes: 'After a good many preliminary words of caution we began and when the call changes were finished the small board with the changes on was carefully put away and I was complimented for ringing the tenor so well; in fact they said the best that had rung out for some years. In 1874 their own men rang for two hours and 40 minutes without stopping.'

### VISIT TO LONDON

On October 20th he went to London and on to Walthamstow where he called on Mr. T. Maynard and later copied inscriptions from St. Mary's bells. S. Hayes came up and afterwards Parker, Clarke, his brother and H. Tucker. They started for and were successful with a peal of Grandsire Triples in three hours seven minutes.

He stayed the night in Walthamstow and went to the new church and rang for 11 a.m. service a touch of Minor and call changes on seven bells (one man not turning up). 'Went to the office of "Bell News" and met Mr. Alexander (partner with Harvey Reeves in printing) and had a chat with the other ringers there.'

Then he went to Haverstock Hill, via Hackney, but could not see any ringers of the Gospel Oak so went to Finsbury Park, thence to the Chapel of Ease, Holloway, but there was no ringing on. The next evening at St. Clement Danes, Strand, he met the Waterloo Society and rang in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, afterwards retiring to the Club Room for handbell ringing, etc.

The following evening he met Barrett, Leach, Titchener, Page and others at St. Anne's, Highgate, and rang 500 Bob Major, also Kent Treble Bob, and other methods. Later that week he rang in 720 Oxford Treble Bob at Gospel Oak. While in London he did quite a lot of practice and service ringing and on October 27th he went to Christ Church, Southgate, and after waiting about we at length went up to the tower and rang a complete peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation) in three hours 21 minutes, called by Geo. Newson.

At the end of October he went back to Slough where he 'saw that the ringing room had been done out and thoroughly coloured, dado round the walls and other improvements. Deceased ringers' names also added to the memorial board. Still, if they were real "change ringers" the whole crew would not stick to call changes so much. Not even a 720 has been rung during the year yet.'

In November (1883) at St. Anne's, Highgate, he rang his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in three hours five minutes, afterwards went to the meeting house for refreshments and 'had a jolly evening to commemorate Barrett's 47th and Page's 60th birthdays. On account of being late coming away I went to Hornsey with A. Jacobs and G. Griffin and slept at latter's house, and left next morning.'

### LORD MAYOR'S DAY

On Friday, November 9th, Lord Mayor's Day, he went on the roof of St. Clement Danes' and had a good view of the procession, then walked up Ludgate Hill to the Goose and Gridiron College Youths' House in St. Paul's Churchyard but no ringers there, so he went back to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and rang till 8.30, thence to their meeting room till 12 o'clock.

'Saw Alford, Tucker, Davis (promised him 5s. for the Cox fund), saw J. Cox and treated him, also Newson, Baron, Mansfield, Nelms and others. Jacobs and I had to run nearly all the way to King's Cross to catch the last train.'

The next day they went to Enfield with Newson and Pitstow to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob. 'Met one short so Gardam went to Edmonston for Ellsmore. Started the peal at 4.20 but after two hours 18 minutes good striking J. Barrett gave up at the tenor owing to it going badly. The bells were hung by Warners, being a new church, tower and frames all complete. When we came down the Vicar gave us refreshments, wine, cake and biscuits.'

Later he went to Uxbridge and called on the steeplekeeper, Mr. Warren Hastings, now in his 69th year. 'As he had to toll for a funeral I

pulled the tenor up for him. Afterwards at his house up the "Bell Yard" he gave me an old, curiously written document dated 1697. I learned that he was born at Farringdon, Berks, and was apprenticed to the shoe trade in Oxford with Sam Hounslow, the great swimmer, brother of Charles Hounslow, the ringer (who called my first peal at Bicester), this being the means of his learning to ring.' In December he says: 'I was pleased to see by the "Bell News" that a peal of Caters on handbells by my Birmingham friends, also the College Youths were successful at Fulham. Alf Thomas of Birmingham is in the records in ringing a West Bromwich.'

During 1883 he rang, in addition to the six peals already noted, 68 different 720's, 43 being at Farnham. They were in 16 different towers, in six counties, with six different conductors.

### NEW YEAR'S MORN

'The night was dark  
And the way was drear.'

'Such were my thoughts trudging alone along the road from Farnham at one o'clock in the morning of the New Year (1884) after ringing out the old year at St. Mary's Church. C. Clarke failed to set the tenor after tolling midnight, so we all pulled off together making a very noisy crash, to sound the advent of another year. However, we finished with a good 720 Bob Minor (called by J. Parker). The weather all Christmas time was very unseasonable, wet and cold fogs prevailing, and the roads as muddy as could be. When I got home, went to bed and did not get up till 12 a.m.'

Next day Mr. Fussell says he bought small books for his diary at Luff's but found they would not do! He did quite a lot of writing up of peal records for many different ringers, and there are scores of mentions of this in his diary. On January 4th he says: 'Got "Bell News" wherein I was pleased to see St. Lawrence Society, Reading, had been successful in their peal called by Mr. Wm. Newell. I can pity poor Williams who no doubt had to coach Newell through most of it. For Newell, though a good man and one who tries very much, was always a duffer at calling and always misses a bob somewhere if not called in the wrong place.'

'I've known him to start calling the 168 (Queens and Tittums—six singles) and then make a wrong call at the last 40 changes. He must have improved wonderfully to have been successful in the peal and have stuck to it very hard.' Mr. Fussell notes next day 'pencilling in two peals No. 86-87 for H. Hopkins, also Newell's peal for him.'

### 'A NOISY INTERLUDE'

On January 5th, Mr. Fussell 'got to Farnham a little earlier owing to a ride up in a tradesman's cart. Five of us mustered at the church rather sharp and Edely soon after turned up and we raised the bells in peal, afterwards starting for a 720 Kent Treble Bob. When two-thirds through a boy came in the tower to see Mr. Parker, breaking us down at once. His message for Joe was from a Mrs. Wheeler to stop ringing at once owing to a burial in the churchyard that afternoon. The woman came in a very off-hand sort of manner, and had evidently been worked up to a high pitch by someone not in our favour. Brown, the sexton, perhaps. She complained about respect to the dead and feelings, etc., etc., and finished by saying she should stop it. Parker had put it to her plainly by stating they had rung before when two dead persons were lying in the village and no complaints made, while she lived halfway up the common—it was all a question of her asking us to leave off. The person was not a parishioner and was brought from London to be interred. Joe was slightly put out, for lately good luck was entirely against us.

'I afterwards heard from Basden, who lodged with the woman, that their grief was allayed by spending the evening in a pub boozing. This annoyed us all the more to think we were pre-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW'

Dear Sir,—A very good effort—but I would advise your young poet (and others) that ringers who have any consideration for their fellows do not spit upon their hands—it is a very nasty and insanitary custom, which I hope is becoming obsolete. In my youth I often protested against it, but usually only managed to get myself laughed at.

In the best ringing circles, an application of glycerine is considered the correct thing—it is much more effective, and, as it need be used very sparingly, should not 'mess up' the ropes. —Yours faithfully, R. F. DEAL.

London, E.6

## FOR THE METHODS COMMITTEE

## Third Place Bobs in Reverse Grandsire Triples

Dear Sir,—I should like to ask the Methods Committee if they object to a thirds place bob in Reverse Grandsire Triples. Examination of the collections of Major, Triples and Minor methods is very confusing. Reverse Bob Major is shown with two bobs: one when the treble is behind and the other when it is at lead. Reverse Grandsire Triples and Reverse Bob Minor are allowed one kind of bob each, but in Triples the treble is behind and in Minor it is at lead.

Further, there are eleven Minor methods to which a bell in the hunt can be added, becoming eleven legitimate Triples methods. Ten of these have a thirds place bob. Why the exceptional treatment of the eleventh method, namely, Reverse Grandsire?

Is it possible to call the seventh 'before' 18 times in a quarter peal of Spliced Triples, 1,260, which has 19 calls? Full courses of any number of methods from two to eleven can be spliced between these 'befores.' I hope the decision of the Methods Committee will not make it necessary to exclude Reverse Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

Retford, Notts.

J. SEGAR.

## W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

vented from ringing our Treble Bob after so many difficulties and Edgely coming all the way from Reading. We did no more that night except a touch of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells, and chatting over things generally. Got home 11, the rain ceased when we left Slough and the moon came out beautifully to liven up our damp spirits after Edgely's fruitless journey as we cannot ring Sunday night now.

(Sunday, 6th) Got up at 9 a.m. and walked to Farnham to be again fooled. This time Clarke had gone off to London without any warning, except he was going to see his brother who was going away. Edgely took a walk to Stoke and came back with Batten so we began ringing with four when up rushed Chapman and Basden and we then rang 504 Grandsire Minor. Parker spoke to Basden about the woman coming last night. He did not acknowledge anything to do with in the affair though he lives with her and could have made matters all right if he cared to. But the fact is, we don't take enough interest in him and trouble very little about him because his striking is so bad and his ringing detestable.

'While as for Brown (the Clerk of the Parish) he is the biggest duffer I have ever had to deal with in teaching ringing. Both don't care to be told and never know what they are doing one treble lead to another. I expect Brown was annoyed at not being at the supper in the school on New Year's eve. Came home to dinner but being a roast goose it was not ready till three o'clock, so I had dinner with Alf, my brother, and we walked up together to the church. Met short but J. Parker's brother came over from Horton and we rang five, changing the first four bells. I gave Edgely an illuminated copy of the Wokingham peal which seemed to please him.'

(To be continued.)

## SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The method 'Scientific Triples' has been much overrated. The plain course, a seven-part course of 210 changes, is not symmetrical, i.e., although the work of each bell is the same, there are no turning places so that it can hardly be called a method at all. John Carter advanced it merely as a curiosity difficult to ring, and I suggest that it would be a relatively simple matter to produce other similar courses. Far harder is it to compose a new peal of Stedman or Spliced Surprise.

A second criticism is that the calls take place at three essentially different places in the section, a property which would never be tolerated in any method or principle. The method is based on the Group of 168, part-ends which J. W. Parker dealt with in his 'Mysteries Unveiled.' The 5,040 changes are classified by this Group into 30 different Groups, and each section of Scientific Triples contains one of each. J. W. Parker thoroughly investigated this system in the limited case when a section consists of five sixes, quick or slow, and linked by 5ths or 7ths places, and he informed me shortly before his death that he had many years ago discovered many different principles which have the distinction of being symmetrical though long dodges rather spoil them. There is also a touch of Original Triples which belongs to this system—bobs at 1, 8, 15; repeat six times; 210 changes—and I produced a double symmetrical method some years ago which unfortunately does not succumb to acceptable calls. In all these systems the 168 sections in the extent cannot be transposed, and calls must keep within them.

No doubt it would be possible to compose a three-part peal with a fixed observation bell. The structure of the part-ends would not allow of a greater number of parts with a fixed bell.—Yours sincerely,

Brynmaur.

B. D. PRICE.

## THE SISTERS WOOD

Dear Sir,—In your issue No. 2076 you quote a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. John-the-Baptist, Tunstall, Kent, to which I rang the 7th.

I would like to point out that the ringer of the treble was Miss Alison Wood, whose first peal it was, and the ringer of the 5th was Miss Frances Wood, for whom it was the first peal in the method. In 'The Ringing World' the Christian names of these two sisters have been reversed.

The girls are easily confused and it is not the first time this has happened to people who do not know them well.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE

Chislehurst.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, SMITHFIELD

Dear Sir,—We have used Mr. Dore's admirable guide since it was published and have found it most useful.

Under the heading, City of London, he records—St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, E.C.1, 5, 8 cwt. in A.

There are, however, two churches of that name in Smithfield, St. Bartholomew the Great and St. Bartholomew the Less, which is actually in the grounds of the hospital of the same name. Inquiry proved that the five bells of St. Bartholomew the Great rest in the foundry, awaiting rehanging. In St. Bartholomew the Less investigation showed a frame constructed for a swinging peal containing two bells; and two further bells were found in the ringing chamber. Can any reader suggest if there was ever a fifth bell here and when this peal was rung?—Yours faithfully,

M. and G. ASHDOWN.

Eltham, S.E.9.

## IN DEFENCE OF RECORDING

Dear Sir,—I have just been shown an article in the October issue of your magazine, entitled 'This Recording Business,' and would like to reply to some of the points raised there.

Last May I became Vicar of this parish, inheriting a glorious, modern church, just 18 years old. Part of the equipment is an amplifying equipment for 'Recorded Bells,' so that I speak as an interested party.

As your correspondent implies, bellringing is an ancient and revered art in this country, and church bells are a rich heritage from the past: I believe that methods of ringing in England are unique, and therefore to be preserved. But I cannot see why natural developments of art and science should be therefore dismissed as 'not consistent with the Church's teaching': the Church is not tied to the inventions of the past, and should be glad and happy to employ the best discoveries of science and art.

No one objects to B.B.C. recordings and, for those churches which are not in a position to install a tower and bells (a doubtful extravagance in these times), recorded chimes make a very happy substitute. I believe that I was concerned in a very early experiment in this direction many years ago, and had many favourable comments on a temporary installation.

Merely to dismiss such modern developments is redolent of the early opponents of the railway or the handworkers in the factories resisting mechanical improvements. Fortunately, such opposition defeats its own ends, as history records.

It is true that the acoustic construction of amplifying apparatus requires much research and study, and many installations were made without sufficient acoustic knowledge; but that does nothing to support the extraordinary theories of your correspondent.—I am, Yours faithfully,

IVAN. T. PAGE-WOOD.

Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Bridlington.

## OLD BOYS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peals by Old Boys' Associations, a peal of Doubles in three methods was rung at All Saints' Norton, Northamptonshire, on May 20th, 1950. All those taking part were Old Daventryans, and though no footnote was added to the peal report, the performance was noted in the school magazine.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. ORLAND

Long Buckby, Northants.

## TWO EARLY PEALS

Sir,—While looking through some papers, I came across the following which will interest our Nottingham and Derby friends:—

'Leicester and Nottingham Journal,' Saturday, January 28th, 1786:—'On Monday evening, Mr. Holt's Peal of Five Thousand and Forty Grandsire Triples was completely rung at St. Peter's Church, in Nottingham, by the Hopeful Youths (or Junior Society) in that tower, being the first performed by them, and justly allowed to be a capital achievement, as that Society has not been established six months and the majority of them under the age of twenty years. The time, three hours and twenty-seven minutes.'

The same journal, March 18th, 1786:—

'On Monday last was rung by the Derby Youths at All Saints' Church (after 3 months' practice) Mr. Holt's Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the second. Performed by Richard Walthall 1st: Richard Sherah 2d: Wm. Edwards 3d: Fdw. Woodward 4th: Stephen Cocker 5th: Benjamin Walthall 6th: H. Viccars Fletcher 7th: William Forester 8th. The time of performing the above, 3 hours 24 minutes. The peal was called by Richard Sherah, being the first true peal ever performed on these bells.'—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.



# MORE REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

## BAD STRIKER WANTS BROADCASTING FREEDOM

Dear Sir,—I am most definitely against any restriction in the selection of towers to be broadcast. Ringing is primarily done for the service of God, and if done in good faith by the ringer, however humble, is acceptable in the sight of God. But strangely enough, the same ringing is not acceptable in the sight of the 'elite'.

Some of the great musicians of our time have not a high opinion of some of the choirs broadcast, but do they make their views known? Do they advocate that all services should be held at cathedrals where good singing can be heard? It is the same basic argument really!

I myself am a very bad 'striker.' I admit it, although it is not for the want of trying, but still I try to do my best on Sunday, and if my efforts have not been too good, at least I have done it wholeheartedly, and that, I am sure, is the case of countless ringers throughout the land.—Yours sincerely,

Branston, Lincs. JOHN E. COOK.

NOTE.—Before choirs are selected for broadcasting, they are visited by B.B.C. music specialists to see if they are of the appropriate standard. The suggestion made by Mr. Lewis is that a competent judge should hear the ringing first.—Ed.

## LOCAL, NOT NATIONALISED, BANDS

Dear Sir,—Christmas Bells!!! 'Peace on earth and goodwill to men' is their message, but, by your columns, I wonder?

Let us at Christmas have local, unadulterated ringing: the place for ringers, 'Brass Hats' or otherwise, at this season is in their own towers. There should be, as in this diocese, men without bias, who know where the standard of ringing is reasonable and could advise the B.B.C. In any case, local bands please, and not nationalised bands.

VICE-CAPTAIN,  
Bath and Wells.

## STONEY RINGING: A COMPARISON

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bailey is wrong if he thinks that 'stone' ringers ring their bells slower than change ringers. In South Devon, at least, where call-change ringing is of the highest quality, the bells are seldom near the balance, and at least five whole pulls warning is given before they are set. In competitions a time limit is imposed which forces the ringers to 'keep them moving.'

The real secret of 'stone' ringing is more instructive than any detail of bell-handling. Call-change ringers derive little intellectual pleasure from their ringing, but they genuinely and passionately love bell-music above all else and will not have shoddy striking even if it means ringing rounds and nothing else. It is this which makes them pay such attention to rising and falling in peal, which in turn has created a style of ringing which for their purposes is as near the ideal as can be. And they know that fast ringing, by bringing the bells closer, improves the music and gives greater power to the harmonics of the ring as a whole.

This lesson, far from refuting Mr. Bailey's argument, confirms it, for much bad striking is caused by ringing bells at a speed too great for 'method ringing' except by very experienced ringers, and by too much attention to the intellectual, and not enough to the musical side of our Exercise. It is the latter which we share with the world at large, and it should be the best we can give.—Yours truly,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.  
Kingsbridge, Devon

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 19th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cooke 1, A. Worth 2, J. Lawrence 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, R. J. Ongley (first quarter) 5, B. J. Ongley 6.

## RINGING AT WOOLTON

Dear Sir,—May one who has neither met the officials concerned nor previously even heard of the English towers selected for the Christmas morning broadcast enquire why the very condemnatory criticisms should not have been extended to cover the ringing of the Bethlehem bells? Would the critics have them ring to orders after due examination?

Ringling on our bells on Christmas Eve and noting, as the changes were rhythmically tapped out, the very serious expressions on the faces of ringers and visitors (nearly every Sunday we have six and more ringers and friends watching and listening), I brought the bells into Queens, held this change, and sneezed, until we just held control. This alone brought a light of excitement to the eyes of all, but especially to one small girl of eight—a visitor from the Midlands. Being a carol service, and I thought a very joyful occasion, after a warning to hold the beat, we fired the bells, then to Queens and Whittington, and repeat. This while the change-over brought the ringers back to the serious, brought a very joyful expression to the faces of all our visitors, the small girl was really alive with excitement: obviously this was Christmas ringing.

On a previous occasion—a Mothers' Union service—the same technique so thrilled visitors from another parish who were to be married in our beautiful church that we were booked to repeat the ringing at their wedding. On all three occasions we received a number of compliments, mostly 'How nice the bells sounded.' Having rung here since 1920 (except for five years) I am still waiting for anyone to say how nice the bells sounded after normal change-ringing. Would it be possible that the B.B.C. are better acquainted with the general public's bellringing taste and appreciation and the sound of typical English country bellringing than are our officials?

Some few years ago I had a letter from a leading music house (Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper) engaging, without an audition, my hand of handbell ringers. They added, not knowing themselves of a band able to fulfil the engagement, they had approached the B.B.C. and the Northern Musical Director had referred them to St. Peter's, Woolton. The B.B.C. do know. Enquiries of numerous non-ringing friends, acquaintances and associates are convincing that the Christmas morning bells increased the spirit of joy and goodwill and gave much happiness, especially to the children. The ringing was for this purpose and for these, not the few whose harsh words, coupled with the attitude of some very clever ringers towards the not so clever, do little credit to themselves and could do much harm to the Exercise.

Is it the spirit of the age for officials to rush in where angels fear to tread?

E. L. HUMPHRISS.  
Woolton, Liverpool.

## CRITICISM A LITTLE UNFAIR

Dear Sir,—Not knowing the 'individual circumstances,' I think some of the recent criticism in 'The Ringing World,' re the Christmas ringing, a little unfair. The ringers concerned would no doubt have the broadcast uppermost in mind and one man, forgetting his position, would soon put the rest in a 'heap.' Only being on the air a very short time, the rest would endeavour to 'get right' without setting. The best of bands have had periods of excellent ringing marred by these trips.

Re Mr. L. Bailey's 'Crave for Speed,' my experience of 'stone' ringing is that, with their absence of 'open leads,' that type of ringing is faster than good 'open lead' change-ringing.—Yours sincerely

A. BIGLEY.  
Irthingborough, Northants.

## STEADY BEAT PREFERRED

Dear Sir,—Much has appeared in the last two or three issues of 'The Ringing World' on the poor standard of ringing broadcast by the B.B.C. on Christmas Day. This, we know, did not approach anything like it could or should be.

On this subject, I feel that I agree with Mr. L. Bailey, of Godshill, I. of W., when he says that 'one of the causes of bad striking is the craze for speed.' I recently took part in a peal of Double Norwich at our local tower which came round after three hours 22 minutes and was regarded by some as a slow peal for this tower. Even our capable conductor, Mr. Jack Worrall, said that it was 'a bit slow.' If all the future peals I take part in are as good as this one, then I shall feel very satisfied with the standard of ringing in Wales, and hope that we will not sacrifice good striking for speed. I know that our old hands will say that you cannot get ringing of a good standard without a 'good beat,' but I would prefer a steady beat to that of a fast and uneasy one.

The majority of peal attempts are carried out by selected bands which may account for possible better striking than that of service bands. The Christmas broadcast is certainly not a true picture of the standard of ringing today and so let us hope that all local Sunday service ringers will always endeavour to give of their best, whether they broadcast or not.

However, to give a brighter side to the present discussion on the standard of ringing, may I congratulate those who took part in the broadcast ringing from Aston Parish Church, Jan. 21st on their excellent striking. If this is an example of their service ringing, then they can be very proud of themselves. Keep it up, Aston.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. COLES.

Cowbridge, Glam

## STRIKING SACRIFICED TO SPEED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bailey, in the issue of January 19th, raises the question of good striking being sacrificed to speed of ringing. He asks whether 'stone' ringers are better strikers because they are inclined to ring more slowly. In Devon, a county providing, unfortunately, the vast majority of 'stone' ringing at present, the ringers have their bells so far away from the balance during ringing that a special preliminary order of 'Upward' is required some dozen or so pulls before the order to stand is given (usually by the treble man stamping on the floor).

The whole question of rate of striking has been thrashed out at length in your columns some time ago but in general every ring of bells has an optimum speed of ringing, which can only be found by experiment. At other speeds, striking is harder to attain.

With regard to the Christmas broadcast, I wish to join with many others as you, sir, surmised, in regretting Group Captain Lister's remarks in his last paragraph. Having taken part in two broadcasts myself, I know that, while being an honour, it also occasions considerable preparation and anxiety. On one of the occasions, both previous Sundays, the touch to be rung was practised and carefully timed to finish at the correct moment. It was a considerable relief when we heard the final buzzer and all the bells were set correctly.

That the majority of B.B.C. listeners would not know what was good and what bad striking, is no defence of poor ringing being allowed on the air. An inferior symphony concert would not be broadcast, even although a small majority of the listeners would appreciate that it was a poor performance.—Yours faithfully,

PETER W. B. SEMMENS.  
Middlesbrough, Yorks.



## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Hunts District

An interesting proposition was submitted to the annual meeting of the Hunts District at Huntingdon on January 20th by Mr. F. Baker with a view to getting more of the public interested in the art of ringing.

It was that the committee should select places where the bells were not rung on Sundays and, after consultation with the incumbent, arrange for a meeting of parishioners with the object of forming a band. If recruits were forthcoming instruction would be provided.

The Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, Rector of All Saints', presided at the business meeting and also took the service at All Saints' Church.

The secretary (Mr. S. Gilbert) reported that 1950 had been a very successful year and that 14 meetings had been held. He also thanked all the ringers who had supported him so regularly at the meetings.

Officers elected for 1951 were as follows:—President, The Rev. B. Freer Sheppard; secretary, Mr. S. Gilbert; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Warrington; deputy Ringing Master, F. W. Lack; Representatives on Diocesan Committee, Messrs. F. Warrington and F. W. Lack; District committee—Miss C. Dunnington, Messrs. F. H. Newman, F. Baker, D. T. Austin, H. Fields, S. Jack, C. J. Young, W. Ransome and H. S. Peacock.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley and to the Rev. A. Morris for the use of St. Mary's bells, to Mr. H. Dew, the organist, and the ladies who arranged the tea.

The bells of All Saints' and St. Mary's were available during the afternoon and evening and ringers were present from Elv, Downham Market, Yaxley, Brampton, Eynesbury, St. Ives, Tempsford, Blinham, Somersham, Great Staughton and Huntingdon.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN. North Norfolk Branch

The annual meeting held at St. George's, Colegate, on January 6th, was attended by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (oresident), Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary) and members from Bunwell, Diss, Caston, Fornsett, Bureton, Norwich, Mulbarton, Somerleyton, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Hockwold, Stowmarket and Ipswich.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who, in his address, stated that it was the first meeting ever to be held at that church.

Tea was served in St. Clement's Hall by the ladies of St. George's who were thanked on the proposition of Mr. N. Golden. Thanks were also expressed to the Vicars of St. George's and St. Miles' for the use of the bells and to the Rev. Thurlow for conducting the service.

The next meeting is on April 7th at Foxley.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS South-West Branch

Thirty-five members and friends attended the annual meeting held at Buckland Monachorum on January 13th. The fine ring of eight bells was heard in rounds and touches of Grandire, Stedman and Plain Bob. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Cornish). Tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected to serve for 1951:—Chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers; Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers; hon. auditor, Mr. H. O. Thomas; representatives to the Guild's general committee, W. G. Lavers, J. P. Sims and S. O'Shaughnessy.

It was also agreed to carry out the following programme (subject to permission):—Bickington, April 7th; joint meeting with Mid-Devon branch at Dittisham, June 23rd; Holbeton, September 29th; Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st (annual meeting).

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Daventry Branch

The Daventry Branch held its annual meeting at Staverton on January 13th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Glascodine). The meeting was well attended, 40 members and friends from neighbouring branches being present.

The Vicar conducted the Guild's service and gave an inspiring address. Mrs. Glascodine and lady members of the Staverton belfry provided an excellent tea which was served at the Vicarage.

The branch chairman, Mr. G. H. Hancock, presided at the business meeting. The secretary, Mr. F. W. Hancock, reported that 12 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 30 members. An increased balance in hand was shown by the accounts. The retiring chairman and secretary were re-elected as were the representatives to the Guild Committee, Messrs. S. Osborne and W. Collins. Mrs. W. Collins, Mr. H. Haynes and Mr. F. W. Hutt are to form the branch committee.

The committee were asked to consider the formation of a branch library and to look into the possibility of obtaining photographs of founder members of the branch which would be placed in an album and kept in the mother church at Daventry.

### Wellingborough Branch

Ringers from most parts of Northamptonshire attended the annual meeting of the Wellingborough branch at Higham Ferrers on January 13th when good use was made of the fine ring of eight.

Ringers were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Easton Mauduit, Wilby, Finedon, Mears Ashby, Ecton, Desborough, Burton Latimer, Blisworth, Earls Barton, Irchester, Bozeat, Raunds, Warkton, Wollaston and Higham Ferrers. Some from Bedford also attended.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Hoar) who also gave the address. Tea in the Church Rooms was served by members of the Mothers' Union.

The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen (president, Wollaston) presided at the business meeting. The secretary's report and balance sheet, presented by Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough), showed a balance in hand of £5 10s., which was considered very satisfactory.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Ringing Master, Mr. J. King (Wellingborough); central committee, Mr. J. King and Mr. J. Skeritt; branch committee, Messrs. A. Tyler, C. Payne and C. W. Partidge; auditor, Mr. E. W. Johnson; branch organist, Mr. E. J. Holloway.

New ringing members elected were from Finedon (5), Irthlingborough (2), Wellingborough (2), Yardley Hastings (2).

Thanks to all who helped make the meeting a success were proposed by Mr. W. G. Callis and seconded by Mr. J. R. Main.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

### Bristol Rural Branch

On January 20th about 56 members took part in the branch's third annual social and supper held once again at Mansotfield. After a most enjoyable supper in The Crown Hotel, everyone settled down to the evening of song, music, handbell ringing (tune and method), conjuring and a comic sketch, all first class by the artists and much appreciated by all.

Mr. C. R. Harding was the evening's chairman, whilst Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Association Master), Mr. P. C. Williams (Association treasurer), and Mr. A. Bennett (Bristol City branch secretary) were among the guests and visitors to a very happy evening.

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM BIGGIN

An outstanding record of faithful service to St. James' Church, Norton, Sheffield, had Mr. William Biggin, who died on January 11th, aged 86 years.

He was a regular service ringer for over 60 years, captain of the local company for 57 years and for many years steeplekeeper. The bells to-day testify to his care and the good work of his successors.

Mr. Biggin loved his church and Norton village, which still retains its old-world character. The bells are reputed to be the first octave to be Simpson tuned. 'Uncle Bill,' as he was generally known in the village, leaves behind him a record of willing and faithful service to his church. Most of his working life was spent as a foundry worker but in his latter days he was a gardener at the Rectory.

He rang his first peal at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on March 5th, 1887, the method being Plain Bob Major. In all he rang 218 peals, 15 of which he conducted. For the Yorkshire Association he rang 191 peals. His record is:—Stedman Cinqes 2, Caters 4, Triples 15; Grandire Caters 6, Triples 20 (2); Erin Triples 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 9; Major 69 (12), Minor 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 2, Major 27; Spliced Treble Bob Royal 1, Major 1; Plain Bob Royal 3, Major 29 (1); Double Norwich Court Bob Royal 2, Major 13; Superlative 4; Forward Major 2; one each of Yorkshire, London, New Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major, Little Bob and Original Major.

The funeral on January 16th was preceded by a service at Norton Parish Church attended by relatives and friends including a number of local ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, the last touch being a well-struck course of his favourite method, Kent Treble Bob Major.

In his memory a half-muffled peal of Grandire Triples was rung by the Sheffield and District Society the following Saturday.

### MR. J. L. BLEBY

For 30 years a ringer at St. Mary's, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, Mr. John Lucas Bleby died on January 16th, aged 78.

A native of Stanley, Gloucestershire, he was employed as a railway guard which brought him to Nottinghamshire. He was captain of the Sutton band for some years until failing health made him resign in 1947. Mr. Bleby was a former member of the executive of the East Derby and Notts Association.

The Association was reconstituted at the funeral by Mr. Cyril Heathcote (treasurer) and the ringers by Mr. Colin Evans (captain). In accordance with Mr. Bleby's wishes the bells were rung half-muffled for Sunday services on January 21st.

### MR. CHARLES EDWARDS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who supplied the notice of the death of Mr. Charles Edwards, of Ealing and Farnham, has confused him with the Mr. Charles Edwards of Farnham and Hereford. A not unnatural mistake since it is very rare that two men of the same name but of different families ring at the same tower.

I am happy to say that Mr. Charles Edwards, of Hereford and Farnham, my wife's grandfather, is in excellent health and spirits and is, at the age of 81, still keenly interested in ringing matters and follows with interest the exploits of some of his old friends. Scarcely a week passes but what we are revealed by the story of what happened at such and such a place when he went there for a real forty years or more ago. He is, like Mark Twain was, not a little amused and points out that 'the news of his death is somewhat exaggerated.'—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.



3rd (not Feb. 8th, as given in error on programme card). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tickets by kind invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 827a



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District. — The annual district meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—F. Hawthorne. 8265

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 8301

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8280

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5. followed by business meeting.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec. 8291

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (opposite Central Library). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Ringing afterwards.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 8307

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8304

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is at Dronfield, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea and sandwiches for all in Green Dragon at 5 p.m.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 8296

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Feb. 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. P. M. Lewin (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8321

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8314

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch Priory, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business. Please notify for tea. This is an important meeting. Please attend.—Davis, 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8306

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual lunch, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 1 p.m., at The Forum. Service 12.30 at St. Mary-the-Virgin. Ringing 11 a.m., St. Thomas', St. Mary Magdalen; 3 p.m., New College; 4 p.m., Magdalen; 6 p.m., All Saints'. 8333

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Practice 7.15. Feb. 17th, annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth. 3-4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30; Southwark Cathedral 4-5. Service, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. Further ringing, Cathedral, 8. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome. Feb. 21st, St. Stephen's, Westminster, practice, 7.45.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8353

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Monday, February 5th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 8325

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Corn Hall. Business and election of officers. Suffolk Guild invited. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 8312

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 10th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute. Names for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 8th. 8318

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10th, at Havering-atte-Bower (6) 3-4.30 p.m. (Buses 250, 175 or 123 from Romford Station to Havering Green.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please, by Feb. 8th, to Mrs. Osborne, 7, Albany Road, Hornchurch. Ringing at Romford (8) 6-8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8319

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 10th. Working Men's Club, Stoney Stanton. Bells available 4.30. Dinner 6.15. Tickets 6s. Late buses to all parts of district. Names for dinner and bus, with remittance, by Feb. 5th, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley. 8303

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Mildenhall (10), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 8322

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 8th.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 8299

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Royston, 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. S. Dance, 64, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8351

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempersford Road, Sandy. 8345

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Patrington on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify, before Wednesday, Feb. 7th, Mr. D. Fewster, Glenross, North Side, Patrington. 8354

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 6th.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec., 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 8342

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Tibshelf (6), Feb. 10th. 3 p.m. Bring own food. Business very important.—A. B. Cooper. 8352

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8341

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Feb. 10. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8330

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 7th please.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 8355

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tea will be provided for those sending names by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Charnock, 2, Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 8348

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Maresfield (8), Feb. 10th. Tea at Chestnuts Tea Room. Names to R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8343

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Ulverston, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8350

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 7th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8359

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel Church, Everton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. All names for tea to Mr. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool, 6.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8347

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 6th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8337

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Hathern, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 7th, to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield. 8338

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8336

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—The meeting at Gamston on Feb. 10th is cancelled owing to serious illness near church. It will be at Tuxford (6) on same date. For tea, notify, by Feb. 6th, Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark.—H. Denman. 8339

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 10th. 2.30. Tea at St. Peter's Hall. Numbers by Feb. 5th to C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Hants. 8326

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—St. John's, Darlington (8), 2.30, Feb. 17th. Tea. Church Hall, for those who notify by Feb. 14th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 8331

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 8349

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Syston, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room, Broad Street. Names not later than Wednesday, Feb. 14th to Mr. E. Payne, The Green, Syston.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8334

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**SOUTHWELL and LINCOLN GUILDS.**—Joint meeting of the Newark and Lincoln Districts at Newark (10) on Feb. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday.—F. Vernon, 33, Shakespeare Street, New Balderton, Newark. 8329

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover (8), Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15, Stuart Cafe, for those who notify by Feb. 16th.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8335

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Owing to the failure to obtain permission at Christ Church, Ealing, the District annual meeting will now be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting in vestries at 6.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 13th, to the District Secretary. Bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, available 2.30 to 4.—F. Finch, Dis. Sec., 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 8346

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8360

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General committee meeting at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Sat., Feb. 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea served after meeting for those requiring at 2s. per head. Names need not be sent in. Bells (18) available from 5.30 p.m. 8344

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Annual committee meeting, Reading, March 10th, followed by special general meeting. Agenda—Canon Coleridge Memorial. Details of meeting, service, tea and ringing times later.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8313

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## THE ART OF EXPRESSION

WE have been chided by one of our clerical brethren that the correspondence in our columns relating to the Christmas Day broadcast has left on him an exceedingly disquieting impression of acrimony and trouble-seeking which does great discredit to a fraternity which stands within Christ's Church. He takes the view that because 'The Ringing World' is willing 'to promote so much public discord,' it is an indication that there is a strong undercurrent of unchristian feeling and behaviour beneath the surface of the Exercise.

In our innocence, we do not believe that any of our correspondents were prompted by acrimony and strife in endeavouring to transpose their views to paper on this or any subject. One of the signs of a healthy democracy is freedom of expression, and there is no subject upon which there is a wider divergence of opinion than theology, discussions on which dwarf into insignificance the themes immediately before the Exercise as to whether bells should be rung indifferently when broadcast or that representation should be made to the B.B.C. to ensure that the ringing broadcast should be of a standard representative of change ringing at its best.

The difficulty is that many of our correspondents have not the ability 'to speak with tongues of men and of angels,' as the Epistle for last Sunday so aptly describes this gift, and in consequence without charity their utterances become 'as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' They are, in truth, more accustomed to sounding brass than possessing the pen of a ready writer. Nevertheless, although many cannot detect that greatest of all gifts, charity, in their writings, we believe that there is no animosity behind their words, but rather perhaps a crudeness of expression. We beseech our readers not to interpret criticism, however trenchant, as personal. There are standards of proficiency, and it is only right and proper that these should be placed before the Exercise.

If the voice of criticism was not permitted in our pages the Editor feels that much of the interest and usefulness of the journal would be lost. We know that all our readers do not agree with the Editor and they feel that there is a danger of disrupting the Exercise and in consequence this might lead to neglecting the ringer's primary function to the Church, Sunday ringing. Reform was

never brought about by passive means, and there are die-hards who, whatever the circumstances, will not accept in principle loftier ideals or better interpretation. A parallel example occurred in our own locality when speech rhythm pointing was introduced to a choir. One or two of the older members refused to accept the change and argued furiously against the innovation. But speech rhythm eventually won and was accepted and appreciated by the congregation. Those of the choir who would not conform have been replaced. The same story has repeatedly been told of towers that have introduced change ringing in place of call changes.

A better standard of ringing cannot be introduced in the twinkling of an eye. It is a slow and gradual process and in the main it depends on the next generation of ringers—people taught to use their ears before their sight in the belfry. The trouble about ringing is that there are too many of the old school who think ropesight is all sufficing. There is no lack of ideas on the best method of teaching a young band and many suggestions have been made in these columns. Mr. Brian D. Price in a letter published this week says quite bluntly that 'the time has come when the "hard school" way of instruction must go.' But good instructors are not just round the corner, and every tower and district must depend on the resources available. There is no better satisfaction to the experienced ringer than to be able to say of someone climbing the ladder of ringing ability 'He was a pupil of mine.' A good pupil gives infinite pleasure to his instructor and happy memories that last a lifetime.

The idea of the Exercise having fixed standards and principles, established by democratic means by the votes of the Central Council representatives of all the Guilds and Associations, is still repugnant to some of our readers. But there must be some controlling body—a Church Assembly for ringers. The vision that Sir Percival Heywood gave to ringers in the last century has indeed become a reality to those who take their ringing seriously. This common membership through Guilds and Associations begets fraternity. To those who say facetiously, 'Who are the Central Council?' we would reply in the words of Lewis Carroll:—

Speak severely to your boy,  
And beat him when he sneezes.  
He only does it to annoy,  
Because he knows it teases.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

JOHN SCOTT .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. .	7
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. .	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. .	8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. .. .	9
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. .	4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	5	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. .	11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. .	Treble	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. .	7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. .. .	2	†JOHN HILL .. .. .	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. .	3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	9
†PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. .	10
JILL POOLE .. .. .	5	†TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. .. .	11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. .	6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. .	7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. .	2	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. .	8
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. .	9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	10
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	5	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. .	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. .	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN RIDER .. .. .	Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. .	6
ANNE WORTH .. .. .	2	*EDWIN SHARRATT .. .. .	7
*CATHARINE M. TRIST .. .. .	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. .	8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. .	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. .. .	9
*ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. .	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and for the Association.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, DENYS AND GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*HUGH REYNOLDS .. .. .	Treble	RICHARD LONGDEN .. .. .	6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. .. .	2	HAROLD LONGDEN .. .. .	7
†MARY WALSHAW .. .. .	3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. .	8
†REV. PETER ROBBINS .. .. .	4	RICHARD BENSON .. .. .	9
REV. F. F. RIGBY .. .. .	5	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD (15).

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells. Rung to the glory of God and in honour of the 80th birthday of Canon Peter Green, D.D., M.A., sub-Dean of the Cathedral.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

C.C.C. No. 99.		JOAN GRAY .. .. .	5
JOHN M. PAYTON .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. .. .	6
GEOFFREY F. CARTER .. .. .	2	PHILIP BLAKE .. .. .	7
THOMAS BEVAN .. .. .	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. .	Tenor
FREDK. A. BARKER .. .. .	4		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

A farewell peal to Philip and Joan Gray, who sail for Australia on March 1st. First peal for the Society as conductor. First peal for the Society on the recast ring.

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(Northern District.)

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE .. .. .	Treble	JAMES EDGAR .. .. .	5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. .	2	FREDK. E. DUKES .. .. .	6
*TOM SMELTZER (17) .. .. .	3	JAMES LEWIS (17) .. .. .	7
WILLIAM PRATT .. .. .	4	†HARRY BROWN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. 250th peal rung for the Association. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Briggs.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Pudsey, Cambridge and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES A. MILNER .. .. .	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	5
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. .	6
FREDK. DUNKERLEY .. .. .	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. .. .	7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. .	4	JOHN WORTH .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

In this composition all the bells do all the work of all the methods. Rung to celebrate the installation of the Vicar, Canon A. T. Parker, as a Canon of Chester Cathedral.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. .	Treble	†FRANK MILLINGTON .. .. .	5
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. .. .	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. .	6
DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. .	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. .	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. .. .	4	HENRY HURST .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as a tribute of respect to William Biggin, 70 years a ringier at this church, who died January 11th, 1951, aged 86 years.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. .. .	Treble	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. .. .	5
*GEORGE R. G. BUTTER .. .. .	2	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. .	6
FREDA OLDERSHAW .. .. .	3	HORACE BENNETT .. .. .	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. .. .	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal in the method.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 6½ in A.

JOHN N. LINDON .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	*FRANK REED .. .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	*GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	†J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK .. Treble	ROBERT W. METCALFE .. 5
*BRENDA FELS .. .. 2	WALTER AYRE .. .. 6
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 7
*LESLIE S. BAINES .. .. 4	†PETER FELS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Metcalfe (both local ringers), who were married at the above church on Dec. 26th, 1950; also for the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Reeve (the former being captain of the local band for many years); and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
The first peal on the recast bells. In memoriam W. Dawes-Knight.

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.  
\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

## ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Washbrook's Transposition of Thurstans'. .. Treble	†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	†JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 6
HAROLD A. NOBES .. .. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. .. 7
ERNEST A. JURD .. .. 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman 'inside.' †First peal of Stedman. ‡150th peal.

## BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	*HAROLD W. SMITH .. .. 6
*ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 3	†CLIFFORD W. IZZARD .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

\*First peal of Surprise Major. †First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.  
A birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. Sinfield and the conductor.

## CHISWICK, LONDON, W.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 7
WILFRED G. WILSON .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 6
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

\*100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5152 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

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

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a mark of congratulation to Mr. F. Dunkerley, in honour of the award to him of the Royal Aero Club's gold medal for outstanding flying achievement during 1950.

## ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. Treble	PHILIP J. COWARD .. .. 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN .. .. 2	*JOHN T. ROBERTS .. .. 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 3	*JACK R. TOWERS .. .. 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

\*First peal in the method. †250th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. I. J. Attwater (leader of the local band) and Mrs. Attwater on the occasion of their golden wedding.



## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F. sharp.
FREDK. E. COLLINS .. .. Treble	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 6
GEORGE COOK .. .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 7
G. FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	*HARRY HALL .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 2	CHARLES H. BAKER .. .. 6
HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 7
G. LESLIE LUNN .. .. 4	JACK BRAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector of Epworth, Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows.

## LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Woods, ringer at this tower and secretary of the Lancaster Branch.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
*SHIRLEY GOLDING .. Treble	JOHN E. USHER .. .. 5
DAPHNE LLOYD .. .. 2	J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. .. 6
†BERNARD R. MILLWARD .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal 'inside.'

## RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK MUSSEL .. .. Treble	DAVID R. REED .. .. 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. .. 2	*JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 6
HERBERT ABRAHAMS .. .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 4	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.

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

## SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
HAROLD HARPER .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 6
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. 3	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 7
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
*CATHEEN BLOXHAM .. Treble	*ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 4
*PETER J. WRIGHT .. .. 2	†WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5
†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3	*GEORGE H. TALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡First peal away from tenor. First peal by a local band for 15 years.

## DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

N. R. HOLLAND .. Treble	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
*NIEL D. LOMAS .. .. 2	†R. BARLOW .. .. 5
†DENNIS KNOX .. .. 3	FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT Tenor

Conducted by all the band; treble, 2, 3, 4 and tenor one 720 each: 5 two 720's.

\*First peal of Cambridge Minor. †First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.'

## MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of New Doubles, 16 of Grandsire, and 11 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

YVONNE PORTER .. Treble	DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 4
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH .. .. 5
DAVID J. KING .. .. 3	JOHN J. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. SMITH.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor. Rung in memoriam Mr. Arnott, of Chepstow, father of a local ringer.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

KATHLEEN STREETON .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
BERYL W. WHITE .. .. 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON .. .. 5
FREDK. G. HOOPER .. .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung in celebration of the engagement of the treble ringer to the conductor. The latter has now 'circled' the tower.

## OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS COLLINGS .. Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. .. 4
CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 2	JOE SAXTON .. .. 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\*First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor and on the bells.



WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

HARRY C. JONES .. .. Treble	A. REGINALD BLABY .... 4
DOREEN COKER .. .. 2	WALTER LEE .. .. 5
*JOHN D. KAPE .. .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES T. LAKER .. .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

MRS. B. COOPER .. .. Treble	TREVOR J. HAYWARD .. .. 4
*JOYCE COWARD .. .. 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN .. .. 5
LIONEL LAY .. .. 3	FREDERICK GOODING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL LAY.

\* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Joyce Coward.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SHEILA M. HOLE .. .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. .. 4
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5
*BERT W. MAY .. .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Vincent Frederick Hall, M.A.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. .. Treble	DONALD COOMBS .. .. 4
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. .. 3	GERALD FROST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 720 each of St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. Treble	ROY C. SPRING .. .. 3
HAROLD HAYNES .. .. 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. .. 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HELPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being twenty 120's (ten callings) and eleven 240's (eleven callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble	*DONALD H. METTAM .. 3
HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Grandsire. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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# WHITSTABLE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
\*W. E. GRAY .. .. Treble | A. C. PHILPOTT .. .. 4  
\*CYRIL J. EADES .. .. 2 | †ERIC EADES .. .. 5  
†EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 3 | †WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. Philpott.

# IPSWICH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-AT-QUAY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.  
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Treble | JOHN E. WATHEN .. .. 4  
RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 2 | ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5  
MAX P. PAGE .. .. 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal on the bells for 35 years. The church being bombed and desecrated, the bells remaining untouched.

# HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. Treble | FRANK A. PENN .. .. 4  
FREDK. S. SLATFORD .. .. 2 | WILLIAM C. WEST .. .. 5  
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. L. M. Mees, a ringer for 75 years.

# WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.  
\*FREDK. O. RICHARDSON .. Treble | JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 4  
†LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2 | †ROBERT J. TOYNTON .. .. 5  
†REV. ALFRED A. MUXLOW .. 3 | †RONALD PADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.  
First peal as conductor on six bells. First peal on the bells since augmented to six.

# BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Treble | \*THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4  
FREDK. J. BAILEY .. .. 2 | ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 5  
HAROLD G. BLICK .. .. 3 | †WILLIAM SLOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung as birthday compliments to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas, who has completed 36 years as Vicar; to Mr. E. Thomas, a ringer at this church for 47 years and churchwarden for 24 years; and to Miss Mary Williams, organist at the church for nine years.

# SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.  
HUGH LONGLAND .. .. Treble | HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4  
DONALD H. METTAM .. .. 2 | FRANK R. MITCHELL .. .. 5  
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

First peal in the method by all the band. A farewell peal to Donald H. Mettam, who is joining H.M. Forces.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,472 Plain, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 5-6  
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4 | ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.  
JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. .. 1-2 | MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5-6  
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 3-4 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7-8  
\*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. .. 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5-6  
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3-4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7-8  
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## LEICESTER.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor size 17 in A.  
\*JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 1-2 | †ALAN CATTELL .. .. 7-8  
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3-4 | †JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 9-10  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6 | \*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 11-12  
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal on twelve 'in hand'

## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11.  
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. .. 1-2 | MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 5-6  
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 3-4 | \*LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 7-8  
Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.  
\* First peal on handbells.

## LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT GRANDISON, 4, STUART STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.  
JILL POOLE .. .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7-8  
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 9-10  
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6 | TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11-12  
Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
A compliment to Frederick H. Dexter on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5148 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,520 Plain, 1,428 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 400 Reverse, 368 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 200 Crayford Little Bob, with 405 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
\*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 3-4 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 7-8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal in eight methods, on two working bells, at first attempt.



**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, K. Prime 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertie Godwin, who was interred that day.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—On Jan. 21st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, D. Ogden 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, J. N. Haile 4, P. P. Carter 5, J. B. Robinson 6, A. Ward 7, R. Edwards (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 5, 7 and 8.—Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. P. Taylor 1, P. P. Carter 2, R. Edwards 3, D. Ogden 4, J. B. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. R. Harrison 6. A farewell quarter to the tenor ringer before joining the Royal Navy.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Minor (552 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob): J. Chambers (first of Minor) 1, R. Soars (first of Minor 'inside') 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, J. W. Lowe 6.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. C. Belton 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. Hough (first 'inside') 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, G. P. Garner 6, G. Armstrong (cond.) 7, A. H. Hough 8. First as conductor and on his 19th birthday.

**BRISTOL.**—On Jan. 18th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Mrs. E. J. Brown 2, J. Thomas 3, Miss A. Brown 4, A. E. Reeves 5, E. J. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Parker 7, R. C. Seager 8. Longest length of Bristol for 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

**CARMARTHEN.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-8 covering: T. Owens 2, W. T. Williams 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, R. Scudamore 5, E. Sage 6, A. Reynolds 7, J. T. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Williams, of Carmarthen.

**CHESTER.**—At the Cathedral on Jan. 14th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. W. Best 1, Miss N. M. Bibby 2, F. H. Birks 3, D. H. Millward 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, B. Harris (first in method) 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. Kingdon 1, Betty Griffiths 2, Shirley Golding 3, J. Boutland 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, B. Kenny 6.

**GAYTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each April Day, Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Cockerill (first quarter) 1, L. B. Baillon 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 4, L. Dickinson 5, K. Perkins 6. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Ivan Mavor.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day and 60 of Grandsire): Miss M. Vivienne Love 1, A. Grout 2, G. Berry 3, Miss F. D. Murkitt 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter in eleven methods by all.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, W. Seldon 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman, of Surfleet, on their wedding, and to E. R. Retter on his birthday.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Richardson 1, S. Meadows 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. E. Wright 4, A. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. Brown 8. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. K. Waller, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, Vicar of Hornchurch 1930-41.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dodds 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss Eileen Farrell 5, S. Croft (first in method 'inside') 6, D. J. Charney 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Engagement compliment to E. Dodds and Miss Mary Weller, which took place this day.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Carter's): A. J. Newman 1, A. Pratt 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, W. Woodyatt (first of Triples) 4, W. Oakley 5, C. Richings 6, D. Newcombe 7, H. Foll 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Sharpe and Mr. L. Barnett.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Wright 1, E. Furbank 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, R. W. Stannard 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, L. E. Last 8. In memoriam Rev. C. K. Waller, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, vice-president of the Essex Association.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. A. H. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, W. Wenban 4, T. Clark 5, C. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, D. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, C. Wenban 4, D. R. Judd 5, W. Wenban 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

**SKETTY, SWANSEA, GLAM.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): A. Edwards 1, B. Morris 2, L. Felzer 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, W. Meredith 6, J. Buttress 7, W. G. Rees 8. Rung on the occasion of St. Paul's Day.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bastin 1, K. Clarke 2, R. Pike 3, P. Davis 4, C. Deem 5, E. Rowe 6, R. Woodly 7, J. Glanvil (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jean A. Brooks 1, Mary A. Carpenter 2, Mary C. Payne 3, H. Humphreys 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, B. S. Payne 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 3. A 50th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**TIRLEY, GLOS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tustin 1, W. Smith 2, T. Steward (cond.) 3, H. Ball 4, A. Hale 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Pember.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, J. Hales 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, Miss G. L. Friswell 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, K. C. Seeger 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Cording and C. F. Neal. First quarter of Triples away from tenor for 1.

**WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Walker 1, J. Flintham 2, L. Snell (cond.) 3, W. Tomlinson 4, W. Heaton 5, W. Clarke 6, H. L. Pask 7, R. Mackman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Knott, a ringer at this church for 46 years.

**WELLOW, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Board 1, W. Starr 2, J. Hawkins 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, G. Hales 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. A farewell peal for Donald Board, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Green 1, R. Webb, jun. 2, R. Gardiner 3, F. Sandys 4, R. Higgins 5, P. Hull 6, Y. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, V. Roberts and G. Salmon 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—On Jan. 21st, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, B. A. Richards 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

**WITCHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Divall 1, K. Hohl 2, E. Jenner 3, L. Hones 4, H. Vaughn 5, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 6, T. Lambert 7, Edna Sils 8. In memoriam to Mr. J. W. Collins, sexton at the Parish Church.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding  
for 1951. These should be despatched im-  
mediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House,  
Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

We have had an interest-  
ing but by no means com-  
plete response to our  
request for ringers who rang a peal in the last  
century (before 1900) to send particulars of  
their first peal (date, method, place). Will those  
who desire to be incorporated in the list please  
forward?

Twenty-five peals have now been rung on  
Silk Willoughby bells and Mr. J. H. Musson  
has rung in each one of them.

The Wigan and Liverpool branches of the  
Lancashire Association have suffered a severe  
loss by the death of Mr. J. W. Hall, of Ranford.

A word of congratulation should be given to  
Mr. George Prescott who at Compton Bishop,  
Somerset, shepherded five ringers through their  
first peal.

With the peal at Cramlington, Northumber-  
land, on January 13th, Mrs. Margaret Fidell  
and Messrs. J. Anderson, T. W. Crowe, E.  
Wallace and W. E. Robinson have rung peals  
of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F.  
Milner, of Kirklington, will be pleased to know  
that Mrs. Milner is now out of hospital follow-  
ing her operation and is making very satisfac-  
tory progress. She wishes to thank the various  
ringers for their kind enquiries concerning her  
health.

St. Michael Royal, College Hill, London,  
E.C.4, have had, since September, 1949, a good  
handbell company under the captaincy of Mr.  
A. E. Pearson. They style themselves The  
Whittington Handbell Ringers and have recently  
given carol services at Whittington College,  
Highgate. All Hallows Toc H Church and St.  
Mary-le-Strand. They entertained the patients  
at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Christmas  
Eve and rang in the Lord Mayor for the civic  
service at St. James', Garlickhithe.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Bengeo Society of  
Ringers (Herts) were par-  
ticularly encouraged by the  
Christmas message received from their Rector  
(the Rev. G. C. P. Hilton Briggs) thanking them  
for their services. He especially mentioned the  
handbell ringing at the Christmas midnight ser-  
vice and on other occasions, which 'brought so  
much happiness into so many hearts in homes  
and hospitals.'

Mr. Frederick J. Sharpe, of Bicester, sur-  
veyed or gave advice in respect of 104 towers  
in 1950. Such valuable contributions to the  
welfare of the Exercise should not be permitted  
to pass unrecorded.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. J. W.  
Wilkins, of High Wycombe, who rang a peal  
at Hughenden, after his 87th birthday last May.  
His death followed a serious operation in  
Amersham Hospital.

Three young ringers from Stoke-under-Ham,  
Somerset, who have learnt to ring since the  
bells were augmented, rang in the first quarter  
on the bells by a Sunday service band on  
January 28th. They are Sylvia Bishop, Brian  
Grinter and June Punnett, the latter handling the  
17 cwt. tenor in a very capable manner.

Congratulations to Mr. Ronald W. Steward,  
of the Suffolk Guild on ringing his 100th peal.  
This was at Debenham on January 27th. His  
peals have been rung in 35 different towers, his  
first being on August 2nd, 1937. He was  
taught to ring by the late Mr. Charles Mee, of  
Sproughton.

Amusement was caused to the many friends  
of Mr. J. S. Hawkins by the announcement of  
the quarter peal at Holloway on December 10th  
that it was his first. It should read 'his first  
after a major operation.' We trust that with a  
new lease of life his name will appear fre-  
quently in our columns.

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# UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY REUNION AND DINNER

## Happy Relationships With Local Ringers

ON January 27th the University of Bristol Society held its annual dinner and reunion. Ringing began with a peal attempt of Double Norwich at Wraxall in the morning but success did not attend the venture.

The first tower to be visited in the afternoon was the church of St. John-on-the-Walls where ringing was provided for the many visitors and friends who were present. The next move was to St. Mary's, Redcliffe, where the glorious ten were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal and rounds were rung on the twelve. Many non-ringing visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to see English change-ringing from close quarters, and altogether the visit to Redcliffe was a great success.

The last tower visited was at St. James', The Horsefair, where the ten bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and rounds for the beginners. The service was held at the church and was conducted by the Rev. Clifford Smith, the incumbent, who preached an inspiring sermon.

A company of 37 members, visitors and guests sat down to dinner in the Full Moon Hotel, the president of the Society, Dr. S. H. Piper, being in the chair. Dr. Piper, in proposing the toast to the Exercise, mentioned the Society's indebtedness to ringers and incumbents of the several Bristol churches where the Society rang for service and on practice nights. He expressed the hope that the Society would soon be able to resume ringing at All Saints' and at St. Michael's but the prospects were not too bright at present. In the coming summer the Universities Association was coming to Bristol and he trusted they would be given the type of reception they richly deserved.

### 'A GREAT SERVICE'

In his reply, Mr. A. Bennett, hon. secretary of the Bristol City Branch, stated how welcome members of the University Society were in the towers of the city churches. From the point of view of St. James' ringers and other ringers of Bristol U.B.S.C.R. had been of great value in keeping bells ringing for Sunday service. Bristol had always been interested in the Society and the Gloucester and Bristol Association was largely instrumental in forming it.

It was important, continued Mr. Bennett, that the Society should continue to flourish and in this respect he emphasised the need to teach beginners. Only by constant attention to this aspect of the Society's activities could continuity be assured.

The hon. secretary of the University Society, Mr. Jack R. Worrall, proposed 'The Visitors.' He mentioned those present, introducing to the new members of the Society their president, Dr. Piper, paying tribute to the work done for the Society by Dr. Piper, Mr. Worrall stated that, although not a ringer in the practical sense of the word, Dr. Piper had the good of the Exercise at heart, and had done much to help the Society. Other visitors welcomed included the Master of the London University Society, the Rev. Clifford Smith and various members and officers of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Ringers.

In his reply, Mr. Denis Layton, Master of the London Society, spoke in a witty vein. He hoped that the scribes seated at the far end of the room would not make the same mistakes as did their counterparts at the Cambridge University dinner last year. The report of this dinner, as it appeared in 'The Ringing World,' had been a source of embarrassment to him for a long time afterwards. The reason for the amusing stories which Mr. Layton related at Bristol was purely due to the laziness of the aforementioned scribes in writing out this report.

## CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ESSENTIAL

Continuing his speech, Mr. Layton gave some timely advice on striking to all young ringers. It was most essential that they should receive constructive criticism and that as they progressed they should bear in mind the importance of handling and striking their bells, and perseverance.

Mr. F. J. Leaker, in submitting 'The Health of the Society,' conveyed warmest greetings to the Society from the Bristol City branch, of which he was chairman. Mr. Leaker said that he wished to second Mr. Layton's remarks about striking as without good striking ringing was a waste of time.

The Master of the University of Bristol Society, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman, in responding, gave a brief résumé of the activities of the Society during the past year. He thanked the ringers and incumbents of the churches which the Society had visited during the afternoon and all those who had helped to make the dinner a success. The past year had been the most successful in the history of the Society and thanks for this were due to a very large extent to the Bristol City ringers.

The Society had made great progress in ten-bell ringing and it was surely a sign that things

were well with the Society when they were able to make peal attempts on ten bells. Three peals had been rung so far during the year, all of Bob Minor, one on tower bells and two 'in hand.' Peal-ringing was not the full measure of the strength of a Society such as theirs as its primary aim was to interest and teach new ringers. Mr. Trueman said he was pleased to record the two handbell peals as this showed a reintroduction and a new interest in this side of the Exercise.

In the instruction of beginners, the Master paid tribute to the help given by Mr. Leaker, who was always present at the tied-bell practices. Mr. Bennett was equally ready to help the Society in every way possible and the Society had happily many proofs of his sincerity.

Bristol held its own among other Societies and its representation among the members of the Universities Association was larger than any other of the provincial Universities. During the summer Bristol would be entertaining the Universities Association on its own ground and was the first Society to do so. This was indeed a great honour and the Master said he hoped they would justify it.

After the dinner, two sets of handbells were put to good use by those interested and the ringing was generally appreciated.

## RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR — 1939-45

Following is a list of additions and corrections to the Ringers' Roll of Honour published on page 665 in issue of October 20th, 1950.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**  
Slade, L. G.

**Derby and District Association.**  
Fell, J., Breadsall.  
Hill, F. W., Sawley  
Page, S., Breadsall

**Guild of Devonshire Ringers.**  
Court, S. P., Exeter (St. Thomas').  
Hill, E. W., Exeter (St. Thomas').

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**  
Rewcastle, A., South Shields.

**Essex Association.**  
Durrant, J. E., Thorpe-le-Soken.  
Grant, D., Prittlewell.  
Leggett B. C., Wormingford.  
Watts, R., Prittlewell.

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**  
Atwood, L., Sutton (St. Nicholas').  
Barratt, C. H., Clunbury  
Bassett, F., Leominster.  
Biggs, D. A., Fownhope.  
Biggs, T. W., Fownhope.  
Brown, P., Ross.  
Chandler, H. T., Lyonshall.  
Dale, C., Sutton (St. Nicholas').  
Hadley, R. C., Almeley.  
Jaine, L. J., Marden.  
Payne, T., Upper Bishop.  
Pearce, R., Lugwardine.  
Preece, W. J., Staunton-on-Arrow.  
Watkins, F. J., Clifford.

**Hertford County Association.**  
Buckell, P., Stanmore.  
Carlin, C. V., Bushey.

**Kent County Association.**  
Bushell, S., Wickhambreaux.  
Hay, E. F. (Mrs.), Chilham.

**Lancashire Association.**  
Coupe, F., Rawtenstall (St. Mary's).

**London County Association.**  
Ashford, G., Battersea (St. Mary's).  
Carter, W., Battersea (St. Mary's).  
Esserv, W., Chelsea (St. Luke's).  
Murphy, P., Clapham (St. Mary's R.C.).  
Smith, A., Battersea (St. Mary's).  
Wilson L., Battersea (St. Mary's).

**Midland Counties Association.**  
Holland, L., Nottingham (St. Mary's).  
Trump, E., Leicester (Cathedral).

**North Staffordshire Association.**  
Booth, L., Stone (St. Michael's).

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**  
Buggey, A. E., Wendover.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**  
Leighton, J. E., Wyke Regis.  
Slade, S. C., Preston (Dorset).  
Swaffield, B. W., Wyke Regis.  
Wrintmore, A. O., Calne.

**Shropshire Association.**  
Lloyd, J., Pontesbury.  
Vernals, G. W. H., Worthen

**Stafford Archdeaconry Society.**  
Chester, H. J., Stafford (St. Mary's).  
Hubball, A. F., Blakenhall (St. Luke's).  
Willis, C., Blakenhall (St. Luke's).

**Surrey Association.**  
Jones, A., South Croydon (St. Peter's).

**Truro Diocesan Guild.**  
Hicks, F., South Petherwin

**Police Guild.**  
Trevor, A.

### SMALL SOCIETIES

**Newark Society.**  
Davis, J. W., Newark

**Prittlewell Society.**  
Smoothy, D., Prittlewell

### CORRECTIONS

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**  
Collier, G., Wedmore.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**  
Wood, S. H., Clifton (St. Andrew's).

**Kent County Association.**  
Glayshe, B. F., Bromley.

**Sussex County Association.**  
Allfrey, F., Billingshurst.  
Jeffery, T. J., Cuckfield

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**  
Allan, J., Alresford

### DELETION

**Lancashire Association.**  
Fawcett, C. (Still living).



## BROADCAST REFLECTIONS—Cont.

### AN EXAMPLE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

#### B.B.C. Consult District Secretary on Broadcasting

Dear Sir,—I feel that, much as I dislike entering into any of the controversies which are from time to time waged in 'The Ringing World,' I must do so on this occasion as I am inclined to agree with Group Captain Lister that the present correspondence could result in a B.B.C. embargo on the broadcasting of bells and this is the last thing (I hope) any of the correspondents want.

We in the Northern District of the Irish Association have solved the problem of the choice of bells to represent the area by getting the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. to agree to consult the District secretary on all matters in the broadcasting of bells.

This was not achieved without an effort by my predecessor, Mr. W. Webb, but once the B.B.C. agreed to consult us they have faithfully stuck to their bargain and the responsibility for the choice now rests with the Association.

I am happy to say that my relations with the local B.B.C. programme arrangers are very cordial and I cannot stand idly by and let them be prejudiced by this correspondence.

The choice of bells for the various areas is left, I understand, to the local Regions and the remedy to cure the matters raised in the recent correspondence is simple. The Associations in each Region should get together and approach the local B.B.C. with a view to getting the latter to consult them as to the most suitable bells to be broadcast on the special occasions to represent their areas. I am sure the B.B.C. would readily agree as this method would have certain advantages to it.

The last thing to do is that suggested by Dr. Hatcher, to raise the matter by formal resolution in the Central Council, for we would find that it would be recommended by the Standing Committee that the matter should be passed to some already overworked committee with the result that a report would be long delayed while the problem would still be unsolved.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Hollywood, Co. Down.

### THE PUBLIC'S EAR

Dear Sir,—There is no doubt that the Christmas Day broadcast will cause letters, comments and arguments for a long time to come. I have read the letters already published with great interest. Some are good, some indifferent, others impossible.

To my mind the only letter that hits the nail completely on the head is the paragraph in Group Captain Lister's letter wherein he asks how many people know the number of bells being rung in the B.B.C.'s interval signal.

A case in point: At our Parish Church recently we were reduced by sickness and bad weather to four, and duly rang the four back bells in rounds. Whilst we were ringing, one of the churchwardens came into the belfry—it is on the ground floor—and said to me when we had finished, 'Now I know how many bells were ringing. My wife and I have been arguing as to whether it was six or eight.'

I place ringers in the same category as music critics. Being a lover of good music, I have on many occasions listened with complete enjoyment to a symphony concert broadcast from a public hall, and on looking at the music critic's report in next day's paper have been amazed to read that he considered the conductor was 'slack' or the orchestra was 'ragged.' Surely the experienced ringer is the same as a critic, looking for faults and not for the enjoyment.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

### PROPER INSTRUCTION

#### The Basis of Good Ringing

Dear Sir,—The recent interesting correspondence about the general standard of ringing prompts me to write. I think that there is much truth in what has been said but that the chief underlying reason for the poor standard of ringing is the lack of a recognised system of instruction for beginners after they have mastered the handling of a bell. It seems to me that the normal method of teaching these stages is akin to throwing a person in deep water in order to teach him to swim, and hoping for the best.

The accomplished ringer rings his bell mainly by rhythm. Ropesight is a necessary aid which stabilises the ringing. If the belfry light goes out for a few seconds each ringer should know exactly where he is. The full use of rhythm involves hearing what is being rung, and being aware of the position of one's own bell in the sound. It also involves a consciousness of the pull required to place the bell in its correct position which fits in the rhythm like the movement of one's legs while walking, so that, e.g., hunting up is not thought of as waiting for an extra bell each time and nothing else, but rather as an extended period for the striking of the bell, which needs a slower rhythm of pull. Ropesight is a check to correct placing and if any ringer 'hangs up,' the fingers striking over him should without extra effort place his bell as if no mistake had occurred. The resulting clash is better than ringing in which there is no beat, for a good beat can only be attained if the majority of the hand strike by rhythm.

It is unfortunate that most ringers learn to handle a bell and to strike over another one while the bell is silent. Consequently they never learn early to associate sound with action, and the odds are that on being plunged into method ringing they will be so swamped by the difficulties of the method that they will never be able to hear their own bell at all. The best way to teach beginners to appreciate rhythm is to practise double-handed handbell ringing early, so that by the time they can ring rounds on tower bells they have learned to ring with a beat and know the value of the sound. Then they have a goal to strive for in their tower bell ringing. I well remember the frustration of being conscious of what an awful row I was making when I knew what it should sound like.

Ringing with a cover bell is more often than not rung by ropesight only. Even-bell ringing relies much more on rhythm, and this explains why Grandsire and Stedman often mark the limit of a ringer's ability. The only satisfactory solution is to teach Plain Bob first, which is much easier than Grandsire as a method but needs the greater initial effort to attain rhythm sense. Once this has been acquired, there will be little difficulty in ringing other methods.

Some people have little natural sense of rhythm, and consequently will never make good strikers. It should be easy to devise a test for such people. Others have the sense of rhythm strongly developed and make good ringers however they are taught. But the majority of people would benefit by a better type of instruction than is often given. The time has come when the 'hard school' way of instruction must go.

The question arises, as it does so often in other walks of life, 'Who is to be the judge of the right method?' A committee of the Central Council could deal with this question. But on a smaller scale we are so often hampered by the necessity to use tact. The first step in learning anything is to admit that one is ignorant, and this some people cannot do. The ringers who are bad strikers would not only be offended if they were told so—they just wouldn't believe it! It would be a case either of 'young whippersnapper' or 'busybody.' I will admit that I dislike being told that I am wrong, but it rarely gets farther than that.

My method of teaching beginners would therefore include early use of open bells, or else some form of 'silent apparatus'; double-handed handbell ringing in plain methods; a more gradual approach to method ringing via plain hunt on four bells etc. to Plain Bob.

I will leave you with this thought, heard in half the belfries of England: 'Lead off the tenor . . . not too wide . . . watch the sally . . . GO NEXT TIME . . . Wait for 2—now 3—now 4—don't forget the order 3, 4, 6, 7, 5 . . . ROUNDS . . . no, you didn't see (N.B. SEE) it very well that time, we'll try again later . . . Yes, this method does produce ringers, but I contend that it only produces good ringers with those who can free themselves from the method they have been taught. B. D. PRICE.

Brynmarw, Breconshire.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS TO PRACTISE STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Having read in your paper the many letters of criticism of the Christmas Bell Broadcast, I formed the idea that most of the writers appeared to be very dissatisfied with the general standard of striking of a number of local bands throughout the country. If this is the case, then why let us confine our efforts to mere criticism in our journal? This is no doubt of great use, but surely we can do more to help than merely writing to the Press and just waiting for someone else to do the snide work.

Firstly, let us remember that through the hard work of many who have gone before we rarely hear the mournful drone of 'stoney' nowadays. No doubt this in itself has had something to do with the present state of bad striking. I think most people will agree that, apart from the mental effort, it takes a far greater degree of bell control and sense of rhythm to ring 'half pull' changes well than to keep one's bell on an even keel in 'stoney.'

Now for the remedy! It will not be an easy job, and definitely not so interesting as scoring a good peal of Surprise. But if every expert ringer could devote a little more time to helping the lame dogs I feel a great deal could be accomplished. Many of the experts do help, it is to those who do not do as much as they might that I am referring.

How many Guild or Association meetings does one attend and rarely hear a well-struck touch unless it be in an advanced method? Whilst no one wishes to deter the practising of advanced and progressive methods it must be admitted that they are so far above the heads of the average local band that they just don't mean a thing to them. Would it not be better to invite one of their best strikers to stand in at least one well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples (or Bob Major) with seven of the best ringers present. This might show the 'locals' what they could do by 'pulling up their socks' and taking a bit of notice.

As I have said before, the task will be a difficult one. It has been said that 'good ringers are born and not made,' but how many have been marred by their local teacher? How many of the 'average' type could be greatly improved by a little proper tuition in handling their bell? I know that this matter is considered a delicate question when visiting someone else's tower, but much could be done by someone with tact and understanding, possibly outside the tower.

Many Associations have practices and meetings for practising a special method: let them have a special meeting for practising good striking.

Having got these few lines off my chest I will await the invective that will surely come, but it has succeeded in drawing a little attention to the great need of aiming for good striking first and foremost then I will happily take whatever may come. Please do not think that I profess to be a judge of these things myself. I have simply written this letter on the assumption that your writers are not happy with the state of things as they exist. In any case, why criticise the B.B.C. for broadcasting poor ringing when they have no means of improving it?—Yours, Reading. ALBERT DISERENS.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHURCH FESTIVALS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five peals, ranging from Doubles to Maximus, are recorded in your columns as having been rung on Saturday, January 6th. Only one of these, according to the footnote, was rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

While a Saturday is, without doubt, the most popular day for arranging peal attempts, there seems to be something a little wrong when a prominent Feast of the Church, such as the Epiphany, happens to fall on a Saturday, it should have such meagre mention. Are we to infer that among all the ringers and conductors taking part in peals on January 6th only one band was aware of the Church's association with that day?

I think it is worth urging that when peals coincide with Church Festivals the latter should be given first place among all other footnotes. Perhaps a Church calendar hung in the ringing chamber would save them from being overlooked.—Yours faithfully,

Lyne Regis. C. CAREW COX (REV.)

## CHEWING RAISINS

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. Pat Cannon is not the artist at chewing raisins that the Rev. F. E. Robinson was. The reverend gentleman could separate pips from flesh and pips would be shot up against the wall, or someone else if in line.

Quite recently I was ringing at St. Jude's, Randwick, and a lady ringer was chewing 'bubble gum,' which I suppose you in England know can make, properly handled, a sharp snap. Instantly it reminded me of a burst of pips against the wall from the dear old 'Rev.'—Yours,

A. R. BOTTING

Ashfield, N.S.W., Australia.

## TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Dear Sir,—There are, in my opinion, two ways of looking at the Christmas Day broadcast controversy.

Local ringers would feel that they had a legitimate grievance if an outside band was imported because their own striking was not good enough.

The majority of ringers, and especially the good strikers, consider that if a broadcast is made it should be on the best-sounding bells and with the best ringers available in order to give the listening public a good example of change-ringing.

It is no use bad strikers saying that when a church service is broadcast there is no 'faking' by imported choirs. My personal experience of a broadcast was that the choir was augmented by a neighbouring one and the church was filled to capacity by visitors from other parishes. So full was the church that the ringers had to listen to the service from the B.B.C. van. On a normal Sunday evening the church would be less than half full.

I feel certain that if the B.B.C. followed out their usual practice in regard to entertainments and music and secured the best available talent in regard to the broadcasting of bells, ringing as a whole would be held in greater esteem by the general public than at the present time. What is wanted is the best strikers on the best available bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

## NEAREST ANTI-CLOCKWISE TOWERS

Dear Sir—I think 'Kewsett' is wrong in giving Bath Abbey and Swainswick as the nearest towers with anti-clockwise rings of bells. Latton and Cricklade, in Wiltshire, (both five-bell towers) are less than two miles apart and I believe Bath Abbey and Swainswick are three miles or more.

Swindon, Wilts.

W. B. KYNASTON.

## UNCHRISTIAN OUTLOOK

## Bringing Ringers into Disrepute

Dear Sir,—An exceedingly disquieting impression is left by the correspondence on the Christmas Day broadcast and by many other recent letters in 'The Ringing World.' The acrimony and trouble-seeking which seem to inspire so many letters, even brief ones whose sole concern should be to correct some hasty or erroneous claim made in the peal columns, do great discredit to a fraternity (or is that too strong a word?) which stands within Christ's Church. It is not just the discourtesy and rudeness of so many people that is distressing or the fact that 'The Ringing World' is willing to promote so much public discord, but the indication that there is such a strong undercurrent of unchristian feeling and behaviour beneath the surface of the Exercise. It is, in fact, well-known how much ill-feeling there is to be found at all levels between individuals, towers, 'cliques,' branches and Guilds. And all this brings into disrepute not only the ringers themselves, but also the whole body of ringers and the church to which they belong.

The reason is, perhaps, that the majority of ringers seem to regard themselves as connected with the Church as bellringers rather than as Christians. There is no need to labour the vexed question of church attendance as an instance of this, and this problem of the relations between ringers is another, maybe not unconnected with the former.

Now I know that there are very many ringers who are splendid Christians and that there are many towers and whole branches where an admirable spirit of fellowship exists. But all is not well. As one of our prayers has it, we need 'seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in, by our unhappy divisions.' For however good we may become as handlers of bells, or method ringers, if we fail as Christians, we fail in our most important concern and duty.

In conclusion, lest many should be moved to rush into print in hot denial, might I commend the example of the Apostles, who, when Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him, 'began to be sorrowful' and to say unto Him, one by one, "Is it I?"—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS (REV.)

Bury, Lancs.

## EXPLANATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Will the conductor of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Wickham, Hants, on December 30th, explain why it was published as being rung in 2 hours 48 minutes when actually they rang for 3 hours 15 minutes!—Yours faithfully,

## AN INTERESTED LISTENER

## ANONYMITY

Dear Sir,—The answer to the question asked by your anonymous correspondent 'De Facto,' is that quite a number of people read their copies of 'The Ringing World' even to the signatures under the letters in your correspondence columns.

Most of those who do so take a pretty dim view of those who, for some unexplained reason, use a nom-de-plume.

In larger spheres, like the National Press, a case might be made out for anonymity, but in a small fraternity like ours it would, in my opinion, be far more satisfactory if your correspondents wrote over their own names. This matter has already been thrashed almost threadbare, but we still have among us some who prefer to make objectionable remarks in your paper under cover of anonymity. Why?—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, London, S.E.3.

## THOMAS POST, THE WYE POET

By CHARLES TURNER DOVER

With happy memory

I write, with a sigh,

Of that grand old Kent ringer,

The poet of Wye.

I am glad to have my memory awakened by those simple but sincere words 'Lord be thankit,' revealed by 'The Ringing World' in connection with the interesting reference to Thomas Post. I met him and rang with him on a number of occasions. I was fascinated with him, because there appeared a story which would stir the minds of most ringers.

He was a poor but humble shepherd, but he was a rich and glorious ringer, a gift which he inherited by his great love for the church bells and he was always happy to be among those connected with the bells. For years he was a clever heavy-bell ringer and during the latter part of his life he attended many of the meetings of the Ashford and Canterbury Districts of the Kent Association. He used to sell copies of poems which he composed relating to bells and his brother strings; I purchased some at 3d. per copy but I am afraid they were destroyed in the war.

Some years ago I discovered Len Post, a relative of old Tom, at Palmer's coach works at Dover, and was successful in persuading him to take up ringing and for a considerable time he was a great help to me. The last I heard of him he was in the Aldershot district.

In my early ringing days I travelled a good deal with the late Mr. Edmund Potter, an engine driver on the old South Eastern Railway, a son of one of the famous Potter brothers who resided at Frittenden, Kent, and old Tom Post was a great friend of theirs. I was able to obtain quite an amount of amusing stories about him. Without doubt, he had a hectic time when he was in their company, but he managed to create their ambition to go all out to beat the Bob Major performance of 13.340 changes rung at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, in seven hours and 55 minutes. This peal has a remarkable feature. It was a mixed band and rung on May 4th, 1846, by the following ringers:—C. Fowler, treble, H. Down 2, J. Harrison 3, J. Stoakes 4, J. Chapple 5, J. Friend 6, E. Hyder 7, S. T. Post, tenor; conducted by J. Friend.

As the ringers stood in this peal so they died. The conductor, John Friend, was often referred to as the chief constable of Hythe, and was a very strict man. In some quarters it was stated that there was only one policeman stationed at Hythe in those days; evidently he was the one that mattered. Down was a native of Hythe and relatives of his are still living there. Jim Harrison was a star turn from Folkestone.

According to the story related to me by Mr. E. Potter, it was Tom Post who stirred his father's ambition to beat the Hythe record and a mixed band assembled at St. Mary's Church, Frittenden, Kent, on Monday, April 9th, 1883, with the intention of ringing 20.160 Bob Major but, alas, it was not to be, for as they approached the half-way it needed a bob to go on, and the conductor asked if all was well and one ringer replied 'No!' The conductor called single at the end of the course and the bells came into rounds.

Mr. Potter gave me the following particulars of the performance: 10.080 changes Bob Major being the longest peal rung in Kent for many years, performed in a most masterly manner in five hours and 34 minutes by the following ringers:—C. Payne, treble, G. Potter 2, C. Baldock 3, E. Potter 4, F. G. Newman 5, T. Potter 6, W. Brattle 7, T. Daynes, tenor. Conducted by C. Payne from the treble. Despite various efforts by the Potter brothers to pass old Tom's record, the Hythe plume still fluttered in the breeze till he passed away.

Some of the activities of this old English gentleman are still fresh in memory. He could create an argument, raise it to a ringing upheaval, soothe it with poetical mirth, and leave it with his humorous smile.



## SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### Fourth Annual Meeting

**M**EMBERS from most of the towers in the Selby and District Society of Change-Ringers attended the fourth annual meeting of the Society at Selby on January 27th.

During the afternoon the ring of ten at the Abbey was rung to various standard methods. Evensong in the Chancel was conducted by the Rev. Rowbotham, being assisted by the Rev. Pattinson (curate). A very interesting address was given by the Bishop of Selby who gave some historical details of bells of England and described the ringers as belonging to a great fellowship.

After the service, members adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting. Owing to the absence of the Rev. F. Read (president of the Society), through illness, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Rowbotham.

Presenting his report for 1950, the secretary (Mr. L. M. Woodhead) said there was a slight increase in funds on the previous year. Membership stood at 101. Meetings had been held during the year at Goole (2) Escrick, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Snaith and Hemingbrough, also a joint meeting with the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Eastrington.

The Vicar of Selby (the Rev. F. Read) was re-elected president. Vice-presidents were elected from the incumbents of each church visited by the Society. Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby) and Mr. F. Terry (Hemingbrough) were re-elected chairman and Ringing Master respectively. The secretary (Mr. L. M. Woodhead) was also re-elected. A committee was elected composed of the chairman, Ringing Master, secretary-treasurer, together with Mr. J. J. Taylor (Goole) and Mr. J. Thorley (Thorne). Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Selby for use of the bells, also Mr. W. Hartley (organist) and the local company for arrangements.

### ANNUAL DINNER

The meeting was followed by the 4th annual dinner at the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, where 63 members and friends sat down. Canon E. H. P. Rawlins, Vicar of Goole, presided, and proposed the toast 'The Church and the Ringers,' emphasising that all ringers belonged to a great fellowship. Mr. H. S. Morley responded, giving interesting details of the history of Selby and district.

Mr. L. M. Woodhead proposed 'The Society,' paying tribute to assistance given by vicars and local companies at each church visited during the year. Mr. T. H. Foster, responding, appealed to all the younger ringers and learners to master the art of change-ringing with a view to becoming proficient, and so be able to take the place of older ringers.

The toast 'The Ladies' was ably proposed by Mr. C. W. Kine (Goole) and Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole) responded. Mr. H. Cooper (Fishlake) proposed the toast 'The Visitors' and Mrs. Rastrick (Fishlake) suitably responded.

A beetle drive followed. Mr. and Mrs. J. Waud being prizewinners. Dancing and games were enjoyed. Mrs. W. Graves (Carlton) being the winner of 'Passing the Parcel.' The day concluded with a selection of Scottish tunes on handbells by the Selby Abbey ringers followed by a course of Grandsire Triples.

## 5,376 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By Edwin Timbrell

23456 M B W H

52436	1	—	2
62534	—	1	
26435	—	1	2
24365	1	—	2
24653	—	1	
24536	—	1	

Repeat twice. Reduce to 5,184 by calling 2M, —B, 1W, 2H, in place of the bracketed courses in any one part; 2nd extent in 2nds place, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th without the 2nd in 5ths.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Dorchester Branch

Upwards of 100 ringers and friends from many parts of Dorset and also from the Bournemouth area attended the annual meeting of the above Branch at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 20th.

The Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, but unfortunately, by his doctor's orders, the chairman could not take his usual place at the business meeting, as he had only partially recovered from an attack of influenza. The address was given by the vice-chairman, the Ven. J. C. Chute, Archdeacon of Sherborne, and he also conducted the meeting.

In the absence of the secretary (another influenza victim), the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, reported that membership was now 204, ringing members numbering 172. Six meetings had been held during 1950 and the average attendance was about 60. Four peals had been rung for the branch, one of them on the newly-dedicated ring of six at Piddlehinton, two at Martinstown and one at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Branch practices had been very successful and much progress had been made in change-ringing, especially in Treble Bob Minor and Major methods.

It was hoped that restoration work would be carried out on the bells of Fordington and Preston and the new ring of eight be soon available at Cattistock (possibly Easter) while the ringers of Charminster had started a fund for the restoration of their bells at the earliest opportunity.

The branch had lost a very old member by the death of Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, for 55 years a member, and for some years branch Ringing Master. Branch members rang half-muffled touches on the bells of St. Peter's on the occasion of the funeral.

Branch officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Canon Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne, Abbotshury; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, St. Peter's, Dorchester; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Preceve, Bovington; deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. F. B. Stedman, Wyke Regis, and E. T. P. Field, Piddlehinton.

Reference was made to Canon Markby having been at St. Peter's for 21 years and in the Ministry for 50 years and the company decided to send him their congratulations.

The following towers were represented:—Abbotshury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Preston, Sydling, Unwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster also visitors from Bournemouth, Beaminster, Queen Camel and Stalbridge.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The year 1950 proved most successful for the Barnsley District Society in doing by the report presented by the secretary at the annual meeting at Barnsley on January 13th.

The president (Mr. H. F. Moxon) was in the chair and the secretary stated that the contests for both cup and shield were successful and the dinner and annual outing were most enjoyable. The balance sheet showed a profit on the year's working.

The officials were re-elected and thanks were accorded the secretary, treasurer and auditors for their work.

Owing to the church being in the decorators' hands the service could not be held. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in Minor, Triples and Major methods.

Towers represented were Bolsterstone, Barnby Don, Barnsley, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Felkirk, Horbury Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley, Thorne and Roston with a welcome visitor from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Canterbury District

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Faversham. In spite of the meeting clashing with the Rochester District's meeting at nearby Rainham the attendance was good, a gathering of 70 ringers and friends being present.

Ringings were held during the afternoon and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Stanton, who also gave an interesting address based on the Nunc Dimittis. A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £1 8s. 8d.

Tea was taken in the schoolroom and this being disposed of, members settled down to business. Among the matters discussed was the Festival of Britain, for which a small committee was elected consisting of Messrs. W. S. Palin, E. T. Eades and B. J. Luck.

Owing to his absence through influenza, Mr. H. R. French's comprehensive report of the committee's meeting held at Maidstone, was read and accepted. Dover was selected for the next quarterly meeting and Littlebourne for the previous by-meeting.

Four new practising members and three honorary members were elected, thus extending the rivalry between Ospringe and Wickham-breaux as to which village could secure the greatest number of honorary members.

Thanks were expressed to all the helpers at tea, to the Vicar, also the organist, Mr. G. Denyer. Further ringing was held during the evening.

### Rochester District

Some 85 ringers and friends attended the service at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District held at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, on January 27th. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Jordan) conducted the special ringers' service and at the close dedicated a visitors' book specially made by the local band in memory of three of their company, Messrs. A. Edwards, K. Gasson and J. Morris, who made the supreme sacrifice during the second world war.

Tea was served in St. Margaret's Hall, the hosts being local ringers and their lady friends. This was typical of Rainham's hospitality.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting and apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Spice, Miss E. Walker and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, who were all victims of influenza but were recovering. Seven new members were elected—five from Queensborough and two from Rainham.

At the close of the meeting all present were invited to sign their names in the new visitors' book and after handbell ringing the company adjourned to the tower. In spite of an accident to the stay of the second some good ringing was enjoyed.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual district meeting of the North Western District was held on January 13th at Streatham. Immanuel and St. Leonard's towers were open.

At the meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E. Collins, five ringing members and three compounding members were elected. All the 1950 officers were re-elected for 1951. A collection for the General Bell Fund realised £1 19s. 3d. The following places and dates were agreed for meetings:—Easter Monday, Kingston-on-Thames; June 23rd, Banstead; September 22nd, Esher; December 1st, Wimbledon; January 26th, 1952, Annual District Meeting, Beddington; August Bank Holiday, Rammore or Leatherhead; joint meeting with the Lewisham District, Kent Association, October 6th, Epsom.

All the officers were thanked for their past services. A vote of thanks to the Vicars of Immanuel and St. Leonard's and to the tower keepers was passed, 60 ringers being attendance.



**ST. JOHN'S GUILD, HILLINGDON**

At the annual meeting of the Guild, Mr. H. W. Impey was elected captain, Mr. T. G. Bannister deputy captain and Mr. A. R. Turley steeplekeeper. Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow and A. R. G. Twinn were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. It was decided to contribute five guineas from the funds to the memorial to the late Joseph J. Pratt, who was for many years captain of St. John's Guild.

The fourth annual supper was held at The Vine, on Jan. 26th when a company of 36 sat down to an excellent meal under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, with whom was Mrs. Tyler. The officers and their wives supported the Vicar, and the presence of Hillingdon's veteran ringer, Mr. W. Honor, who has been attached to the tower for 67 years, was a joy to all.

The toast of 'St. John's Guild' was ably put by the chairman to which Mr. F. W. Goodfellow replied. The latter said that the Vicar had taken great interest in ringing since his induction and was now sufficiently versed not to reply as a neighbouring Rector did, when asked how his ringers were getting on. He said: 'Oh, I expect they will be banging about as usual to-night!'

Mr. Goodfellow reviewed the year's ringing and for the future said they hoped to attempt three peals in 1951, each to mark a special occasion in the parish.

The toast of 'The Middlesex County Association' was very well handled at short notice by Mr. E. Thurlow, of Pinner, deputising for Mr. W. N. Genna, who was on the sick list. The general secretary of the Association, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, responded and referred to some of the advantages to be derived from membership of the Association.

The final toast was 'The Visitors,' given by Mr. W. H. Coles in his own inimitable style, and to everyone's pleasure the reply was made by Mrs. Tyler.

Interspersing and following the toasts, there was change-ringing and tune-ringing on handbells. Mr. A. G. Bray of St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, gave an exquisite rendering of two songs. The *pièce de résistance*, however, was the Vicar's ditty, 'My hat, it had three corners,' the words being gradually substituted by actions.

**WILLESDEN'S 250 PEALS**

A footnote to a peal at St. Mary's, Willesden, recorded in our last issue states that it was the 250th peal in the tower. Mr. Alick Cutler has supplied us with the following interesting data concerning peals rung on these bells:—

The first peal, as far as records show, was one in seven Minor methods, on August 1st, 1892, conducted by C. W. Tucker, though a board in the tower records two 720's of Minor rung for the opening of the bells on February 1st, 1793, both conducted by J. Bartlett.

Twelve peals of Minor were rung up to 1913, though the bells were augmented to eight in 1912, but were not rung in peal until January 5th, 1916, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the first on the augmented eight, conducted by Mr. Harry Kilby. Since that date two other peals of Minor were rung, making 14 in all, and the remainder is made up of 21 peals of Triples, 29 Plain Major, 1 Duffield Major and 20 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major; 165 peals of Surprise Major have been rung in 35 different methods and 27 Spliced in all numbers from 2 to 12 except 11.

The following ringers have taken part in 50 or more of these peals:—G. M. Kilby, 178; H. Kilby, 164; C. E. Lankester, 95; A. Cutler, 76; T. G. Lock, 74; C. V. Ebberson, 60; L. H. Bowler, 56; C. W. Roberts, 50. The late J. A. Trollone rang 90; G. R. Pye 81; Wm. Pye, 66; C. T. Coles, 62. The conducting has been shared by some 36 with the late Wm. Pye heading the list with 44; J. A. Trollone, 31; C. T. Coles 25 and G. R. Pye 17. C. W. Roberts conducted 42. E. C. S. Turner 12; H. C. Skidmore and H. Kilby, 9 each.

Peals rung for the Middlesex Association total

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****Bicester Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Islip on January 27th. The ring of six was available from 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and were rung to rounds. Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Chitty (Rector of Charlton-on-Otmoor) who also preached an excellent sermon. The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharn and the hymns were accompanied on the handbells by Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Edmund Pearson, Mr. J. Walton, Miss M. Cross and Miss P. Ayres.

After an excellent tea provided by mine host of the Red Lion the business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. F. Sharpe in the absence of the branch chairman, who has been ill. The main item of this meeting was the large number of new members elected to the Guild, three honorary members being incumbents in the branch, six ladies and four gentlemen ringing members.

The next meeting being the annual meeting, was fixed for Saturday, April 7th, at Bicester. After a hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed to make the meeting a success, the members returned to the tower.

**Sonning Deanery Branch**

The Sonning Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Wokingham on January 27th. Ringing commenced at All Saints' Church at 3 p.m., followed by the service conducted by the priest-in-charge, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. D. Weller, of Finchampstead, and the lesson read by Mr. W. J. Brooks, tower foreman at All Saints'. A choir formed by branch members led the singing.

Tea was served at the Church House and this was followed by the business meeting at which the Ven. Thorndike Shaw (branch chairman) presided. The officers were all re-elected with the addition of Mr. W. J. Brooks as vice-chairman. Eight new members were also elected. Warfield was selected as the venue of the summer meeting on June 2nd and full support was asked for the Four Guilds festival at Basingstoke in August.

Mr. W. Hibbert, Guild secretary, outlined the proposed Guild memorial to the late Canon G. F. Coleridge and also congratulated the branch on the number of young members present.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL****Bristol Rural Branch**

Over 50 ringers attended for tea, business and ringing at the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch at Mangotsfield on January 27th.

After some touches until 4.30 and the service following (with its straightforward address by the Rev. Beard, Vicar of Mangotsfield), members sat down to a most enjoyable tea in the Vicarage. Immediately following tea the Rev. Beard presented a pair of gloves to Mr. Sears (the branch's oldest member at 92 years) on behalf of the Mangotsfield ringers, upon his retirement from active ringing, on health grounds.

When the presentation had been made all retired for the business meeting, with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair. The secretary gave the numerical strength of the branch as 166 performing, 11 associate and seven honorary members; regarding finance, £22 was handed over to the Association treasurer from the branch for 1950.

Confidence in the branch officials was indicated by the re-election of Mr. C. R. Harding as chairman for another year, Mr. F. Skidmore as Ringing Master and Mr. N. Denson as branch secretary and treasurer. Mr. G. Nichols was elected assistant secretary for 1951. After deciding upon St. Werburgh's for February's meeting and dealing with all the other business, members retired for some more ringing—thus closing an interesting and happy meeting.

N. D.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD****Discuss Festival Ringing**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Society was held at Brierley Hill on January 27th. The weather was good for the time of the year and gave no cause for anxiety to those who attended from a distance.

The church at Brierley Hill stands in a very exposed position on a hill and commands extensive views of the surrounding country, both industrial and rural. On this cold January afternoon it was gratifying to find the church and ringing chamber comfortably warm.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. N. Crowther-Green, who was assisted by the curate. A really excellent tea to which 51 sat down was kindly provided by the local band and it was obvious that those responsible are in the know with the right people when it comes to catering. The Brierley ringers and their ladies deserve special mention for this creditable effort.

After tea a discussion took place concerning the special ringing for the Festival of Britain. Final arrangements and suggestions will be circularised to the towers early in April. Further ringing took place during the evening, methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Willenhall on March 31st.

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION****Peak District Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Peak District was held at Bakewell (eight bells) on January 20th. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, the ringers getting in some good practice in a variety of methods.

Tea was arranged at the Wheatsheaf Hotel and the business meeting took place afterwards, there being a good attendance of members present.

The retiring chairman gave a résumé of the past year's activities and appealed for continued support during the coming year. At the election of officers he and the secretary did not seek re-election and Mr. W. Smith (Fairfield, Buxton) was elected chairman and Mr. D. Scott (Darley Dale) secretary, and the meeting wished them every success in their new offices. Mr. A. Richardson, of Buxton, was elected vice-chairman. The two committee members were re-elected, viz. Mr. Hopkinson (Ashover) and Mr. J. W. Sykes (Dore). Several new members out of the district were accepted.

A general discussion on items of interest took place and proposals made for discussion at the annual meeting of the Association at Easter.

**BELLS AS TIME SIGNALS**

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that instead of Bow Bells being used as the interval signal before the news, bells from each region—North, West, Wales and Midlands, etc.—be employed for their respective regions. London would still have its Bow Bells.

For the West Region, I would suggest St. Mary's, Southampton, not that I ring at that tower, but because they broadcast very well. What do other West of England ringers think of this choice? I feel that a ring of 10 or 12 is the most suitable medium for such a signal.—Yours faithfully,

R. BUCHANAN.

Totton, Hants

**MANSSION HOUSES**

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of January 19th under the heading 'Another Ringing Mayor,' Mr. W. E. Critchley states that he has been informed that there is only one other Mansion House in England. Might I inform him that there are three Mansion Houses in England, viz. London, Doncaster and York.

—Yours faithfully, H. A. SANDERSON.

Doncaster.



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. CHARLES H. WALKER

The Lewisham band has suffered a severe loss by the unexpected death of Mr. Charles H. Walker which occurred on January 22nd. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's just over 60 years and tower secretary for about 50 and was in his 80th year.

Mr. Walker's health had not been too good for some three or four months and he last rang on Sunday, August 6th, when the bells were re-opened after being overhauled. He greeted the band at the foot of the tower on Sunday, November 26th, but did not attempt the rather long climb to the belfry and remarked to the writer that he would never again do so. This remark was not taken too seriously but, alas, proved only too true.

Mr. Walker never professed to be an advanced method ringer, but whatever he attempted he always rang well and he had rung several peals of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples as well as the treble to various Plain Major methods, mostly with and under the leadership of his almost life-long ringing friend, Mr. Harry Warnett, sen. (now nearly 88 and, happily, still with us). His first peal was 'Grandsire Triples, at St. John's, Erith, on September 3rd, 1892, which was a birthday compliment to him, and his last also Grandsire Triples, at Lewisham, on April 20th, 1940, conducted by Mr. H. Warnett, sen. But his chief interest was Sunday service ringing, especially so of late years.

In place of the usual practice on Thursday, January 25th, half-muffled touches of Triples were rung as a token of respect to an old and highly-esteemed colleague of the belfry and church, one of which was 1.260 Grandsire from Holt's Original: Mary Fuller (first quarter on eight) 1, K. W. Mackintosh (visitor, first quarter) 2, S. Ball 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Jones 5, J. Cannell (first quarter of Triples) 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, R. Boyce 8.

The funeral took place at Hither Green Cemetery on January 26th. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Gibson, curate of St. Mary's. Representing the local band were the past and present leaders, Mr. H. Warnett, sen. (above-mentioned) and Mr. Jack Dafters, tower keeper. Among the floral tributes was one from St. Mary's ringers which, by family request, headed those on the coffin.

Mr. Walker was of quiet, unassuming and amiable disposition, and will be sadly missed by all at St. Mary's. J B

### MR. J. W. HALL

By the death of Mr. James W. Hall, of Rainford, Lancs. at the age of 76, on January 23rd, the ringers of the Wigan and Liverpool branches of the Lancashire Association have suffered a severe loss.

When Rainford bells were installed he was one of the first local ringers and conducted the first peal on the bells by the local band. Until a few years ago he was the leader of the company. He rang four peals.

Mr. Hall joined the Lancashire Association in 1904 and took a great interest in branch meetings. A wide circle of ringers will remember him for the good ringing meetings held at Rainford.

The funeral service was held on January 26th at Rainford Parish Church. In the evening the whole pull and stand was rung, the tenor striking 76 times. Afterwards a 1.260 Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Singleton 1, H. Grundy 2, H. Blackburn 3, C. Blackburn (conductor) 4, W. O. Farrimond 5, S. Cadwallender 6, W. Bagley 7, A. Lyman 8.

### MR. G. H. WALTERS

Mr. George Henry Walters, of Prestbury, Cheltenham, aged 70, died quite suddenly on January 23rd, after having suffered indifferent health for some time. He was very well known in the Cheltenham District as a good ringer and conductor and had a large number of peals in most of the standard methods to his credit. He leaves a widow and family and will be sadly missed.

George was buried at Prestbury, where he had for many years been a member of the band, the bells being rung before and after the service, half muffled, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

His last quarter peal was in August when he came into the tower to watch the youngsters get their first quarter. We were one short, one of the lads offered to ring the tenor to allow George to have a lighter bell, but he said, 'No, this is your quarter, I will ring the tenor.' That was his way, and we loved him for it.—C.R.

### MR. JOSEPH EVANS

By the death of Mr. Joseph Evans, on January 22nd, at the age of 82, Hughenden, Bucks, has lost its oldest ringing member. Up to three years ago Mr. Evans was a regular Sunday service ringer. He was also a member of the church choir for 62 years.

After the funeral a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by a local band.

### Reciprocal Double Stedman Major, Royal and Maximus

By GEORGE BAKER

I suggest as a fitting memorial to the Father of Ringing, Fabian Stedman, and as a ringers' tribute to the Festival of Britain, that the following Major, Royal and Maximus be adopted by the Exercise.

We all know that the construction of the Stedman Principle consists of five single 3rds place bobs on all numbers from five bells upwards, but if in Major we make double bobs instead of single bobs we obtain the following method first published in 'Bell News' as long ago as August 2nd, 1913.

12345678  
21354687  
12536478

15263748  
51236784  
15376484  
51372694  
15736248  
51763284

57136824  
75318642  
57381624

75836142

With 6th bell fixed and tenors together this method has a clean proof scale even if singles are used, if the 6th is shifted there is only one false course head, 126543, if bobs only are used, but if singles are used there are two extra false heads, i.e., 124635 and 125364. More about this interesting method later on.

### 5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED.  
23456 B. M. W. H.

35264 x  
62453 — —  
25634 x  
53246 x  
42635 — — —  
34625 — — 3  
23645 — —

Repeat twice.

### MR. HOWARD HOWELL'S 300 PEALS

DOUBLES.—Stedman 10 (cond. 3), Grandsire 8, two methods 6, three methods 3 (1), six methods 1 (1).

MINOR.—Plain Bob 12, Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, two methods 1, three methods 4, four methods 2, five methods 3, seven methods 3.

TRIPLES.—Stedman 7 (1), Grandsire 23, Darlaston Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

MAJOR.—Plain Bob 20, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 1, Duffield 1, Double Norwich 10, Cambridge Surprise 3, Superlative 4, Norfolk 2, Ashted 1, New Cambridge 2, Belgrave 1.

CATERS.—Stedman 60 (42), Grandsire 9, Erin 1 (1).

ROYAL.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Kent Treble Bob 5, Little Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 4.

CINQUES.—Stedman 53 (29), Grandsire 1.

MAXIMUS.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

HANDBELLS.—Grandsire Doubles I (1), three method Doubles 1.

Total rung on tower bells, 298 (cond. 80); total rung on handbells 2 (cond. 1).

First peal rung on April 17th, 1933. Several towers have been 'circled' including Walsall.

### QUARTER PEALS

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Jan. 24th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, Roper O. Fry (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. J. Fry 4, E. F. White 5, D. G. Brown 6, J. Hallett 7, K. F. Medway 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. I. Merrett, of Bath.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, at All Saints', 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, T. Milsted 2, Betty Solly 3, L. Everest 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, H. Luck 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8.—At Quex Park, on Jan. 26th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: T. Milsted 1, Betty Solly 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, A. Hinkley 4, H. Luck 5, L. Everest 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Jan. 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, D. Surman 2, L. Aston (cond.) 3, P. Baker 4, W. G. Foley 5, D. Aston (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Webb, who was interred earlier in the day. The widower and three sons are ringers.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret E. Hawthorne 1, G. F. Carter 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, P. G. Foote 5, J. Dennis 6.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 21st, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, F. Waldron 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. Mould 4, W. Lancaster 5, P. Dudley 6, B. Barker 7, W. Steen 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. Underwood, a former churchwarden and bellringer.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 26th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Myers (first quarter) 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, R. Hough 4, S. Sage 5, E. L. Ellis 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1.280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. A. Pryor 5, R. Charge 6, G. A. Parsons 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8. A birthday honour to Phil Blake, of Finchley.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Jan. 27th, 1.260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): W. Willis 1, Miss P. Willington 2, N. B. Davis 3, R. Perry 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, L. Burnett 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

MINCHINGHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1.260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, P. Ponting 2, E. Jefferies 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, H. Barratt 5, E. Bailey 6. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, R. Taylor 2, D. Surman 3, H. Webb (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. Godfrey 6, F. Pendry 7, B. Parkin 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to G. H. Walters (interred on Jan. 26th) by the hand he helped to teach.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Lannstone 6. A 21st birthday compliment to L. W. Bullock.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jean Oates (first quarter) 1, T. Elliott 2, Ed. Large 3, Keith Haslam 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8.



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ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Ringers are reminded of the special practice for even-bell methods on the second Monday in each month and are cordially invited to attend at 7.45 p.m. Practices on other Mondays as usual.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 8363

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### MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, The Institute. 8318

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 8299

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cheshamfield District.—Monthly meeting, Tibshelf (6), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Business very important.—A. B. Cooper. 8352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Maresfield (8), Feb. 10th. Tea at Chestnuts Tea Room. Names to R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8343

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. 8359

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney, on Saturday, February 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Trolley bus routes Nos. 555, 557 and 653.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8366

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—February 17th, Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3-4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30; Southwark Cathedral 4-5. Service, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. Further ringing, Cathedral, 8. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome. Feb. 21st, St. Stephen's, Westminster, practice, 7.45.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8353

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Syston, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room, Broad Street. Names not later than Wednesday, Feb. 14th to Mr. E. Payne, The Green, Syston.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8334

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Newark and Lincoln Districts at Newark (10) on Feb. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday.—F. Vernon, 33, Shakespeare Street, New Balderton, Newark. 8329

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover (8), Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15, Stuart Cafe, for those who notify by Feb. 16th.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8335

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—District annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting in vestries at 6.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 13th, to the District Secretary. Bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, available 2.30 to 4.—F. Finch, Dis. Sec., 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 8346

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Barking, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8360

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at North Petherton, Feb. 17th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Local Sec. 8373

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 17th, Bromborough. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea provided for those notifying me by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8378

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, 4 o'clock, February 17th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8372

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), Feb. 17th, 2.30. Names must be received by 14th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8376

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting at Bilton, near Rugby, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Burnell, 18 Plexfield Road, Bilton, Rugby, by Feb. 14th. 8361

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting at Longstone (6) on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea obtainable.—Dennis Scott, Hon Sec. 8374

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual social at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 7.30—11.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. All proceeds to the fund for the restoration of St. Mary's Church bells.—P. A. M. 8369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Haslingden, Feb. 17th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter 8380

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m.. Cafe and snack bar near by. No. 28 bus from Piccadilly.—R. Benson. 8379

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, Feb. 17th. T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's and St. Martin's (evening) bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury. 8375

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Howden, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at a moderate charge to all who notify Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, on or before Feb. 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8365

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Pulborough, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 13th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8364

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Feb. 17th, Northiam. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Beckley bells 6. 8383

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ash, Feb. 24th. Full details next issue. All ringers welcomed and a good tea assured. 8381

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Matthes' Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. All names or numbers for tea must be in by Wednesday, 21st, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Gt. Yarmouth. 8362

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—General committee meeting at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Sat., Feb. 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea served after meeting for those requiring at 2s. per head. Names need not be sent in. Bells (8) available from 5.30 p.m. 8344

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Tichborne on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea at Riverside Farm 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by Monday, Feb. 19th. 8356

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual supper of the South and West District will take place at Heston on Saturday, March 10th. Details later. 8370



**MAULDEN SURPRISE**

By H. G. Cashmore

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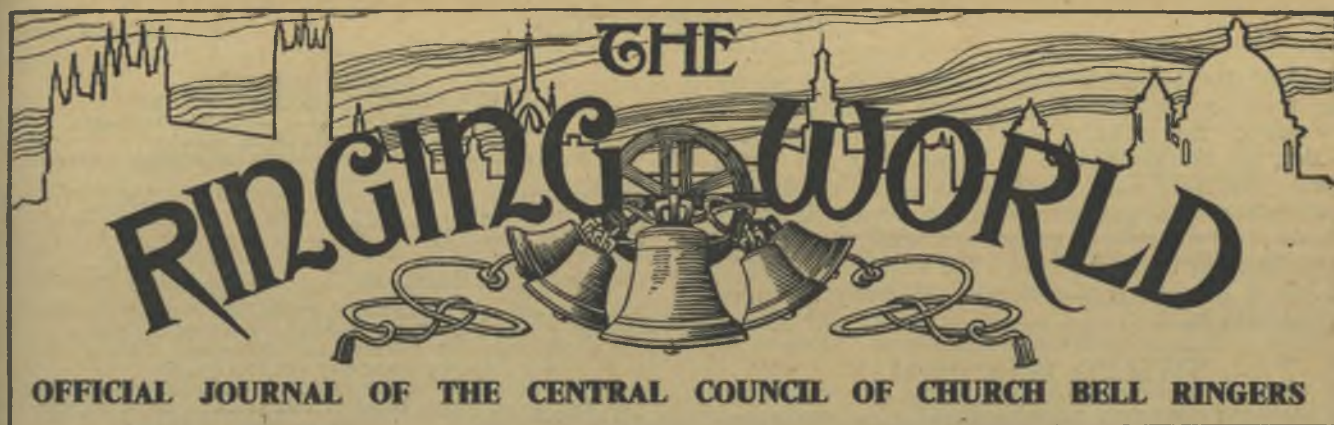
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## A MODEL DISTRICT

**T**HERE are various yardsticks by which ringers endeavour to measure the efficiency of their district.

Some measure by the number of peals or quarter peals, others by the variety of methods rung and the popularity of meetings, but there is only one real criterion—the regularity with which the bells are rung for Sunday service. That is the real test. We have in front of us a 1,500-word report of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the most telling observation was a phrase of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer): 'It is with a certain amount of pride that we can report regular Sunday ringing and weekday practices in nearly every tower.'

There was an attendance of 81 members at the annual meeting of the District, held at Farnham recently, with a strong sprinkling of youth. The bells of St. Andrew's, Farnham, have the reputation, on account of their weight and 'go,' of testing the capabilities of a ringer. Perhaps some of the ringing was not of the standard of proficiency of leaders in the peal ringing fraternity, and knowledge of methods and handling heavy bells, especially to those accustomed to light rings, was not of the best. But what was there was an underlying keenness for the art, from the youngest to the oldest. At an annual meeting there should be on view the graduated scale of ringing proficiency, ranging from those tyros with only a few months' practice to those veterans of 50 or more years. The Ringing Master with his characteristic energy endeavoured to cater for all; he knew only too well their weakness and the standard of their attainments, but it was with an encouraging smile that he enthused them—with love and affection and not the stentorian voice of a sergeant-major.

Later in the day at the annual meeting, when he presented his report, he declared: 'The busiest year on record may well sum up the activities of the District during 1950. The three additional towers that were added to our strength meant three more meetings to be held, and with one exception each of the 15 churches in the district was visited. In addition there were Guild functions to attend and this means that the District has had something to attend every three weeks throughout the year.' We would here interpolate with figures supplied by the District Secretary, Mr. G. S. G. Joyce, which showed an average attendance of 52 people from 16 towers. This is out of a membership of 149 ringing and 21 honorary members. It tells its own story of the strong fraternal spirit in the District.

What is also impressive about the Master's report is the spirit of self-sacrifice that prevails in the District among the more experienced ringers. It reads: 'The thanks of the Guild and District officers are extended to those more experienced ringers who Sunday by Sunday and on every practice night forgo the pleasure of ringing a more intricate and interesting method to ring the "old familiar changes"—plain courses of Grandsire Doubles or Triples. It does get very boring at times and, with striking not too good, it tends to impatience. If the recruits are regular, very keen and really giving of the best that is in them, surely that in itself is a just reward to those who are endeavouring to further our art in the service of the Christian Church. So we ask you all to be patient with the ringers of less experience than yourself, remembering that you too were once at this stage of knowledge, and were glad of help, sympathy and encouragement.' This is real pioneer work.

The District paid its price in the fact that there were no peal successes in spite of five attempts, but there were many quarter peals. Thus the denial of the outward laurel leaves has its inward reward of the spiritual halo. The seed, however, we trust, is not sown on stony ground. Already the District is making plans for the Festival of Britain celebration, and Mr. Joyce said he wanted quarter peals rung in every tower on the opening Saturday. To this end he suggested that two expert teams should tour the six- and eight-bell towers and thus ensure that at least an attempt at a quarter peal was made everywhere. A circular letter would be sent with suggestions and towers would be invited to help each other during the period of the Festival.

A wise step was taken at the meeting of appointing for the first time assistants to the two principal officers—the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. S. G. Joyce). We have known district affairs to stagnate through the illness or departure of a district secretary, and it is important, particularly where heavy programmes are planned, that efficient deputies should be ready to assist and carry on in emergencies. Mr. E. J. Bragg is the Deputy Master and Mr. R. H. Mills Assistant Hon. Secretary. Mr. R. H. Mills has also been elected to the executive committee in place of Mr. P. Eldridge. The District also shows its interest in the wider fields of the Exercise and is anxious to have a direct representative on the Central Council. Mr. W. H. Viggers, who is at present an honorary member of the Council, has been nominated as one of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's representatives.



Probably the Farnham District will not thank us for giving them the highlight of front page publicity, for, in the words of the psalmist, they 'are not high-minded,' and they do not pretend to be a model to the whole country. But they have developed a sense of vocation and we trust that the young ringers in the towers struggling to master the rudiments of the art will realise the sacrifice behind the older ringers' efforts. The leaders are men in their prime who enjoy a peal on a Saturday afternoon with the next man.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 3	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6	GEORGE L. RODEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. 5
*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS .. 2	DAVID G. YEO .. .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. 7
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4	*WILLIAM J. LOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. H. Kay.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

WALTER J. LEMON .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	*WILLIAM PACKER .. .. 6
JAMES W. EDEN .. .. 3	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 7
*JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage in this church earlier in the day of Dr. D. S. Hurwood, son of the Rector, and Miss Mary Baker.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan., 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT S. F. P. HARRIS .. Treble	RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS .. 5
H. STEWART BAILEY .. .. 2	DEREK PARRY .. .. 6
A. TREVOR SUTTON .. .. 3	JOSEPH GODDARD .. .. 7
STANLEY D. SUTTON .. .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. Price and Rev. W. J. Alan Price (Rector).

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*PETER GOOD .. .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN .. .. 5
PERCY JONES .. .. 2	REV. I. RICHARDS .. .. 6
*STANLEY BECK .. .. 3	W. DARE .. .. 7
REV. A. OSWALD .. .. 4	*E. CHARLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. DARE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung at the induction and as a welcome to the new Rector and Mrs. Williams and family.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 5
GEORGE HESKETH .. .. 2	HUGH F. ROBERTS .. .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT .. .. 7
ALFRED CUSICK .. .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

RALPH SITCH .. .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First touch in the method by all and on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RENATE BUCHTHAL .. Treble	KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 5
W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 6
*DIANA M. PANTING .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. .. 7
ELIZABETH M. BROWN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	FREDERICK GRUNDY .. .. 6
JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LAWRENCE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HOWLETT.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal in the method.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. Treble	*RICHARD J. CARTER .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD .. 7
*FRANK S. CHENEY .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 13).

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. Messrs. Carter, Harrold and F. S. Cheney are members of the local band.



## RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A Variation of Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. ..	Treble	FREDK. S. MACEY .. ..	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. ..	2	ERIC NAYLOR .. ..	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. ..	3	GEORGE KENWARD .. ..	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. ..	4	BASIL A. EDWARDS .. ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. C. Belsey, widow of Mr. C. Belsey, for many years captain of the local band; also to Mr. J. Cross, father of Trevor Cross, one of the local ringers; also to Mr. F. Holding, for many years a member of the church choir, and Miss A. Baker, the loyal and devoted church cleaner for many years—all of whom have died this week and were buried in the churchyard this day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Wembley, 800 Bristol, 800 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 129 changes.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. ..	Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. ..	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. ..	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. ..	6
JOHN FREEMAN .. ..	3	JOHN WALDEN .. ..	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. ..	Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal of Spiced Surprise Major in five methods by all the band and for the Guild.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. ..	Treble	*ERNEST BLOMFIELD .. ..	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. ..	2	ALBERT E. WHITING .. ..	6
*CLAUDE WOODWARD .. ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. ..	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. ..	4	WILLIAM LAST .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Quickest peal on the bells.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. ..	Treble	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. ..	5
PETER R. BLACKMAN .. ..	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. ..	6
NORMAN J. SMITH .. ..	3	JOHN H. HUNT .. ..	7
HENRY W. STOVOLD .. ..	4	H. FRANK DUNFORD .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*EWART A. ANDREWS .. ..	Treble
†CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. ..	2
*R. ROGER SAVORY .. ..	3
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. ..	4
GERALD C. HEMMING .. ..	5
*CHARLES N. EDWIN .. ..	6
†WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. ..	7
C. ARTHUR MANNING .. ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells. Rung as-a 21st birthday compliment to R. Roger Savory, who is at present serving with H.M. Navy.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*MARY SHADRACK .. ..	Treble
REGINALD C. THRIFT .. ..	2
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. ..	3
ERNEST J. RUNTER .. ..	4
†WILLIAM J. BARRETT .. ..	5
HARRY BRADLEY .. ..	6
HERBERT DEVENISH .. ..	7
†HENRY W. SHADRACK .. ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Reginald C. Thrift.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
FRANK L. FISHER .. ..	Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. ..	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. ..	2	CHARLES E. FISHER .. ..	6
ERNEST W. PYE .. ..	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXHALL .. ..	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. ..	4	RONALD W. STEWARD .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

Rung with half-muffled bells in memory of Henry Miller, chorister at this church for 62 years.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
ALFRED SMITH .. ..	Treble
WALTER ALLMAN .. ..	2
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. ..	3
JOHN E. BIBBY .. ..	4
WILLIAM BARTON .. ..	5
EDWARD JENKINS .. ..	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. ..	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The full work of each method is done by all the bells in this composition. A 50th birthday compliment to J. E. Bibby.

## MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 10 cwt.	
CHAS. E. JEFFRIES, (son) .. ..	Treble	P. C. F. W. SCUDAMORE .. ..	5
MRS. DART (née Gardner) .. ..	2	ERNEST PALMER .. ..	6
*T. JEFFRIES (grandson, 15) .. ..	3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES (father) .. ..	7
*M. JEFFRIES (grandson, 15) .. ..	4	JOHN W. JEFFRIES (son) .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

## NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.	
*JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. ..	Treble
†MAURICE A. COLLINS (14) .. ..	2
ROY V. WEBB .. ..	3
JOHN S. DEAR .. ..	4
EDWIN G. BUCK .. ..	5
ERIC EDMUNDSON .. ..	6
DONALD C. PRICE .. ..	7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'



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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*GORDON ELVIN .. .. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. 4
*EILEEN BRACEY .. .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Revell.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN BRINSON .. .. Treble	*ALGY HOOPER .. .. 4
*ALBERT PETERS .. .. 2	*FRANK PARAMORE .. .. 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 3	*HAROLD HOOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR T. RANDALL .. Treble	†NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. 4
†WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	†JOHN P. MORRIS .. 5
ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 3	†CYRIL WANDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor in the method on tower bells.

BALLYLESSON, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, all different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*TOM SMELTZER (17) .. Treble	FRED E. DUKES .. .. 4
†RICHIE W. ADAMSON .. 2	†JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5
†JOHN J. FIELDING .. 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* First peal in the method and of Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells as conductor.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Oxford Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	JOHN M. KEMP .. .. 4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 5
ANTHONY R. AGER .. 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Arranged and rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of John Phillips, ringer of the fifth.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's of Norwich, Ipswich, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK WALKETT .. Treble	†GEORGE MOUNTFORD .. 4
REGINALD C. PRESTON .. 2	JAMES STANWAY .. .. 5
†LESLIE HIGGS .. 3	WILLIAM HAZELDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDINE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of College Exercise, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	DONALD COOMBS .. .. 4
*SYDNEY PHILBRICK .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
*PHILLIP SADLER .. 3	*PETER J. KING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 3
*MARY A. CARPENTER .. 2	†GEORGE PICKERING .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal. † 25th peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANKLIN MOORHOUSE .. Treble	†WILLIAM WALL .. .. 4
†NORMA ROBERTS .. 2	ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
†RAYMOND SUART .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. C. E. Webb, of Hawkshead and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LYDIARD MILLCENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

RALPH SHAILES .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 5
*CYRIL R. SHAILES .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

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

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*LESLIE TAYLOR .. Treble	EDWIN FISHER .. .. 4
*DONOVAN WHITE .. 2	JOHN R. YOUNG .. .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
ALBERT E. JONES .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

Rung for the evening service.



APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR**

Being one extent each of Pontefract, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald and Barham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 5
*LESLIE S. BAINES .. .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods. First Delight peal in the county, on the bells and by all the band.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. .. 4
RONALD E. BURT .. .. 2	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
FRANK PEARSON .. .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. P. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.  
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being Pitman's coupled six-score of Grandsire, five extents of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Southrepps, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day and Norfolk. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM H. SHORT .. .. Treble	*PHILLIP L. COOPER .. .. 4
JOHN J. CUMMINS .. .. 2	GEORGE K. STACEY .. .. 5
ROBERT W. FERRIS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. Tenor

Conducted by R. D. FERRIS. Referee, ADRIAN R. BOTTING.

\* First tower peal. First peal in nine methods by members of the Association. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Commonwealth of Australia.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising seven extents in 14 methods with 76 changes of method, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure; (2) Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob; (3) Thelwall, Childwall; (4) Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 14 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one Morris' 240 and forty six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR STREET .. .. Treble	*ARTHUR CAMPBELL .. .. 4
ARNOLD WORTH .. .. 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 5
ROBERT BARRATT .. .. 3	HARRY CALLWOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Ian Davidson and Arthur Campbell.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Treble	†IAN JONES .. .. 4
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	*FREDERICK BROWNLOW .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung in memoriam Mr. F. G. Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods.

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## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise.

CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

\*First peal in three Minor methods. Rung 'fully muffled' in memoriam Canon Stanley Addleshaw, Rector at this church 1935 to 1945, who passed away on January 25th.

## WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	WINIFRED MAY BURTO .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	PETER HALLAM .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 4
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

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

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

## POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, and one extent each of Capel, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*SYDNEY SAGE .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
EDWARD HOULDSWORTH .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\*First peal in five methods. Rung in honour of the consecration of Canon Saunders-Davies as Bishop Suffragan of Stockport.

## BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston; (2) Oxford, Capel; (3) Oxford, Sandal; (4) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston; (5) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Oxford, Kingston; (7) Oxford, Kent; 47 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD DAWSON .. Treble	†F. RONALD FORSTER .. 4
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 2	HENRY KIRK .. 5
†JOHN T. MARRIOTT .. 3	ALEC. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEC. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Spiced. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of the 4th, who is shortly leaving to join H.M. Forces.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

James William Washbrook's Variation.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1-2	ALAN CATTELL .. 5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,  
AT 4, CLARENCE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2	FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger O. Fry.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT 35, MARKET STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 1-2	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3-4	PETER BERESFORD .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.

First peal in the method as conductor and first peal on eight as conductor.

## LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,  
AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, with change of method at the end of each extent.

J. J. FIELDING .. .. 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

A farewell to the senior curate of Derry Cathedral, Rev. G. C. Willoughby.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*ANNIE BROWN .. .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS .. 7-8
*EDWIN J. BROWN .. .. 3-4	*ROYSTON C. BRYANT .. 9-10
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5-6	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER .. 11-12

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

\*First peal of Maximus 'in hand.'

## SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 1-2	*ERIC NIXON .. 3-4
*DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

\*First peal in four methods. †First peal 'in hand.' First peal in four methods for the Guild.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ASH, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Gambrell 1, Mrs. A. C. Gambrell 2, Mrs. E. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, A. Kemp 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Isaac Harry Burville, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for 58 years.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yates 1, G. Armstrong 2, Miss B. Colver 3, J. Hill 4, C. R. Betton 5, A. H. Hough 6, T. K. Deacon (first in method as cond.) 7, J. L. Hough 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Breward, a lifelong member of Barwell Church.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Howard 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hatfield (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Howard 7, S. Hatfield 8.

**BENSON, OXON.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Douglas (first quarter) 1, F. Absolom (cond.) 2, H. A. Jarvis (first quarter) 3, J. Godman 4, R. D. Wells (first 'inside') 5, J. Cherrill 6.

**BOURNE, Lincs.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,296 Spiced Surprise Minor (720 Berwick and Hexham, 576 Beverley and Surfleet): A. E. Larkinson (first quarter of Surprise) 1, R. Wade 2, J. W. Haw 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, F. W. French 5, A. E. Scott 6.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): K. W. Muttock 1, F. C. Arnold 2, R. E. Burt 3, F. Pearson 4, T. C. Browne 5, F. Philippo (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mrs. E. Potter, clerk at Bunwell Church for many years, who was interred the same day.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Gardner 1, V. G. Roberts 2, Mariorie Legg 3, G. Salmon 4, F. G. Sandy 5, R. E. Hudson 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, E. C. Wickham 8.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Griffiths (first in method) 1, Miss F. Warden 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, Miss M. A. Bailey 4, Miss R. Ashley 5, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by the newly-formed West Midland District of the Ladies' Guild.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miles Hawkins (first quarter) 1, H. Furninger 2, Janet Willis (cond.) 3, George Ruck (first quarter) 4, F. A. Rye 5, Audrey Fagg 6.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lola King 1, Miss Judy Dodson 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, J. King 4, Miss Pam Collis 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

**HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Gould (first quarter) 1, R. Talbot 2, A. Honeywood 3, F. Bloomfield 4, G. Barnes 5, P. Barnes (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Bloomfield and P. Barnes.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froom 1, C. A. Eele 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, A. Street 5, S. G. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Bailey 8. First quarter of Triples by 1. First 'inside' by 4.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. L. Dadds (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds (first in method) 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, R. Dadds (first quarter) 8.

**MEYSEY-HAMPTON, WILTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: E. Smith 1, Miss E. Morse 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, Miss J. Morse 4, H. Day 5, N. G. Peare 6. Rung in memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war and whose memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, F. E. Putwain 2, W. D. Pooley 3, J. Church 4, M. A. Collins 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6, H. E. Werrett 7, R. T. Newman 8. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Werrett.

**PRESCOT, LANCs.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Finney 1, Miss J. M. Preston 2, C. Blackburn 3, R. C. Preston 4, H. Blackburn 5, W. E. Court (cond.) 6, W. Riley 7, W. O. Farrimond 8.

**SHERBORNE, DORSET.**—At the Abbey on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Poole 1, P. Sparkes 2, D. V. Gare 3, W. E. Turner 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. G. Field (first quarter in method) 6, T. G. Setter (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, H. Pope 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—On Jan. 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. G. F. Hales (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, V. Glasspool 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, R. Brown 5, Miss J. Cox (cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Rector's induction. Mr. Hales is the first incumbent of this parish to ring a quarter peal.

**STEVENTON, BERKS.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bunce 1, A. Bennett 2, J. Jarvis (first quarter) 3, A. Fletcher (cond.) 4, G. Stevens 5, E. Fletcher 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, who are leaving the village for Australia, also for the 32nd wedding anniversary of the conductor.

**STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Brian Grinter (first quarter) 2, W. Warr 3, H. Penter 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, Miss J. Punnett (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, B. Bladon 5, Miss H. J. Holloway 6. First quarter on the six bells by a Sunday service band.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Goodridge (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss P. Manning (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, B. Bladon 5, Miss H. J. Holloway 6.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 540 Grandsire and 240 each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day): Mary A. Carpenter 1, Mary C. Payne 2, A. Mansfield 3, H. Humphreys 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Saunders 6. First quarter in four methods for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**TICHBORNE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 240 New Doubles, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): H. Mansbridge 1, L. A. Tremere 2, R. Currie 3, H. D. Buckingham 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5, F. W. Mansbridge 6. First quarter of Doubles in four methods by all.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): J. Newman 1, A. Brody 2, J. Sinfield 3, W. Twidell 4, J. Scott 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6.

**WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, S.A.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Lamphree (first quarter) 1, P. L. Cooper (cond.) 2, Miss C. E. Lamphree 3, C. H. Bagot 4, F. J. Stander 5, L. H. M. Clift 6. Rung for the beginning of the Federal Jubilee year.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chappell 1, E. Norman 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. H. Davis (ringer at Wembdon for 40 years and also local sexton) and Mrs. Davis.

**WINTHROP, NEWARK, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wing 1, W. Mead 2, M. Leach 3, W. Clark 4, Henry J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, G. W. Cloxton 6. Rung for the 81st birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

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Many old members of the Exercise will be  
sorry to learn that Mr. Thomas Butler, sen.,  
father of Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, is  
seriously ill in the Wrekin Hospital, Wellington,  
Shropshire.

Mr. John G. Jefferies  
achieved his life's ambition  
by ringing and conducting  
a peal on his 70th birthday in company with  
his two sons and two grandsons, making three  
generations. Is this a record or are there any  
more families who can claim a peal the same  
as above?

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, has been in-  
doors for weeks with bronchitis. The latest  
report is that he is a little better.

Another record to hand this week is 42  
methods of Spliced Major 'in hand' by Mr.  
George E. Feirn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray and Mr.  
Philip Barnes. Congratulation to both bands.

Riding to work on his motor-cycle early on  
February 7th, Mr. Len Giles, of Wadhurst,  
skidded on the icy road and fractured his collar-  
bone. He will be unable to ring for several  
weeks.

At Longstanton, Cambs, on February 2nd,  
was rung a plain course of Lincolnshire, York-  
shire, Cambridge, Superlative and a touch of  
London. This is the first time five Surprise  
Major methods have been rung at a meeting  
of ringers who are all resident members of the  
Ely Diocesan Association.

Old ringing colleagues will regret to hear  
of the serious illness of Mr. F. T. Wilson, of  
Bournemouth. Some four weeks ago he rup-  
tured a blood vessel and was taken to hospital  
for an operation. He is very weak and it is  
the opinion of his doctor that it will be many  
months before he regains his strength.

In response to a query as to the oldest band  
to ring a tower-bell peal we are informed that  
this honour goes to those who rang a peal of  
Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street,  
London, on October 21st, 1933. The total age  
was 612 years—an average of 76½ years. The  
conductor was Mr C. F. Winney.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Walter Judge and his  
band have established a new  
record in Spliced Surprise  
Major with a peal in 25 methods rung at Dor-  
chester Abbey on February 4th. This supplants  
Mr. John A. Freeman's band's record of 22  
methods rung at Harmston, Lincs, on November  
27th, 1948.

With the peal at Leek, Staffordshire, on  
January 27th, Mr. A. Peake has rung Cam-  
bridge from Minor to Maximus.

Penshurst, Kent, is the eleventh tower in  
which Mr. T. E. Sone has 'completed the circle'  
(ten eights and one ten). The occasion was on  
February 3rd, the peal being rung in honour of  
the gift of his first grandchild.

Apsley End ringers demonstrated their pro-  
ficiency at darts again on February 2nd by de-  
feating colleagues from St. Albans. We assume  
the reason for their communication is to prove  
that they have not 'one-track' minds. It might  
even be a 'leg' pull, to use darts parlance.

Mr. P. Amos thanks the many ringers who  
have sent letters of good wishes to him while  
a patient in the Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital,  
Northampton. He is now in Ward 10 of Free-  
land Auxiliary Convalescent Hospital, Freeland,  
Oxford, where he will be remaining for a month.

Two promising young ringers, are John F.  
Collings (13) and Maurice A. Collings (14) who  
rang in a peal at Norton, Herts, on February  
3rd. It was Johnnie's first peal and he did not  
make a single bad blow and was not spoken to  
once during the peal.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk,  
is arranging a week's tour of Yorkshire, begin-  
ning July 23rd. Ringing will take place for an  
hour at six towers each day. There are several  
vacant seats in the coach and Mr. Pipe would  
be glad to hear from anyone who cares to join  
the party.

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# VETERANS WHO RANG IN THE LAST CENTURY

## Some Interesting Reminiscences

We have received a number of interesting letters relating to those who rang their first peal in the last century.

Mr. Alfred Barnes, of Reddish, Stockport, recalls his first peal on April 11th, 1887, on St. Albans Cathedral bells the method being Bob Triples (Hubbard's ten part). The band was Tom Grant 1, Alfred Barnes 2, John C. Mitchell 3, Walter H. L. Buckingham 4, Walter Battle 5, Geo. W. Cartmel 6, Norman N. Stills 7, Henry L. Waddington 8.

Mr. Barnes' first peal in Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), 'in hand' was on November 19th, 1887, the company being John C. Mitchell 1-2, George W. Cartmel 3-4, Walter H. L. Buckingham 5-6, Alfred Barnes 7-8.

He adds a footnote: 'I may say we are all over 80 years of age and I fear I am the only one who still practises the Art.'

Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham rang the composition strictly non-conducted in the presence of two umpires. Mr. George W. Cartmel was the first to call the composition from each even pair of bells.

## RANG IN 1878

Of the veteran peal ringers alive, Mr. John Edgar Smith has probably the record. He rang his first peal at Christmas, 1878, at St. Maries' (R.C.) Church, Sheffield. The peal was Grandsire Triples and the band included two of the brothers Hattersley. Mr. Smith, we are pleased to state, is still ringing. His home town is Hatfield, near Doncaster. He is now living at Winterton, Lincs.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport rang 21 of his total of 535 peals in the last century. His first, Grandsire Triples, was at Caerleon, on January 12th, 1889, and was the first peal by all and the first peal on the bells. He rang six other peals that year.

There were two other ringers who rang their first peal in 1889—Mr. Adolphus Roberts, of Stoke Coventry (he is still a member of the band) and Mr. James George, of Bournemouth. Mr. George's first peal was rung at St. George's, Camberwell.

Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, recalls his first peal rung at Erith on August 30th, 1890, when he was 19. It was Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), conducted by Edwin Barnett. He was then living at St. Mary Cray and he and three others walked the nine miles to Erith and back. He is now the sole survivor of that band. Mr. Emery states that he also rang in a peal at Bromley on December 26th, 1892, with Mr. W. Fright who, he believes, is living at Hythe.

Mr. Edward H. Adams, of Warwick, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's, Putney, on April 7th, 1890. He is now recovering from a bout of influenza, it being 60 years since he had a day in bed.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S FIRST

Provost W. J. Conybeare, late of Southwell Minster, and now living at Quaker Lanes, Warborough, Oxon, writes recalling his first peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Sawston, Cambridge, on April 17th, 1894. This was the first tower bell peal ever rung for the Cambridge University Guild and it was rung at the third attempt.

The ringers on this peal were G. F. Woodhouse 1, E. Banks James 2, Cyril W. O. Jenkyn 3, Rev. A. H. F. Boughie 4, Cyril E. Earle 5, Rev. C. A. Clements 6, Rev. H. Law James (cond.) 7, W. J. Conybeare 8. The Rev. G. F. Woodhouse is a vicar in Yorkshire.

At Woburn, Beds, there are two veterans, viz.—Mr. William Ernest Herbert, who rang his first peal on August 31st, 1893, at Foxearth, and Mr. H. Douglas Harris, at Woburn, on November 27th, 1897. In the last-named peal stood the late Mr. Sidney A. Avis, of Woburn, whose death took place this year.

Mr. George H. Head, of Hampton, Middlesex, rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on July 31st, 1896. A footnote to the peal, as it appeared in the 'Bell News' reads:—'G. Head hails from Ashford and only came to reside in this town the previous day. It was also the first peal of Mr. A. Spice, formerly of Gillingham.'

Probably the veteran ringer of Sussex is Mr. A. W. Groves, of Heene, Worthing. His first peal, Stedman Triples, was rung at Henfield, Sussex, on May 6th, 1894.

## SOUTHGATE BAND

For longevity, the original Southgate band of the latter half of the last century take some beating. There are five of the members still living, writes Mr. S. Wade, of Hornsey, although Mr. H. Miller and himself are the only two active service ringers now. The band and their first peals are as follows:—H. W. Newby, Southgate, February 10th, 1896; S. Wade, Hornsey, May 22nd, 1897; A. R. Glasscock, Southgate, June 27th, 1898; W. Tegg, Southgate, November 30th, 1899; H. Miller, Southgate, January 11th, 1900.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on February 1st, 1896.

Mr. Frederick S. Price, of Beeston, Notts, rang his first peal on September 25th, 1897, at St. John's, Beeston. The peal was Bob Major, 5,184 changes, composed by Frank Hopgood and conducted by James Hutchley. He is the sole survivor of the band.

In the same year (1897), Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, rang his first peal on March 8th. It was seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor, for the Lancashire Association at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, and was the first peal on the bells.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Bedford District

The Bedford District's annual meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on February 3rd and was attended by about 50 ringers. Out-of-county visitors were present from Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire.

In his report for 1950 the secretary announced that membership had dropped slightly for the first time for many years, the figures at the end of the year being 4 honorary, 96 performing and 7 probationary members. Meetings had been better attended, however, and 18 of the 27 towers in the District had been visited. Eleven peals had been rung, including two 'in hand'; the conducting had been shared by five ringers and four youngsters had rung their first peal.

In the election of officers, Mr. Michael Stephens was re-elected secretary and Messrs. Foskett, Hilson, Jeffries and Spavins elected as committee; Messrs. Bonnet and Huckle were elected Savings Bank trustees. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham on March 3rd. One new member, Peter Burr, of Elstow, was elected.

In addition to the vote of thanks to the clergy, organist and the ladies who had prepared the tea, thanks were passed to Mr. Kenneth Spavins for his work in connection with the Association badges.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Elstow and St. Peter's, Bedford, where a ringers' service was held, and also at St. Peter's during the evening. Methods rung included Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. Handbell enthusiasts were well looked after, and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles (as Keg Meg), Bob Major and several Minor methods were rung 'in hand.'

M. S.

Mr. William C. Wakley, of Paignton, Devon, rang his first peal with the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, on November 27th, 1897. The method was Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Harry Sear, of Blechley, Bucks, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898. All the band came from Kensington, it being the first peal by the St. Mary Abbots Guild. Other names of the band are worth recalling:—W. E. Garrard (cond.), W. E. Judd, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, R. Charge, W. Fox and J. Judd.

Mr. Arthur G. James rang his first peal on February 5th, 1898—Stedman Triples, at Hughenden.

Mr. Harry Kilby, of 106, Lonsdale Avenue, Wembley, scored his first, a peal of Minor, on December 29th, 1898, at St. Mary's, Willesden, when there were only six bells in this tower. Unfortunately, Mr. Kilby has not been able to take an active part in ringing at St. Mary's for the past 12 months owing to ill-health.

Mr. Edwin Barnett rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Crayford on May 18th, 1899, at the age of 14. He was then known as Edwin Barnett, jun..

Holy Trinity tower, Guildford, have two last century peal ringers still active. Mr. A. H. Pulling rang his first peal in October, 1899, at Hawley, Hants, the method being Grandsire Triples, and Mr. H. Hutton on December 12th, 1899, at Holy Trinity, Guildford, also Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Stoke Coventry, rang his first peal on March 8th, 1900.

Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, rang in four peals during the latter half of the 19th century. His first peal was at Withycombe Raleigh, Devon, on August 7th, 1900, the method being Grandsire Triples.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Social Follows Quarterly Meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on January 20th and attended by over 60 members and friends from Allesley, Bilton, Bulkington, Harbury, Keresley, Ladbroke, Meriden, Southam, Stoke, Wolvey and the local band.

A service was conducted by the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) at the close of an afternoon of ringing. Tea in the Parish Hall was followed by the business meeting, the president taking the chair.

New members elected were:—Miss P. Jennings (Coton), W. E. Burnell, Miss P. Burnell, Miss E. Burnell, D. Thrush and J. Tole (Bilton), Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Miss Purkiss, Miss M. Abbott, M. Styles and D. Wall (Ladbroke), D. Parker (Allesley), B. Thompson (Berkswell) and R. Barratt (Harbury). Ratifications of elections prior to peals were made on behalf of the following:—Mrs. P. Lewington (Reading), Herbert Lewin (Hucknall, Notts), Francis Powell (Mickleton), Gerald Armstrong (Barwell) and Michael Brown (Sapcote).

Mr. F. E. Pervin gave notice of motion that he would propose at the annual meeting in April that the number of districts in the Guild be reduced to two, viz., northern district and southern district.

Votes of thanks to all at Coton who had contributed to the success of the meeting were proposed by W. A. Stote and seconded by F. W. Perrens.

Tower-bell and handbell ringing was resumed until the commencement of the social which continued until 11.30 p.m., about 200 attending. It is hoped that the Guild will benefit to the extent of about £13 by this effort.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DOUBLE NORWICH AND 'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Double Norwich rung at Grundisburgh on January 15th is wide of the mark. The method was always called 'Court Eight' by the old Norwich ringers and peals of it were rung in 1741 and 1746 at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, and both were published in the 'Norwich Gazette.' To the first a note says 'which was never done before,' and to the second 'being the second time it was ever rung in the kingdom.' A third was rung at North Elmham, Norfolk, by the Norwich ringers in 1758, conducted by John Chamberlain, who also, it may be remembered, called the 1771 peal which the Grundisburgh peal commemorated. This 1758 peal is described as 'the first time this peal was ever rung in England (Norwich excepted).' Another one was rung in 1774 at Downham Market, Norfolk, with five of the 1771 men taking part. William Warner conducted it, Chamberlain having died a year before.

All these peals were obviously unknown to Mr. Snowdon when he wrote his book on the method. Mr. Snowdon, on page 47, makes two statements which can hardly be correct. He says 'Barton and Lindsey, the two energetic leaders of one of the best companies Norwich possessed.' Neither of these was in the same street as Chamberlain, the conductor of the 1758 and 1771 peals (and also the Court Ten in 1769), who was undoubtedly the great driving force. I pointed this out in an article on him in your paper of December 20th 1940. On the same page, speaking of Robert Chestnutt, Mr. Snowdon says 'between 1817 and 1821 the company used to practise Court Ten at 6 a.m. on Sundays.' Now why Court Ten when they rang the peal of Court Twelve in 1817, and the company was practically intact for some years after and the conductor alive?

And that brings me to 'Ye Rascally Ringers,' quoted on the same page. When this 'poem' was mentioned in your paper a few weeks ago, I pointed out the Snowdon reference. I now find the lines appeared eleven years earlier at the least in the 'Norwich Mercury' for May 24th, 1806. A footnote says 'It brings to our recollection the same epigram on a similar occasion.' So it is more ancient than we thought! It also shows some of the information Mr. Snowdon had from Henry Hubbard was unreliable.—Yours truly,

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

## UNSELFISH SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Having followed with much interest the recent correspondence in our journal concerning the Christmas ringing, I am writing to say that I, too, wish to join the many other correspondents in resenting most strongly Group Captain Lister's remarks in his letter, attributing motives of selfish jealousy to Mr. E. H. Lewis' observations.

Those of us who know Mr. Lewis personally (I myself had the honour of being one of his pupils in Brasted tower before the war) will know that throughout his many years of service to the Exercise, all his comments and suggestions have been made with a most unselfish desire for the furtherance and good of our Art. May I respectfully suggest to Group Captain Lister that he would be much better advised to follow Mr. Lewis' example of unselfish service to ringing than to indulge in completely uncalled-for 'mud-slinging' through the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

The consensus of opinion amongst the great majority of ringers is, I am sure, that we should do all we can to further the cause of good striking, the spirit of brotherhood in our bellfries and, above all, regular service ringing of the highest and best possible standard.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

King Alfred's College,  
Winchester.

## HARRY EGBY

Dear Sir,—The story of a great ringing career, from the diary of the late W. H. Fussell, has been a great pleasure to me and of absorbing interest.

But I have been greatly puzzled by the name of H. Egby which has been frequently referred to. This week's article on page 74 has, however, solved the problem. The reference to a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in 1883, led me to check up on the Oxford Guild's first 520 peals, published in 1895, where peal No. 14, the one in question, gives the name, as I suspected, of H. Egby.

Harry Egby will be remembered by the older ringers in the Reading district for he came back to ringing during the first world war after an absence of nearly 25 years from ringing. Both he and myself were members of the band at St. Giles', Reading, under the leadership of Ambrose Osborne. How well I recall his smiling face and the joy he experienced from the wonderful striking which was a feature of St. Giles' tower in those days.

I was never able to find out why he dropped out of ringing for so long a time but the remarks on the Wokingham peal referring to the shift course and the bells being put right later are a good pointer to the course of events. Some years ago while chatting over old times with Tom Newman, of Caversham, I asked Tom why he was so strict about the quality of the ringing at Caversham. His reply was, 'I rang two of my first peals with Egby at Sonning and Wokingham and the ringing was so bad that I took a solemn vow that I would never ring another bad peal in my life.' There is little doubt that Tom Newman tried to live up to that vow for a missed dodge in a peal was enough for him to set his bell and tell the ringers, 'We'll try again next week, and see if you can strike it then.'

H Egby rang 15 peals and conducted seven for the Oxford Guild between 1882 and 1890 when he rang the third bell to a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence's Church, Reading. This is the last peal of his that I have been able to trace prior to his giving up ringing but he later rang one or two more peals round about 1920 after his return to ringing.

It is a pleasure to remember my boyhood days, when I was able to ring with such stalwarts as W. H. Fussell, W. Newell, F. Hopgood, T. Newman, that prince of ringers, Canon Coleridge and last, but not least, that patient instructor to whom I owe so much, Ambrose Osborne.

W. SIMMONDS.

Hersham, Surrey.

## 'SUMMAT 'AS GONE WRONG'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cook's letter must not pass without comment. No reasonable person will disagree with him when he says that the best efforts of the humble ringer are perfectly acceptable in the sight of God, and he should not worry about the fact that the 'elite' (to use his term) may frown upon his efforts. If they do, then they are being most unchristian—provided Mr. Cook's effort is his best.

Now I have had the pleasure of Mr. Cook's company at many a meeting and have rung a few peals with him. He is certainly not 'a very bad striker' and to claim in the ringers' journal that he is one is a poor way indeed of trying to win support for the argument he puts forward in his letter. Such a statement is bad for his Guild and, worse than that, bad for him.

Now come on, Jack, be honest with yourself—admit that it's a heavy bell you can't strike yet, and that summatt 'as gone wrong'!

KEN CROFT.

Southampton.

## THIS RECORDING BUSINESS

Dear Sir,—In reply to a recent letter sent to you by the Rev. I. T. Page-Wood, in which he has sought to criticise my article on the misuse of recording apparatus, if I was guilty of ambiguity, I apologise; but it would appear that he doesn't acknowledge the logic of the points mentioned. It is a fact that, to many people, recorded bells are deceiving; is this consistent with the Church's teachings? Truth may be defined as 'Real.' If a thing is not 'Real' but a 'deception' it must be untruthful; and here, to support my statement, I shall refer him to the Scriptures: St. John, chap. 4, verse 24.

The act of ringing one bell or more prior to a service is a ritual not less important than many more carried out in the churches.

To suggest that my views are retrograde is most amazing. Science and modern methods of engineering have done much to make bellringing a pleasure to ringers and more pleasant to the public; hearing-aids and microphones in our cathedrals are an asset to many; I am all for these grand evocations.

If my critic thinks recorded bells are a happy substitute then, on that principle, because a church is without either organist or choir, it is right to use a radiogram in the chancel to accompany the congregation with hymns, etc. The financial aspect is a problem, I agree. But if a person presents a small 'Sanctus bell' to a church, in memoriam of some dear one, I don't think the cost would be a deal more, if as much, as a stained-glass window.

The Church must retain its dignity and not resort to monstrosities which are redolent of the fairgrounds and amusement arcades.—Yours faithfully,

J KENNETH WAGSTAFF,  
Deputy Ringing Master,  
St. Peter's, Nottingham.

## SYNTHETIC NOISES

Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of October 27th, 1950, the above is condemned in very strong terms. 'The Ringing World' of January 12th, 1951, states that selection for broadcast is about the highest honour that can be conferred on a tower. What difference is there whether these noises are produced as stated (in the issue of October 27th) or by the B.B.C. (January 12th)?

It was my privilege to ring for two services on Christmas Day: had our bells been used for a broadcast I should have been absent.

Thousands of ringers rang their bells on Christmas Day. Surely this was a greater performance than that given by the B.B.C. I doubt if one in a thousand tuned in with the express purpose to listen at 9.20 a.m.

For Christmas, 1951, from every steeple throughout the land, also overseas, let the bells ring at midnight and also let all members of the Christian community throughout the world assemble at their place of worship to welcome this great feast of peace and goodwill.

If this is done we may find the peace the whole world is longing for just round the corner waiting for us.

I am convinced that if the peoples of the world only knew what they wanted they could get it. The unfortunate part is they do not know what they do want.—Yours faithfully,

Bridgwater, Somerset. B. T. JEANES.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, SMITHFIELD

Dear Sir,—The bells at St. Bartholomew the Less are a ring of three plus a small Sanctus bell. All three were late 14th century bells but the treble was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1869.

The ring of five at St. Bartholomew the Great are all by Thomas Bullisdon, a London founder at the beginning of the 16th century. They are the only complete mediæval ring of five in the country by the same founder. I took part in some ringing there over 40 years ago.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. HUGHES.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

### A Gilbert Thurlow Report

THIS was held in Cambridge on February 3rd. Appetites were encouraged during the day by ringing which took place at Saffron Walden and at Cambridge (the Roman Catholic Church, St. Benet's, Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrews), at all of which places it was a joy to renew old acquaintance with both bells and people.

At a business meeting held in Great St. Andrew's vestry, Central Council members were elected in the persons of E. M. Atkins and Stan E. Darmon. Then the reprinting of the Guild History was discussed. The delightful History, printed on his own press by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake in 1931 (which by the way credits H. S. T. Richardson with being Master in 1705 but doesn't say whether they rang for Trafalgar then, and W. H. J. Hooton as Master in 1621—did he ring for the Consecration of Bishop Laud that year?) being now out of date, it was decided to proceed with preparations for reprinting it together with an account brought right up to 1951. It is essential, if this valuable contribution to ringing history is to be made, that all who would like a copy (probably 6s.) should get in touch with the writer at 3, Colegate, Norwich, and do it now. Deep sympathy was expressed with Major J. H. R. Freeborn, who was prevented from attending the dinner by the passing away of his sister-in-law.

The dinner was held at the Dorothy. The president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, senior tutor of Selwyn College, presided with his usual grace and charm.

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by the Very Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell, who took part in the Guild's first tower bell peal at Sawston, in 1894. Describing ringing experiences, starting with his boyhood at Barrington, he spoke most feelingly of what ringing has meant to him, particularly amongst the very many who ring bells with such loyal regularity in village and town churches about the land each Sunday. When he was Archdeacon of Nottingham he always had at least a few rounds with the ringers at each church he visited where ringing was done. Now retired, he met many ringers still in the churches where he helps.

Tim Watt, the present Master, replying for the Guild, said that achievements since the last dinner included five tower bell peals in methods up to Lincolnshire and Rutland, and Stedman Caters, five handbell peals, and 22 new members. They rang at St. Andrew's each Sunday and at Great St. Mary's with the Cambridge Youths.

He then told some borderline stories, such as that if a bell was left lying in a churchyard more than a fortnight, another parish could nab it; also that in 1840 new ropes cost 3s. 6d. each ('too bad, too bad' under his breath, from a certain guest); that Bunvan thought bell-ringing was immoral so found it safer to watch other people doing it than to indulge himself. Returning to the present, he rejoiced in the prosperity of Adelaide University Guild which founded its rules on Cambridge's, and regretted the absence of Oxford friends who had not only arranged a lunch on this very day but had also proposed that we postpone our dinner for their lunch (loud laughter). They rejoiced at having two American members, who they hoped would spread interest in the Art in their land. (On paper this makes a jolly good speech.)

Michael Harford proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' felt that more stories should be told and spoke of the sexton who, seeing a skeleton walking out of the churchyard, enquired the reason and was told 'I am going to get my teeth under the Health Service.' Later the skeleton returned and was seen going out again with a tombstone on its back. Further enquiry brought the explanation, 'I had to return for my Identity Card.'

He welcomed Canon Woodard, Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the Cambridge Youths, represented by the Master, Harry Martin, Jim Quinney and Tom Chinery, also Dennis Layton of the London University Guild, Paul Taylor, who was responsible for some of the bells they rang, and D. K. Adkins and Miss Smith, friends of members.

Feeling the call of fiction once again stronger than that of fact, he finished with the tale of the Australian town whose street names are those of birds, and where a policeman found a dead horse in Cassowary Street. In his diary he wrote: 'Found dead hoss in Cawsa . . . Corsor . . . Kaw . . .' then in despair dragged the beast into Emu Street.

Harry Martin, Master of the Cambridge Youths, replying on behalf of the guests—despite the fact that he had tried unsuccessfully to 'shed the load' of doing this—spoke of the goodwill existing between the University Guild and the Youths. The Youths had made fine strides recently and now had a ten bell band for Sunday ringing at Great St. Mary's. He had heard of a vicar nearby who thanked some ringers thus: 'It's a treat to hear your heavenly ringing—at least, it's like nothing on earth.' He said what a pleasure it was for the Cambridge Youths to see the older members of the University Guild again at such meetings.

Canon Woodard, also replying for the guests, stressed with becoming humility his ignorance of the Art, but even he had noted that some ringing seemed to have more rhythm and purpose than other ringing. Certain of his parishioners describe their spiritual life thus: 'We don't come to church, but we hear the bells ring.' He was grateful to the Guild for ringing for services at St. Andrew's, whose historic belfry he loved.

The writer having no more notepaper, speeches came conveniently to an end, and some members adjourned to Michael Stott's rooms in Sidney for coffee, whilst others are said to have rung handbells in Clare music room. Sunday ringing for those lucky enough to be still up concluded a very happy time.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Christchurch District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District held at Christchurch on February 3rd was well attended. The Vicar of Christchurch, Canon R. P. Price, took the service in the Priory and presided at the subsequent business meeting. The Rev. J. Coutts, M.A., assistant priest of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and a practical member of the band of ringers at that church, preached. Upwards of 50 members attended the service and meeting.

The hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Davis, reported some disappointing attendances at meetings during 1950 and urged for improvement during the coming year. The District suffered the loss by death during the year of three members—the Rev. C. A. Philips and the Rev. R. F. Routh and also the young airman ringer of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Percy Brayshaw, who was killed in a flying accident in March. The meeting stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

There were brighter items in the report: Sunday service ringing was being well maintained in most towers, peal activity was meeting with some success and the standard of ridging improving.

When the officers were elected some younger members accepted office. Mr. David Reed, of Ringwood, was elected chairman, Mr. Ronald Marlow a District representative and Mr. Roy Hurst became District auditor. Other officers were elected for a further term of office. Quarterly meetings were arranged for the coming year and the District accepted Southampton District's invitation to combine at Lymington, Milford and Brockenhurst for a day's ringing on August Bank Holiday. The date of the George Williams Commemoration Dinner and Bournemouth Rally was fixed for Saturday, May 5th. Ringing took place on the Priory bells in a variety of methods including Grand-sire and Stedman Cinques and Surprise Major on the back eight.

## SOUTHWELL GUILD DINNER

### East Retford's End of Year Ceremony

THE third annual dinner of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, held in the Pheasant Hotel, East Retford, on January 27th, proved a very pleasant social function. The number attending was smaller than in previous years. The dinner was kept as informal as possible, toasts being reduced to a minimum and speakers, taking their cue from the chairman, the Rev. H. N. Hodd (Vicar of East Retford), kept speeches short.

The Mayor of East Retford, Councillor A. F. Walker, was the guest of honour, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness were welcome guests from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Mayor proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which was responded to by the chairman who made a few pointed remarks about ringers not attending the church services for which they called other people. He (the chairman) recommended visitors to adopt the beautiful and solemn watch night service held each year at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford, when he and his ringers combined to produce a memorable act of worship.

In that service when the bells have been rung half-muffled and then been lowered and the midnight hour struck on the tenor bell, Tennyson's famous poem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' is slowly recited as the bells are raised again in peal for the New Year.

The toast of 'The Southwell Diocesan Guild' was given by the hon. general secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby, and replied to by Mr. H. T. Rooke. The chief point raised by Mr. Raithby

was the duty of ringers to man the bells of their church for service ringing. Without proper service ringing, ringers would soon find that incumbents were chary of allowing meetings and peal attempts.

Mr. Rooke in his reply urged the setting up of a school for instructors to improve the standard of ringing in the diocese.

The last toast of the evening, 'The Visitors,' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon in witty vein.

In his reply, Mr. Charles McGuinness referred to the warm ties existing between his Guild and the Southwell Guild. He also spoke of the debt of gratitude the Exercise in general owed to those who organised such functions as dinners and who, of necessity, took certain financial risks. Guilds had to have boundaries, went on the speaker, but the boundary was only a line and not an iron curtain. Dinners gave an opportunity for fellowship and (amidst laughter) the speaker made a habit of attending as many as he could.

As an antidote to speechmaking, Mr. John Segar tapped out courses and touches on handbells in various methods from Surprise Minor to Grandsire Caters and, as if to show his versatility, afterwards entertained the company to a display of thought reading.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Churches of East Retford and Ordsall were open to visitors and good use was made of them.

The arrangements for the dinner were admirably carried out by Mr. Kenneth Boardsall with the assistance of the local committee.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—9

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### BEACONSFIELD EPISODE

In January, 1884, Mr. Fussell records how he and his brother Alf walked to Farnham and from thence rode to Beaconsfield with A. Batten, Batten jun., C. Chapman, C. Clarke, J. Parker and Basden. After putting up at the Saracen's Head they went up the tower (after 7 p.m. prayers) but were not successful owing to ropes slipping, etc. and he writes:—

The 2nd was the worst in the tower, the 4th about as bad; 3rd and 5th went best, while the treble rope came right out of the groove and the bell set up, stopping up completely. It was impossible to pull it off again as the rope got into such an awkward position round the stock, so as time for ringing was nearly expired we returned to the Saracen's Head, after letting the back 5 down in peal. Some trouble was experienced in getting up the tower to open the trap door so we could hear the bells better while ringing, the key of the staircase door being at the Vicarage and most of the locals didn't care to trouble the Rector by asking for them. One of them volunteered to climb up the scaffolding outside the tower, erected for some repairs. . . . He had a difficult climb because the workmen had removed the ladders (being Saturday) that the boys might not get climbing about the building on Sunday. After scrambling up some poles and ladders to the top, he had to let himself down some distance on to another part of the scaffold to get into the belfry loft and amongst the bells. . . . He had just got to the trap door when Mr. Chacey came with the key!

'At the pub we passed a pleasant evening, Parker playing the concertina, Alf and I on the handbells. We played "Darby Kelly," which went well considering my brother and I never practise tunes together. We got the Beaconsfield ringers to ring some rounds, one to each bell, which highly pleased them. The landlord—Mr. Collins—was very hospitable, giving us several mugs of ale and a cigar all round.'

They stayed till 11 o'clock and arrived at Farnham at midnight. Here they had another stop at Mr. J. Parker's house for a cup of tea, bread and cake, till 12.30. Mr. Fussell then writes: 'Chapman did not come in with us but went home straight to bed, as the night before he had been out all night, and laid in bed all Saturday till Parker called in and went to his bedroom to wake him up and come to Beaconsfield. However, he was excellent company while we were out. Parker, Chapman, my brother and I had one trap and the Battens, Basden and Clarke another. My brother and I got home 1.15 a.m. after a pleasant outing. Walked home across the fields which Batten said were in fair condition, but we had cause to wish we had taken the roadway.'

He mentions many walks to Windsor, sketching, etc., and on one occasion on his return 'called in Alf's in the evening and practised tunes on the handbells, four each, and gave Fortescue, over at the Queen of England, a livener-up with a tune outside. This was the means of us going inside and keeping it up till 2 o'clock in the morning. Pimm and Fortescue tried some lapping on the handbells and a few rounds. We agitated them to such a degree that we parted with the intention of making up a "club" to meet weekly and learn handbell ringing properly.'

A day or so after he writes: 'Called on Alf and found his children were up, with a friend. As soon as I got in they were at me with "do some bells" as they called it. This was pricking out the changes of 3, 4 and 5 bells on a slate with pencil. I had shown them the way about twice previously and they very quickly picked it up. Ethel, about eight years old, and Flora, seven, and Letty, about eight. After using the slate a little time I took down a small set of

handbells and instructed them in ringing rounds, etc.'

### A BIRTHDAY SERENADE

On another occasion he writes of a visit to Farnham where he met the Rev. S. F. Marshall and just as they arrived at the church met Brown, who asked them to stay awhile as there was a service of some sort on. 'We stood outside examining tombstones, etc., waiting and wondering why Parker and the others had not come, when all at once we were fairly dazed and struck with astonishment to hear five bells start off ringing. This was a little trick of Brown's, who did not let us know whether anyone was up the belfry. When we got up, Parker was equally surprised, but we finished with a 504 Grandsire Minor then went to the Duke's Head till 12.' At this time they seem to have been keen on handbells and on one occasion, 'Fortescue, New, Alf and I took them to Pimm's house and played outside his window. Afterwards went inside and continued ringing tunes and singing till 11 o'clock, it being Pimm's birthday. My fingers were very sore with so much handbell ringing.'

On another visit: 'Met Garraway, Dennett, Gould, Higgs and Udell to hear them play tunes on handbells very creditably—12 and 14 bell airs in which the chords were brought in very nicely. Since I last heard them they have improved very much. One good point in them is the fact of sticking together and keeping up practice as "Windsor Amateur Handbell Ringers' Society."

### A MUFFLED 'SCRIMMAGE'

January 30, 1884. 'While out for a walk in the evening I heard Slough bells ringing with the muffles on, in memory of the late Mr. S. Elliman. After a breakdown I heard them complete a supposed 720 of Grandsire Minor which occupied them about 27 minutes at the most and yet they were ringing over 30 changes per minute. After about 20 minutes a general clash together took place but owing to the muffles it did not sound so bad. Soon after, however, the change 135246 turns up for the second time and soon after a few little scrammages took place in 4-5-6 while getting them in position, the two last treble leads were brought home nicely and rounds came up well. They finished with some Doubles half-muffled and let them down soon after 9.15, a very unusual thing for Leader to allow ringing so late in the evening.'

Next day Mr. Fussell says: 'Sent a postcard to Parker to tell him we were going to Camberwell so that Joe cannot say we have been underhand in not letting him know. Although he is a "College Youth," should like him to be with us on Saturday, as there are few so straightforward in saying what they mean. I was also pleased to hear the "Cumberlands" have been very successful this week.'

On the Saturday, with his brother Alf, he walked to Datchet and took a peal book he (Mr. Fussell) had written up, and a peal board. 'The board was a little trouble owing to the wind being so strong and blowing us about. Caught the 2.35 train and by mistake got out at Clapham Junction instead of Vauxhall. However, by means of a tram to Vauxhall Cross and another via Camberwell Road we got to the church at 4.40. Went to a coffee house and had tea and went up the tower about 5 and fixed the board. After some refreshment in a house they usually go to in St. George's Road, we began the peal about 6.50 and rang Holt's ten part in 2 hours 55 minutes, conducted by A. H. Gardam. After spending a few minutes with them we went to Walworth Road Station. French, of the "College Youths," who was outside and heard the last part of the peal, came to the station with us. With regard to the peal board, they were all pleased with it and

seemed to be satisfied with the way it was written.

'After arriving at Swiss Cottage, we had some trouble in finding "Bellsiz Park Gardens." We got to Lancaster Mews about 12.20 when we saw Mr. Groom who married my brother's wife's sister. Here we stayed till 9.30 on Sunday morning, when we walked to Haverstock Hill and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. We broke down at 300 but Hannington was determined we should get a 720 and kept ringing till 3 minutes past 11 to finish it. Then we adjourned to the Village Working Men's Club. While there we were highly amused at some readings that were going on, and some pieces of poetry were given in a most effective manner, by a Mr. Bonnick. The room was quite crowded with working men—in fact it presented a most innocent way of passing Sunday morning for such class of men and was the means, I am sure, of preventing a good deal of vice in other ways. No one was admitted to the room unless introduced by a member and had to pay 1d. for admittance.

'After dinner went for a walk of about seven miles; then, after tea, went to St. Martin's where we arrived rather late. However, a start was made for 720 Double Stedman Slow Course. This came to grief after about 500 . . . We got home by train 11.30 p.m.'

Next day Mr. Fussell set off from Slough at 1.30 and walked to Reading 'and arrived in good condition at 5.30.' After tea he went to St. Mary's and rang till 9.30 and remarks: 'I was pleased to notice several young hands coming on here in the Art. A son of Swains (about 13 or 14 years old) rang the second well in attempts at half-null ringing.'

### ST. LAURENCE, READING—RULES

At this time he visited St. Laurence. Reading, and reports: 'After giving most of them a turn on the tower bells we rang the last 700 Holt's Original of Triples.' The matter of rules came up and 'some dispute arose with Wiltshire and others about fines to be imposed, and members being marked present who came late to chime on Sundays. It was resolved to write: "Members cannot expect to have their names marked if they arrive after 10.45." The service being at 11 a.m. this gives them 15 minutes' grace. With regard to the St. Laurence Society there are a great many points in their favour, being all of a most respectable position and all well-to-do young fellows. They would feel the imposing of fines an insult, and with reference to being marked present in the attendance book for the sake of a few shillings at Christmas, they would be sure to taunt each other with being there for the sake of getting the mark and such like . . .

'A peal at St. Mary's came to grief after ringing 4,000 changes and over, mostly. I expect, through Egby being excited as they were about in the last part, he would be too heated to put anyone right if they went wrong; 3 and 5 shifted and in putting them right he changed with the 4th.'

On February 9th, 1884, Mr. Fussell went to Enfield for a peal and says Gardam had received a composition from N. Pitstow a few days previously which he was anxious to call. 'Just as we finished the first part in the last Course the tenor rone came untucked at back-stroke and owing to the ropes of 7th and tenor hanging up in the holes in the ceiling, it was impossible for Barrett to ring with a single rope and "stand" was called. The peal was a 7,000 but after ringing 3 hours 6 minutes we were compelled to give up after ringing 5,056 just. The striking was really good.

'Went to the George Inn after and the sexton and local ringers joined us. The sexton, who is a baker by trade, promised to put the performance on a board with the other they rang some time ago, but we decided to start again for the 7,000 or else a peal of Stedman. I noticed that the sexton was a most jovial man and very much taken with the Cumberlands although he was a College Youth. In the tower I noticed two peals by the Junior Cumberlands. Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by a Wm. Williams.' (To be continued.)



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Progress of North and East District

The North and East District annual meeting held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on January 27th, attracted nearly 100 members and friends, the latter coming from the Home Counties and Northants. It was unfortunate that the Rev. P. Gough, president of the Association, was unable to be present owing to indisposition and there were also other absentees through illness.

The Association's Form was used at the service held in St. Giles', the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Taylor. In his address Rev. Taylor gave food for thought by referring to the Beveridge Report on the B.B.C. in so far as it deals with the broadcasting of religious services, and pointing out that one of his duties is to find and preach to converts. The report was a great detrimental act against religious organisations.

After tea the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. Election of new members included the Rev. G. C. Taylor (honorary), Messrs. J. G. M. Scott (Cheshunt), S. Warwick (Harrow Weald) and Miss J. Midgley (London) as ringing members and W. Simmonds (Hersham) and Miss J. Cox (Southampton) as non-resident life members.

The secretary's report for the past year mentioned that seven district meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40; that the district had lost through death Messrs. C. H. Martin (Hendon), W. Pickworth (late Southgate), G. Charge (Holloway), W. H. Seabrook (Surbiton) and G. Radley (Broxbourne); that 31 ringing members and 10 non-resident members had been elected and that a total of 103 quarter peals had been rung, mainly for services, but this was eight less than the previous year.

The statement of accounts was presented and this showed that receipts had increased by £5 7s. compared with the previous statement, mainly through peal fees and the balance to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association amounting to £33 3s. 9d. The report and statement were adopted.

The district officers re-elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. A. Cutler; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal; auditor, Mr. W. N. Genna; Messrs. Begrie, Hart and Parsons were elected representatives on the Central Committee.

A motion to hold district meetings on the second Saturday of each month was approved and a list of towers for meetings to cover the rest of the year was agreed upon. Thanks were accorded to the several incumbents and tower keepers for their part in ensuring the success of the meeting.

Ringing took place at Bishopsgate, Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Westminster.

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with everything that Mr. Bottrill said in his letter in the issue of January 26th. It is a pity there are not more men of Mr. Bottrill's capabilities in the Canterbury District; indeed he appears to be the lone oasis in a desert.

The Kent County Association is, we know, one of the most flourishing of the Associations and the Canterbury District has, perhaps, more members and towers than most districts, but the funny part is that Grandsire is the rule and bad striking is usual, whereas in the Ashford District Surprise methods are rung and yet their striking is miles ahead of ours.

Carry on with the good work, Mr. Bottrill; we can do with more men like you in the Canterbury District, who travel miles at their own expense to teach people like me who want to learn new methods and to get on.—Yours, etc.,

A LEARNER.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting at Shrewsbury

The annual meeting at Shrewsbury on January 27th attracted visitors from Crewe, Birmingham, Truro, Northampton, etc., the total assembly numbering nearly 50.

Standard methods up to Royal were rung at St. Mary's before adjourning to St. Chad's for Cinques and Maximus and the Association service.

Full justice was done to a most substantial tea after which the necessary business was transacted. Officers for 1951 are:—Ringing Master, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst; deputy, Mr. F. H. Bennett; secretary, Mr. E. J. Rowe; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer; Central Council Representative, Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Presenting his report, Mr. Rodenhurst appealed for better striking this year and mentioned the Surprise Major peals at Market Drayton by local ringers.

The treasurer considered the finances satisfactory chiefly because the cost of the report was so reasonable.

It was reported that two names had been submitted for the Ringers' Roll of Honour.

'Numerous new members' suggests that recruiting is going on, to some extent at least, and the meeting closed with arrangements for 1951 meetings provisionally as follows:—Coalbrookdale, Market Drayton, Wrockwardine or Wellington, Berrington and Cound, Hodnet, High Ercall and Whitchurch.

A return was made to the tower and some members went to 'grab' Wroxeter, where the bells are seldom heard nowadays.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

### 'Prospects' of Cathedral Bells

A pleasing feature of the quarterly meeting of the Association at Cowbridge on February 3rd was the presence of a large number of young ringers among the company of over 60 who attended.

There was two hours' ringing in various methods before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar and enjoyed by all. The visitors were then invited to tea in the Parish Hall where their needs were ably looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Coles and their lady helpers.

The business meeting followed and was presided over by the Vicar who, before opening the proceedings, asked the members to stand in silence in memory of three members who had recently passed away—Mr. G. Wines (Pentre), Mr. A. Hawkins (Usk) and Mr. H. Baldwin (Rumney).

The secretary reported that there were some prospects of something being done to Llandaff Cathedral bells and enquiries were being made to that end.

A discussion then took place on correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the Christmas broadcast and it was proposed by Mr. Arthur Hoare and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones that 'this Association deprecates the terms in which a writer of a letter published on January 19th attacks Mr. E. H. Lewis and disassociates itself with it altogether.' New members were elected from Newport (All Saints), Blaenavon, Porthkerry and Cowbridge.

It was decided to leave the choice of the next Glamorgan meeting to the annual meeting which will be held at Cardiff on Easter Monday.

### LADIES' GUILD

About 35 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Wiltshire Branch at Trowbridge on January 27th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Pelly, with Miss R. Maundrell at the organ. At the business meeting Miss M. E. Richards was re-elected vice-president and Miss R. Gibbons was elected secretary and treasurer. Urchfont was chosen for the next meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

## SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

### Annual Meeting and Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner of the Society of Roving Ringers was held at Birmingham on February 3rd. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Chad's Cathedral, Bishop Ryder's Church and Aston Parish Church, methods ranging from Stedman Triples to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques.

The dinner, which was held at the Cobden Hotel, took place in the evening, the Society being honoured by the company of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. George E. Fearn.

Mr. J. Martin Page was elected to take the chair at the third annual meeting which followed the dinner. The election of the officers for 1951 resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. Roger O. Fry; secretary, Mr. T. Mark White; treasurer, Mr. David Beveridge; recorder, Mr. Peter N. Bond. Mr. Alan Butler was elected to the Records Committee. Two propositions were before the meeting regarding the place for the 1951 tour and after much discussion the matter was finally settled. Four new applicants were recommended for membership.

The chairman thanked Mr. Walker for the hospitality of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Mr. Fearn for all the help he had given in arranging the ringing. Mr. Walker, in reply, welcomed the Society to Birmingham and said that although he had heard of the Society, he had no idea that they were so organised until that meeting.

Further ringing took place at St. Philip's Cathedral and St. Martin's Church on Sunday.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On January 20th the Northern District held its annual meeting at Bocking when some 46 members attended from 15 parishes. Solemn Evensong was held in the Deanery Church conducted by the Sub Dean (the Rev. G. Rush) and an address was given by the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers).

Miss H. Snowden presided over the business meeting supported by the Dean, Sub Dean and Mr. G. Cole (churchwarden). The secretary's report on the last year showed that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 36; 53 new members had been elected and 19 peals had been rung.

Miss H. Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary and treasurer and Messrs. H. W. Smith and G. Brendell committee members. Five new members were elected and Earls Colne was chosen for the next meeting on March 31st.

The proposal of an Association badge was fully discussed and a satisfactory show of hands agreed that badges would be welcomed and purchased. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and the ladies who prepared the tea.

After the meeting some members rang handbells whilst others returned to the belfry. During the afternoon and evening a large variety of methods was rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major.

### BURES MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Sir,—Two trebles are being added at Bure's tower to complete the octave. They are being installed to the memory of Dr. Thomas Wood, D. Mus. Oxon, who was a great friend of all ringers both morally and financially.

No appeal towards restorations, etc., was ever refused by him. It was due to his lead that the augmentation was put in hand and some of his last words to me were: 'What a ...and day it will be when we hear the eight ringing out from our tower.'

It is felt that a number of people would like to be associated with this most fitting memorial. Australians also will be interested as he was the author of 'Cobbers', which earned him a high reputation in Australia.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE MILLS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
Dr. Wood Memorial Bell Fund.

Lyford, Colchester Road,  
Bures, Suffolk.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Mid-Devon Branch

Favoured with beautiful weather, the Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at the well-known holiday resort of Paignton on February 3rd and it was well attended, visitors coming from Buckland Newton (Dorset), Honiton Clist, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes, Dartmouth and Plymouth, as well as some of the local ringers. The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. E. T. Taylor) also attended.

The bells, which have lately been restored, were made full use of during the afternoon, some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was later held in church, this being conducted by the Vicar of Paignton (the Rev. G. H. K. Pedley) who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors.

After tea in the schoolroom, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. J. H. M. Smith, of Dawlish, a member of the branch, who had recently died.

A letter was read from the B.B.C. (West Region) on the broadcast of church bells and the secretary was requested to make another enquiry on the subject.

Two non-resident life members, Miss D. M. Walden and Mr. N. B. Davis, of Piddlehinton, were elected, and it was reported that the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Newton Abbot, and Mr. F. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth, had been added to the list of resident members in the branch.

The secretary's report was adopted. The treasurer's report was also produced and adopted, this showing a slight increase in the General Fund and a decrease in the Instruction Fund.

The following officers were unanimously elected—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Harvey; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; general committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley. It was also recommended that Mr. F. J. Pillar should deputise as auditor if the occasion arose.

The next meeting was fixed for April 21st at Totnes with Littlehempstone, subject to the necessary permission.

The Festival of Britain was discussed at length and on the recommendation of the secretary it was resolved to call a special meeting at some convenient centre as soon as further details were to hand.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Paignton for the use of his bells, for conducting the service and for his able address, to the organist for his assistance and to Mr. C. F. Austin for making the arrangements. The Vicar suitably replied. Votes of thanks were also passed to the branch officials for their services during the past year.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bowdon, Stockport & Mottram Branch

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Stockport (St. Mary's) on January 27th when some 60 members and friends were present. There was ringing on the ten bells from 3 p.m. and at 4.30 the usual service in church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders Davies (Bishop Suffragan designate of Stockport) who in the course of an interesting address gave a warm welcome to his church.

Tea followed in a nearby cafe and after the tea the usual business meeting was deftly handled by the Rector. Reference was made to the passing of Mr. G. W. Rimmer, of Rosethorne, and Mr. J. A. Gordon, of Stockport. The statement of accounts and report for 1950

## THE CONTRIBUTION OF CALL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—For over 25 years I have been a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' and yet I am not a change-ringer; probably the main reason is that I have never lived where change-ringing is practised. For over 20 years I resided in a country unblest with any rings of bells but whilst there, however, I taught myself, with the aid of Central Council literature, to prick several methods, to ring Grandsire on handbells, and I also taught a team of Girl Guides Grandsire Doubles and Triples. To do this I purchased my own handbells. In 1940 I returned to England to reside amidst call-change towers. From this you will see that I am interested in, and respect all schools of ringing as I think every conscientious ringer should do.

How is it then that so many of your contributors refer to the call-change ringing with disdain and contempt, even so far as to belittle themselves by reverting to slang terms and calling them 'stoney'?

I wonder if change-ringers would be pleased if we (call-change men) referred to them as the 'rag time ringers'? For although many change-ringers certainly know how to strike there are many more who cannot do it and the latter could easily merit that title for the whole.

Perhaps some of your contributors have forgotten that change-ringing was evolved first from round ringing and then call-change ringing and that the Church we all serve teaches us to honour our father and mother! They may also have overlooked that 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' who can rightfully claim the respect of us all, when called upon to record typical English bellringing to be broadcast to the whole world (Station Signal) they, in their wisdom, rang call-changes!

Mr. Peter W. B. Semmons says Devon 'unfortunately provides the vast majority of stoney ringers.' Personally, Mr. Semmons, I think, on the contrary, that this is most fortunate inasmuch as Devon will still be able to refurbish the yardstick of good striking when the majority of other counties have finally sacrificed that art on the altar of intricate methods. It is also fortunate that we have more rings of bells than any other county (including the whole of Yorkshire) and therefore we should (D.V.) produce more ringers worthy of the name than other counties. I would here remind Mr. Semmons that our close neighbours, Cornwall and Somerset, also have 'abundance of bells' and hundreds of excellent ringers of both categories.

All Devon ringers will, however, quite agree with Mr. Semmons's second paragraph, that, in local dialect, 'aich pale hath got 'is awn kay'.

In closing, if Mr. Semmons (and others) wish to make more converts to change-ringing from the West Country, they must first bring about a vast improvement in the striking of the average band of change-ringers, then abandon all tactless and senseless ridicule in print, and finally get rid of the last taint of that superior complex often observed in the belfry. After this, converts would come without any persuasion.

Tavistock, Devon. GEORGE C. GRILLS.

were adopted and disclosed quite a healthy state of affairs, an increase of membership, and evidence that the branch is taking its full share in the activities of the Guild.

The officers were all re-elected with the following exceptions:—President, Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders Davies; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Wilde; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Milner. The yeoman service of Mr. J. W. Hartley of Norbury, and Mr. A. Jackson, of Stalybridge, was referred to and is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. They have been service ringers for fifty years.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the retiring officers, and the rector, wardens, organist, local ringers and to all who had helped to make the meeting successful. A pleasing and encouraging feature of the meeting was the large number of young members present.

## 5,280 SPLICED SURPRISE

By A. J. PITMAN

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23564	2	—	2	—	LBWWWWWWBL
65432	—	—	3	—	WCPPCBB
45236	—	—	—	—	CPPCL
53462	2	—	2	—	LBSBL
23465	—	—	—	—	LCL
32465	2	—	—	—	PSCBLLSPL
63425	—	—	3	—	LCWBB
43265	—	—	2	—	LSBW
62534	—	—	—	—	SPPSW
52364	—	—	2	—	WCBL
35264	—	—	—	—	WSCCL
45362	—	X	—	—	SPBBBW
26354	—	—	—	—	CSCCW
32654	—	—	—	—	SCLSS
63254	—	—	—	—	SSLCS
25436	—	—	—	—	WCCSC
42356	—	X	—	—	WBBBPS
35426	—	—	—	—	LCL
65324	2	—	—	—	LBPW
43526	—	—	—	—	WCPSP
54326	—	—	—	—	WWP
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25463	—	—	—	—	PWW
62453	—	—	—	—	PSPCW
42563	—	2	—	—	WPBL
64523	—	—	3	—	LPWBB
32546	—	—	—	—	WPL
53246	—	2	—	—	LPSLLBCSP
25346	—	—	—	—	LCPPS
65243	2	—	3	—	WBSLBB
34256	—	—	—	—	WCCSP
64352	2	—	—	—	LBCW
23456	—	—	—	—	WSW

C—Cambridge.

L—London.

S—Superlative

B—Bristol.

P—Pudsey

W—Watford

All the bells do the full work of all six methods. Rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, November 15th, 1950.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ALBERT DARNELL

London ringers and those at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. A. (Bert) Darnell, at Grantham on December 10th.

For over 20 years he was a regular ringing member of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and left the company in 1940 to return to Grantham, for business reasons.

A good ringer and conductor, he was ever ready to help others and his cheerful disposition won for him many friends. We hope the example set by such men will be remembered.

J. W. E.

### MR. J. W. WILKINS

The death of Mr. James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, in his 88th year, on January 28th was briefly recorded in our last issue.

Mr. Wilkins moved to High Wycombe from Boyne Hill Maidenhead some 50 years ago and for many years he had been a member of the general committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had taken part in 28 peals on High Wycombe bells, his last being at St. Michael's and All Angels', Hughenden, on his 87th birthday.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, on February 2nd. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers and members of the Hughenden band as a token of respect.

**SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Arscott (first of Minor) 1, H. G. Keeley 2, J. T. Barrett 3, R. Keeley 4, A. J. Scott 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6.

**TICKHILL, YORKS.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob: W. Watkinson 1, Joan Smith (first in method) 2, D. Rooke 3, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 4, A. Hulley 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall 7, H. T. Rooke 8.



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## MEETINGS

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—February 17th. Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth. 3-4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30; Southwark Cathedral 4-5. Service, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. Further ringing, Cathedral, 8. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome. Feb. 21st, St. Stephen's, Westminster, practice, 7.45.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8353

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—South and West District.—District annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting in vestries at 6.30. Bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, available 2.30 to 4.—F. Finch, Dis. Sec., 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 8346

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—Annual social at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 7.30—11.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each may be obtained from Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. All proceeds to the fund for the restoration of St. Mary's Church bells.—P. A. M. 8369

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Barking, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8360

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's and St. Martin's (evening) bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury. 8375

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—Meeting, Feb. 17th, Northiam. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Beckley bells '6. 8383

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Matthes' Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. All names or numbers for tea must be in by Wednesday, 21st, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Gt. Yarmouth. 8362

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Tichborne on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea at Riverside Farm 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by Monday, Feb. 19th. 8356

**ELY ASSOCIATION**.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 10(0) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8394

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, Horsley (5) 2.30. Names for tea to Miss G. Harrison, 20, Lower Kilburn, Derby.—Maurice Bailey. 8399

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Arksey (8) 2.30. Feb. 24th. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13 Station Road, Arksey. 8405

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 24th, St. Werburgh's (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (at 5.15) by Feb. 19th please, to Noel Denson, 55 Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8387

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Feb. 24th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Feb. 20th certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 8404

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Voting cards ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8395

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Meeting at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8 Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 8393

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 21st to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton. 8398

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Leicester District.—Ratby, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 20th, to J. H. Soencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8391

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Melton District.—Meeting, Hose, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose, by Feb. 24th.—J. Cook. 8400

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Meeting Dersingham, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Please reply promptly to George Batterbee, Whitehorse Drive, Dersingham, Kings Lynn.—W. J. Fildred Branch Sec. 8389

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 24th, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting. Tea only for those who notify by 22nd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8416

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8403

**OXFORD GUILD**.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4. Evening ringing. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 19th to T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 8401

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Eynsham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxon. 8384

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Hillmorton, Feb. 24th. Bells 3. For tea, notify Rev. Rich. Vicarage, Hillmorton, Calne.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 8396

**SALISBURY GUILD**.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Litton Cheney, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4. Meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 8390

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ash, Feb. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Hall. Names by Feb. 22nd.—Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 8414

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, at East Brent.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 8411

**ELY ASSOCIATION**.—Ely District.—Meeting at Doddington, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8410

**LADIES GUILD**.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Bebbington (near Birkenhead) Feb. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise by Feb. 21st Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. All welcome.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 8412

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**.—Next meeting, Feb. 24th. All Saints', Burton, 2.30—4.30. Parish Church, Burton, 5.15—7.30. Tea at All Saints' Schools (4.30) for those notifying by Feb. 22nd.—H. H. Brittan, 260, Belvedere Road, Burton-on-Trent. 8413

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—Saturday, Feb. 24th, Tibshelf. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derby, not later than Feb. 21st. 8409

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8386

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Feb. 28th.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8406

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 27th, to Mr. E. A. G. Allen, 231, Cliffe Road, Frindsbury, near Rochester. 8408

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Maids Moreton, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8402

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD**.—Southern District.—Meeting at Baglan, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gardros Crescent, Ifoustrfach, Swansea. 8385

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Preliminary notice. Opening of Moulton bells (6) on Saturday, March 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Details later. 8407

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting at Wrington on Easter Monday. Names for meals, please, as soon as possible. Admission will be by ticket. Further details later.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 8415

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Stroud. Full details later.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Secretary, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5. 8392

**5,024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

By R. F. B. SPEED

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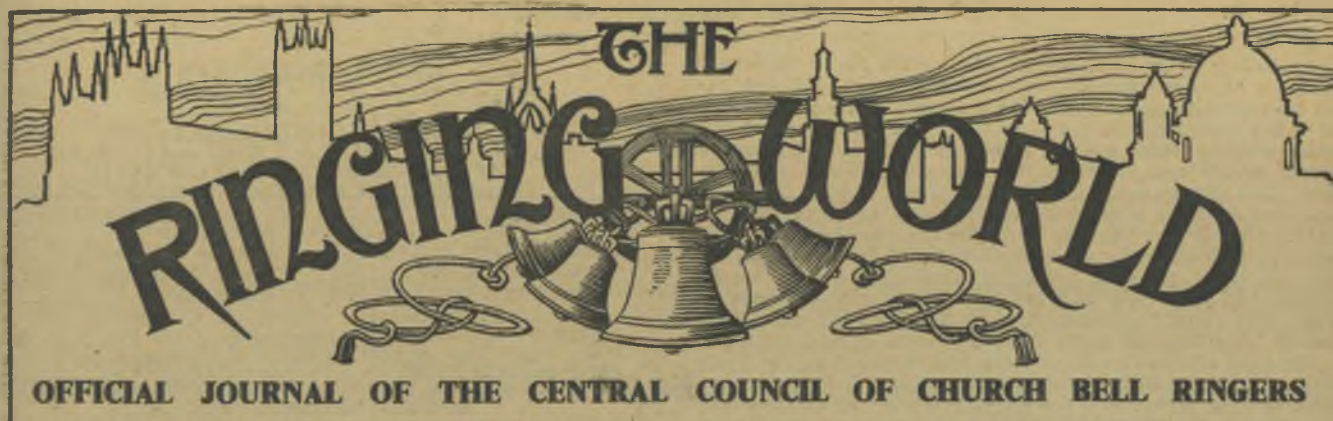
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## BELFRYMANSHIP

(Or Manners Makyth Man.)

BY R. B. MEADOWS.

**BELFRYMANSHIP** is defined as the Art of being 'Top Man' in the belfry. There are 'rabbits' in every tower; you need never be one of them. In fact, as a belfryman, you should seldom fail to inspire awe and respect whenever you cross the threshold. In introducing this subject I gladly acknowledge the pioneer work of S. Potter in the allied spheres of Lifemanship and Gamesmanship, and wish to explain that to compress so vast a subject as Belfrymanship into this small compass forces me, at the moment, to confine this article to what are little more than random jottings.

First, let us consider the belfryman's entry into a strange tower. The welcome is nearly always courteous: 'What would you like to ring?' Stop this nonsense with, 'Oh, I'll fill in for anything' or, if definitely aggressive at the start, 'Anything suits me. I am quite happy with Rounds, provided they are well struck.' (You know full well that for some reason they seldom are.) This draws attention to your superiority at once and puts you, as it were, 'one up.' But a warning is necessary at this point that this opening can sometimes come unstuck. The locals are not always so docile. The following exchange illustrates one possibility:—

'What would you like to ring?'

'Don't let me upset the routine. I'll just fill in.'

'Well, if you don't mind my saying so, you are the least good of those here to-night, so we had better fit in with you, hadn't we?'

Though even this drastic cutting of the knot was not the end of the matter. The visitor promptly asked for Cambridge Major, and the locals found that they did not have a band. But fortune is not always so genial when it comes to regaining the initiative.

When selecting your bell, choose a large rather than a small one. There is a theory that little bells must 'ring round' big ones. This means in practice that the little ones are, in the absence of any obvious cause, blamed for indifferent striking.

Always be on the lookout for the faults of others. You can, of course, become a Hisser. The disease is catching. One big Hisser in a band breeds several little hissers. It is a form of self-defence, the non-hissers being, as it were by definition, hissed at. When everybody hisses, the ringing will no doubt reach an acme of perfection. But then there will presumably be no need to hiss. The belfryman requires a better weapon. More subtle is the gesture of stretching out the arm and hand horizontally and making slight but majestic waves upwards or downwards. This indicates to the person at whom you gesticulate that there are slight but distinct imperfections in his striking, audible and painful to you (but not to him), which he will please adjust at once. The downward motion is the more effective, suggesting, as it does, the patting of a tolerated but misguided dog. The victim has no redress. He is probably having trouble with his bell anyway, and to retaliate by imitating the gesture will be fatal or, at best, futile. He can only try next time to lure his tormenter on to a difficult bell and pray that the rope will slip wheel.

Good striking is a matter of cohesion and mutual confidence within the band. Personalities do not dominate good striking, but only in the mess-ups. So, when the ringing becomes at all shaky, hasten the process by rasping, in the most vinegary tone you can muster, 'Watch your striking.' This commits you to nothing and can be devastating. I am thinking of trying it out on the dance floor, when things are not going well: 'Watch your dancing, dear.'

For defensive purposes an impassive countenance should be cultivated. One distinguished ringer always used to betray his mistakes by turning red in the face. This was eventually pointed out to him and, like a good belfryman, he cured it, though I believe an operation was necessary. Now he never seems to go wrong. But one defends best by attacking. Particularly in ringing on the larger numbers of bells, when (as one of the foremost exponents of Belfrymanship so beautifully described Stedman Cinques going amiss) trouble begins to spread like a wet patch on the ceiling, then is your time to act. 'You're too high,' is a fair-sounding piece of useless advice, just the means to upset the conscientious dodger, who knows exactly where he should be, but has no one to dodge with. It induces panic and adroitly shifts the blame from yourself when trouble threatens. And, since the topic of useless advice has cropped up, the purely attacking function of this must not be overlooked. It has even been used by belfryman against belfryman with good effect. If you are faced by a tough adversary who persists in remaining 'one up' and will not go wrong, tell him something that he obviously knows already, e.g., 'You're 6th place bell' or 'Two blows and lead,' or 'In slow next time.' In racking his brains for a suitably crushing retort, he will probably forget what he is doing.

When asked to call a touch, remember that you thereby become ex-officio 'Top Man.' All that is necessary is to preserve the status quo. A novice of Belfrymanship (and of conducting) once called a bob in Stedman Caters while in 4-5 and made it there himself. The ringing fired its way to a standstill, and in the ensuing discussion the novice found two culprits and argued them into accepting the blame—and in all innocence, too. Poor conducting this, but good Belfrymanship. It was myself, anyway.

Sometimes it does pay to show the white flag. This can bring enormous dividends. A sharp dispute between two members of a North Country Association over an unsuccessful touch of Double Norwich, that seemed likely to end, if not in blows, at any rate in refusal to ring together again, was once sweetly resolved by a lady member of the band, well versed in Belfrymanship, who confessed that it was all her fault. The response was electric. By the end of the evening one had asked her to stand in a peal, the other was taking her out to dinner.

One final hint on the practical aspect of Belfrymanship: close your eyes intently when dodging or assume the air of one whose attention encompasses place-making, dodging, leading and, in fact, all the bells' work at once. This gives your dodging partners the humble feeling of being interviewed in an outer office on a matter of minor importance. They will then meekly accept the blame for any clashes.

Belfrymanship is not, one need hardly add, confined to the ringing chamber. In pubs and cafés and places where they talk keep on top of the discussion. There are some who, particularly



if not feeling lively or energetic, employ the Super Plain Man approach: 'I know that sort of thing is all very well, but just give me a good-going six-bell tower and some enthusiastic learners and I am quite content teaching them plain hunting.' These tactics succeed only against feeble or exhausted opposition. Several replies are available, the following being reasonably terse: 'You did say enthusiastic, didn't you?' No, the belfryman should not fight shy of theoretical discussion. Learn up the technical terms. Import 'Q Sets' into the conversation whenever a depth-charge is called for. Casual mention of 'In Course Singles,' too, can often freeze a promising discussion among weaker brethren and leave you with the field free to air your own pet views. The use of 'Grid Analysis' for this purpose is not recommended. You may be asked to enlarge upon it, and lucidity is not the most effective means of being impressive. You are trying to clear the stage, not to clear the discussion.

And now, as letters to 'The Ringing World' so incongruously conclude, good wishes to all. And may you go on making unnecessary enemies.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Comprising 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, with 27 changes of method. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. Treble	A. LESLIE PEARSON .. 6
R. JOYCE PETT .. 2	SQUIRE CROFT .. 7
SHEILA E. HARRIS .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 9
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 5	*HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\*50th peal. First peal of Spiced by all and for the Association. First peal of Spiced Royal on the bells and in the county of Middlesex. All the ringers are members of the local company.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	ARTHUR HATCH .. 6
THOMAS WILSON .. 2	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 8
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 9
HARRY ANDERTON .. 5	RICHARD BENSON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

RICHARD A. GOFTON .. Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 6
JOHN A. BROWN .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. 8
ERNEST WALLACE .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 9
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band except the conductor, on the bells and for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 9
PETER LAFLIN .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal of Rutland Royal in the county by the Association. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Marquis of Normanby, M.B.E., and the Hon. Grania Merve Rosaura Guinness, which took place the same day at Lythe, near Whitby.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. S. F. Allison, M.A., former Vicar of Erith, as Bishop of Chelmsford, in Westminster Abbey earlier in the day.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 6
JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 3	BRIAN S. COPE .. 7
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*ERNEST J. OLIVER .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5
†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. 3	†ROBERT COLLINS .. 7
*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Surprise. ‡100th peal.

First peal in the method as conductor and for the Guild.

HENBURY, NEAR BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. 5
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 2	*LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 6
*MIRIAM R. JAMES .. 3	WILFRED F. WEBB .. 7
†ALAN P. CAVE .. 4	†HARRY BAGULEY .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

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

‡First peal. First peal on tower bells as conductor.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\*First peal in the method.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. G. Sone on the gift of a daughter (Carole Audrey), first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone.



## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
*ALISON A. CLARKE .. .. Treble	WILKINS MASSEY .. .. 5
BARBARA M. HARRIS .. .. 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. .. 7
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JACK DAFTERS .. .. Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

## DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 480 London, 320 each of Bristol, Wordsworth, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Eastcote, Langley, Heathcote, New Gloucester, Hereford, Rutland, Pudsey, Watford, Claybrooke, Hitchin, Uxbridge, Norfolk, Superlative, Acton, Framley, Ripon, Edinburgh, Lindum and Wembley, with 149 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 6
MARGARET L. TUTT .. .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. .. 7
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Tenor

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

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## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5
CLAUDIA HARDING .. .. 2	GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 6
*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First Surprise peal.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

*DONALD THOMPSON .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
*†SYDNEY WOODCOCK .. .. 2	KENNETH SPAVINS .. .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 7
BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. GAYTON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF 5072 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

*RALPH SITCH .. .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5
*†WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal for 25 years. Composition, rung for the first time, allows tenor to dodge twice only in 7-8 with second and third.

## ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. A compliment to William J. Root on his birthday.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. Treble	*JAMES B. ROBINSON .. .. 5
*J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 2	*JAMES CARTER .. .. 6
JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
†PHILIP P. CARTER .. .. 4	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD M. EDWARDS.

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

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
*C. GERALD PICKERING .. Treble	†PETER E. PARRY .. .. 5
†J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 2	†ERIC NIXON .. .. 6
†ETHEL S. WISE .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
†PHILIP P. CARTER .. .. 4	†ALAN WARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. The first eight-bell peal rung for the Guild.

## BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING .. .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	*CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 7
SYDNEY T. HOLT' .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Major on the bells.



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## CHESTER.

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On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. Treble	ARTHUR G. WATKIN .. .. 5
DENNIS MADDOCKS .. .. 2	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 7
*STELLA M. KINGDON .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Kathleen (daughter of Harry Lewis, the towerkeeper) to Stanley Phillips, which took place earlier in the day.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

SYLVIA COKER .. .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 5
DOREEN COKER .. .. 2	WALTER LEE .. .. 6
FRED HAYES .. .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 7
*PETER BALDWIN .. .. 4	*MICHAEL HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED HAYES.

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.

\*First peal. An 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

## HOOK NORTON, OXON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. .. 5
FREDK. C. CASE .. .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 6
GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
WILLIAM C. YATES .. .. 4	GEORGE CARE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

First peal in the method by all except R. C. Noon.

## LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble	*COLIN W. REED .. .. 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 6
FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 3	DAVID R. REED .. .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAM .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\*First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

## LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. &amp; N. SOUTHWICK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. .. 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN .. .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

## PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 5
MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 6
*ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 7
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\*First peal in the method. In memoriam Mr. F. Bratley, churchwarden.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*HARRY BROUGHTON .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. 4
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\*First peal of Minor.

## RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

DONALD MILVERTON .. Treble	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN (77) .. 4
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 2	JOHN HOLBROOK .. .. 5
HENLEY HAWKINS .. .. 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal in two Minor methods by all the band except ringer of 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

## ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Rung on the front six.

WILLIAM E. COURT .. Treble	HENRY GRUNDY .. .. 4
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 2	WILFRED RILEY .. .. 5
HARRY BLACKBURN .. .. 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

Rung in memory of Archdeacon Bains, Vicar of St. Helens from 1910-1925, and founder of the new church, who died on January 12th, 1951.

## BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Hereward, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY J. SANGER .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	E. JOHN TARGETT .. .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

## BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JAMES STANWAY, JUN. .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. WESTON .. 4
WILLIAM P. DEAN .. .. 2	JAMES STANWAY, SEN. .. 5
LESLIE HIGGS .. .. 3	WILLIAM HAZELDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES STANWAY, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor. Rung on the wedding of Mr. A. G. Brown and Miss J. Birch; also to honour the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Worsley, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weston, parents of the 4th ringer, and the silver weddings of the 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers.

## CHINNOR, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HUNT .. .. Treble	V. HOLLOWAY .. .. 4
AUBREY SEYMOUR .. .. 2	H. JONES .. .. 5
R. ARNOTT .. .. 3	P. HARMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. JONES.

\*First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Amos Seymour, 52 years in the choir.



GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, viz.: 480 Reverse Canterbury, 720 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire, using all callings. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

MISS J. M. S. COOKE .. Treble	B. J. ONGLEY .. .. . 4
*ARNOLD WORTH .. .. . 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. . 5
SYDNEY SAGE .. .. . 3	ERNEST L. ELLIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung for the consecration of the Bishop of Stockport at York Minster the previous day.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. (dated 1482).

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 4
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. . 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 4
ERNEST LINES .. .. . 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3 *	WILLIAM YATES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

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

MILTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH AT ST. BLAISE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN W. SEYMOUR .. Treble	*DAVID WOODLEY .. .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	ALAN R. PINK .. .. . 5
*JAMES ADAMS .. .. . 3	*GRAHAM H. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in 14 Doubles methods. First 14-method peal on the bells. Rung on the Feast of St. Blaise.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 4
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, father of E. and G. A. Naylor.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4
*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 2	PETER HALLAM .. .. . 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

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## WHATLEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

GEOFFREY ASHMAN .. .. Treble	*OLIVER S. TUCKER .. .. 4
*EDWARD E. KING .. .. 2	ARTHUR C. KINGSTON .. .. 5
PERCIVAL H. HULL .. .. 3	*ALFRED I. TUCKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. KING.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

## WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

A. RONALD POCKLINGTON Treble	WILFRED RILEY .. .. 4
CHARLES BLACKBURN .. .. 2	HARRY BLACKBURN .. .. 5
WILLIAM O. FARMOND .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. COURT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Richard Melling on completing over 50 years as a service ringer at this church.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES V. CATTELL .. Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL .. .. 4
TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 5
*COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 3	ALAN CATTELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge Minor as conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Francis T. Ingle, M.A., D.D., late Vicar.

## COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and the HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPAOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 17 extents of Plain Bob and 23 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JEAN A. BROOKS .. .. Treble	F. KEVON THOMPSON .. .. 4
MARY A. CARPENTER .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 3	ROGER SOARS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. First peal by the Society.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS-IN-HOLYWELL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being three callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SUSAN BROWN .. .. Treble	KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. .. 4
ELIZABETH M. BROWN .. .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Crofts, M.A.

## CHETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY B. ANSOM .. .. Treble	†LEO EVANS .. .. 4
*HARRY EDGE .. .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. .. 3	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Miss K. Baring-Rees, also for her engagement to Mr. H. Hardy. A birthday compliment to the Rev. Southwell, Rector of Chetton, who is 86. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,712 Plain Bob, 768 Double Bob, 592 St. Clement's, 444 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse and Little Bob, and 296 Crayford Little Bob, with 330 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

## WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent combined and three each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. .. 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 3-4
FRANK VARTY .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 1-2	*ALAN E. PEDLAR .. .. 3-4
JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT 83, HIGH STREET.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK P. WRIGHT (Univ.) 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE (New Coll.) 5-6
W. F. MORETON (St. Jn's.) 3-4	†PETER C. WRIGHT (Univ.) 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First handbell peal and first peal in the method. † First handbell peal in the method.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

IN 15, WHEWELLS COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

C. MOOR (Trinity) .. .. 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 3-4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, SELWYN COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) 1-2	*B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 7-8

Composed by E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal 'in hand' in the method.

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

## A PEAL OF 5160 SPICED MAJOR

Being 42 methods: Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Montgomery Little Bob, Ellesmere Little Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmondton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.



**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cavill (cond.) 1, K. Prime 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, N. Stevens 4, F. Cave 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. G. Edmunds. —On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, K. Prime 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, W. Cavill (cond.) 4, F. Cave 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Mr. A. Labdon, a former ringer.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. Talbot 1, Jill Brittain 2, Roy Tomlin 3, F. Jennings 4, J. F. Galyer 5, L. Reece 6, D. Parsons (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter of Stedman for 3, 6 and 8.

**BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Stothard 1, G. Carse 2, J. Livingstone (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Carse 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, C. S. Dixon 6.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCs.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, A. M. Cooper (first quarter Doubles) 2, D. Ogden 3, D. Henshall 4, A. Ward (first quarter of Doubles and as cond.) 5, F. Dawson (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Dawson.

**BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Tattersall 1, D. T. North 2, R. Shire 3, G. Walford 4, R. Hayward 5, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 6. First of Oxford 1, 2 and 3.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On Feb. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Anderton (first of Major) 1, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 2, E. Iddon 3, J. Metcalfe (first of Major) 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, V. Martin 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, P. Crook, jun. 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Feb. 4th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss G. Anderson-Smith 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Stockdale 3, A. R. Guy 4, G. Dodds 5, P. L. Taylor 6, A. S. Watt 7, B. D. Threlfall 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, E. J. Lindly 10.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, W. Modowell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 4th, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Davies 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, C. Parks 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, D. Cooper 5, E. Razzell 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, W. Oatway 8, G. H. Humphries 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by 2, 3 and 6.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. J. Hurst (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Cook 3, W. Coates 4, H. Denman 5, J. Bartram 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Whitehorn (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Babara Pottinger 3, Margaret Howard 4, R. Tomlin 5, J. E. Beams 6, F. Oakshott 7, A. F. Rippington 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Ling 1, Mrs. V. R. Owens 2, Miss J. R. Cooke 3, T. Owen 4, G. Dye 5, R. Lingwood 6, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 7, V. R. Owens 8. Rung after the induction of the Rev. J. F. B. Keith.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Bannister 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley (first in method) 3, P. E. Jones 4, A. R. Turley (first in method) 5, H. Impey 6, F. Corke 7, S. Humphreys (cond.) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, S. Penfold 2, D. M. Salisbury (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, A. R. Chapman 5, T. East 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, W. Vale 8.

**HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, R. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Joyce Pett 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, S. Croft 4, A. L. Pearson 5, E. Dodds 6, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, A. Tomlin 10.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Flynn 1, Enid M. Roberts (first quarter) 2, J. Oliver 3, E. W. Blake 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, P. Williams 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, E. Frost 3, S. F. Earl 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benefield 6. First quarter Minor for 1 and 2. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. Dunkley, many years tower captain of the above church. The last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss D. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6. First of London Minor by all and on the bells. A birthday compliment to H. G. Keeley and the Vicar.

**MARDEN, KENT.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tomlin 1, P. Carter 2, R. E. Lambert 3, R. T. Lambert 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, F. W. Mitchell (first 'inside') 6, S. G. Waters (first quarter) 7, C. Clays 8.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Trestain 1, J. Arbury 2, V. Pyne 3, C. Turner (first as cond., age 17) 4, C. J. Turner 5, P. Davis 6, E. Marks 7, R. Wood 8. Rung in honour of the 62nd birthday of J. Arbury, godfather of the conductor.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Mussell 1, W. Shute 2, R. Marlow 3, J. Hartless 4, D. Reed 5, C. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, C. Poot (first quarter) 8.

**SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 4th, quarter peal Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, A. Clements 4, W. Ransom 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

**SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Laver (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Critchell 2, J. Bartlett 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. Andrews 5, R. Higgins 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Critchell.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 4th, a quarter peal Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, Miss C. Dunnington 4, A. Clements 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, W. Noble tenor (covering).

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Goodridge 1, Miss H. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, R. Davidge 5, E. J. Bevy 6, R. Townsend 7, T. Townsend 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 3.

**THORPE BAY, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. W. Grimwade 1, B. Howard 2, W. Perry 3, D. Coombes 4, F. S. May 5, A. B. Wiffin 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Douglas Hughes (first quarter) 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6.

**WIGTOFT, Lincs.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's: F. A. Porter (first quarter) 1, L. H. Taylor 2, J. W. Bailey 3, P. H. Reynolds (first quarter) 4, R. J. Toynnton 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Drewett 1, B. Taylor (first 'inside') 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, A. Wratten 5, K. Buckingham 6, A. J. Glass (cond.) 7, J. Copley 8. Rung for christening of son of K. Buckingham.

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### LATE NEWS

Mr. W. H. Shuker who had been hon. sec.  
retary of the Lancashire Association since 1911,  
died on February 14th. He served the Associa-  
tion with great faithfulness and had for many  
years been a regular attendant at meetings of the  
Central Council.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, of  
Lilliput, Dorset, wishes to  
thank his many ringing col-  
leagues for kind enquiries made since his  
serious illness. As he will be unable to take  
part in any more peals he wishes, through 'The  
Ringing World,' specially to thank Mr. A. V.  
Davis, Mrs. F. J. Marshall and Mr. D. T.  
Matkin (all of Bournemouth) for the many  
handbell peals they have conducted in which  
Mr. Wilson has taken part. The total number  
of peals rung by Mr. Wilson to the date of  
his illness, December 10th, 1950, was 107, of  
which 64 were rung on handbells.

To the Ringers' Roll on Honour is the fol-  
lowing addition:—Salisbury Diocesan Guild,  
Sydney Cousens (Warminster).

Messrs. W. A. Breckon and A. W. Coates,  
who rang in a peal in honour of the wedding  
of the Marquis of Normanby, rang in a peal in  
honour of his birth on August 7th, 1912, which  
was conducted by Mr. Breckon.

The peal at Winwick, Lancs, on February  
3rd, was the second on the bells. The circle is  
anti-clockwise, the ropes falling in two parallel  
rows and the 70-foot ropes terminating in sim-  
ple knots. There was insufficient rope to per-  
mit tucking up, so blisters were numerous.

Mr. A. P. Cannon, who spent his half-term  
break at Kettering, had the pleasure of visiting  
nine towers including Leicester Cathedral. 'I  
have now reached the Battle of Bannockburn,  
i.e., 1314 towers.' Schoolmaster lore coming  
out again!

Seven West Sussex ringers in two cars visited  
14 five- and six-bell towers in Hampshire and  
Wiltshire during the week-end of February 10th  
and 11th. The tour was organised by Mr.  
Norman Smith, of Chichester, and the drivers  
of the two cars were Miss Keys and Mr.  
Stovold, of Bosham.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Bishop of Liverpool  
(Dr. C. J. Martin) joined  
Runcorn ringers in the bel-  
fry and rang with them after attending the  
special service to mark the centenary of the in-  
stallation of the bells on February 4th.

Responding to a last-minute call, Mr. Harry  
Baguley rang his first peal at Henbury, near  
Bristol, on February 3rd, and earned the grati-  
tude of the band, who arrived short.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, the popular Master of  
the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been ap-  
pointed a non-residentiary Canon of Salisbury  
Cathedral.

The peal of Rutland Surprise Royal at Wors-  
ley, Lancs. in honour of the wedding of the  
Marquis of Normanby and the Hon. Grania  
Guinness, was preceded by rounds and queens  
and the firing of the bells. The conductor  
assures us that the firing took place before the  
peal and not during it.

Mr. Derek R. Judd, of Ealing, has passed, at  
the first attempt, the final examination of the  
Society of Incorporated Accountants and  
Auditors. He is articled to Mr. Ernest C. S.  
Turner.

The bells of Evesham Bell Tower will not be  
available for ringing until further notice owing  
to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. commencing work  
on the recasting, rehanging and augmenting to  
12 of the present ring. It is hoped the con-  
tract will be completed by September next.

Young ringers of the Lincoln area are hoping  
to plan a week's tour in Northamptonshire dur-  
ing August on the lines of those held by the  
Roving Ringers. At present they are short of  
members and Mr. John E. Cook, of Station  
Road, Branston, Lincoln, would welcome en-  
quiries from others who would like to join them.

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# A NEW RECORD IN SPICED RINGING

## 25 Methods in Surprise Major

At the historic Abbey of SS. Peter and Paul, of Dorchester, Oxfordshire, a new record in Spliced Surprise Major was established on February 4th by the ringing of a peal in 25 methods. The peal was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It was conducted by Mr. Walter F. Judge and involved 149 changes of method, the composition being by Mr. A. J. Pitman. The heartiest congratulations of the Exercise are extended to the band on a very fine performance.

Brief biographical details of the band are as follows:—

**TREBLE.**—Marie R. Cross, Radley, Berkshire, hon. librarian of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and hon. secretary of the Oxford City and District Branch. Has rung over 200 peals including 'silent' Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major, also peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 25 methods, all on an 'inside' bell except the 25 methods. Tireless in her efforts to teach beginners.

**SECOND.**—Victor J. F. Bennett, Oxford. Aged 59 years. For 26 years hon. secretary of the Oxford Society, an office he has just relinquished. Has rung 84 peals including 12,663 Stedman Cinques (record) and peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. An encyclopedia on past Oxford ringers and ringing.

**THIRD.**—Margaret L. Tutt, Oxford. Aged 27 years. Has rung over 100 peals (conducted 9). Peals include Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. One of the few ladies who have conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques.

**FOURTH.**—Alan R. Pink, Kennington, Oxford. Aged 45 years. Peals rung 414 (conducted 238). All tower bell peals, rung in 201 towers. Peals include one of 42 Doubles methods which he conducted. Also peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. One of the finest heavy bell ringers of to-day. Has 'turned in' Wells Cathedral tenor (56½ cwt.) to Surprise Royal, also Sherborne Abbey tenor (46 cwt.) to Surprise Major.

**FIFTH.**—Richard F. B. Speed, Harrow, Middlesex. Aged 24 years. Peals rung 172 (conducted 48). Peals include Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 16, 22 and 25 methods. Rung the 16, 22 and 25 method peals without having struck a blow in most of the methods. A coming leader.

**SIXTH.**—Wilfrid F. Moreton, Hereford. Aged 26 years. Has rung 243 peals (conducted 106). Peals include Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. Rang the additional methods above 14 without practice.

**SEVENTH.**—Frederick A. H. Wilkins, Oxford. Aged 41 years. Peals rung 247, including 12,663 Stedman Cinques (record). Also Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. One of those ringers who rarely make a trip.

**TENOR.**—Walter F. Judge, Oxford. Aged 55 years. Ringing Master of the Oxford Society. Has rung 522 tower bell peals (conducted 305). Peals include 16,271 Grandsire Caters (record), 12,663 Stedman Cinques (record). Has also rung and conducted peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. Prefers well-struck Stedman Cinques to any other method.

*We hope to publish next week an account of Dorchester Abbey and its bells, written by Mr. Frederick Sharp.*

## 5,120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By A. J. PITMAN

### No. 5 Arrangement. 25 Methods.

2345678	3526847—Uxbridge
6423857—Eastcote	6457382—Cambridge
4357682—Langley	2356847—Norfolk
5437682—Bristol	6437285—Superlative
6354278—Heathcote	2364578—Acton
5634278—N. Gloucester	5623847—Framley
3564278—Hereford	3467582—Cambridge
2635847—Rutland	2563847—Ripon
3265847—Bristol	3457286—Lincolnshire
5427386—Pudsey	5324678—Edinburgh
3254678—Wordsworth	6253847—Lindum
6532847—Wordsworth	3427685—Lincolnshire
2457385—Yorkshire	6234578—Wembley
5264378—Watford	
3652847—Claybrooke	Norfolk is rung with
2467385—Hitchin	a 4th place bob
3624578—London	Repeat four times.
5236847—London	First rung on February
6427583—Yorkshire	4th, 1951, at
2654378—London	Dorchester, Oxford-
	shire, for the Oxford
	Diocesan Guild.

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION Axbridge Branch

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch was held at Uphill on January 27th when ringers were present from Burnham-on-Sea, Wembdon, Swainswick, Weston, Bath, Locking, Weston-super-Mare, Worley, Cheddar, East Brent, Marksbury, Congresbury, Ubley, Publow, Mark Keynsham, Compton Bishop, Kewstoke and Churchill.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave an interesting address. The tea and business meeting were held at the Devonian Cafe. The meeting stood as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Popham, of Weston-super-Mare, and to the late Mr. W. H. Avery, of Sandford, the secretary's father.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of just over £16.

The following officers were elected:—President, Preb. C. S. L. Alford, Shipham; Ringing Master: Mr. G. Prescott, Kewstoke, hon. local secretary, E. J. Avery, Churchill. It was decided to hold the annual ringers' service at Mark on May 26th. Three new members were elected. Mr. E. E. Fisher, Congresbury, and Mr. G. Prescott, Kewstoke, were nominated as Central Council members.

A discussion took place re printing of the annual report.

The president, Ringing Master and hon. local secretary were asked to arrange a special feature for the Festival of Britain. The Ringing Master and local secretary of the Bath and Bridgwater Deaneries were accorded a welcome.

Among the methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Oxford, Spliced Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and a course of London Surprise, believed to be the first time this has been rung at an Axbridge Deanery meeting.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Sexagesima Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): E. P. White 1, Joan Kemp (14) 2, Pat McCracken (15) 3, C. N. Pearson 4, N. G. Kne (first in method as cond.) 5, G. Marsh 6, R. Tudgay 7, T. Mallard 8. First quarter 2, 3 and 6.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. J. North 1, S. N. Bristow 2, E. B. Barrington 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, W. H. Tarr 5, G. Walford (first as cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, W. G. Gigg 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Barrington on the occasion of their silver wedding.

## RUNCORN'S BELLS CENTENARY

### Bishop of Liverpool's Visit

A unique service was held on Sunday, February 4th, at All Saints' Church, Runcorn, when the church was filled to capacity to thank God for the centenary of the present ring of bells. The service was arranged by the local band to commemorate the dedication of the bells installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1851. Previously there was a ring of five bells dated 1628 and one of these five is still calling worshippers to a church in Runcorn.

It was very pleasing to the ringers when the Lord Bishop of Liverpool accepted their invitation to preach on this occasion and the Norbury Handbell Ringers (Stockport) accepted the invitation to accompany the hymns and play selections. The service was preceded by the Norbury ringers rendering Mozart's 'Life let us cherish.' During the evening they gave Handel's 'Harmonious Blacksmith' and 'Lead, kindly Light,' both with variations. Mr. James Fernley is to be congratulated on the impressiveness he and his band of twelve added to the service.

The Bishop (Dr. C. J. Martin) took for his text 'Let him that heareth say come.' That, he said, was the message of the bells repeated in his text; he spoke of bells and the variety of reasons bells had been used for from the tenth century to the present day. In conclusion, he said it had been a real treat to listen to the Norbury ringers playing their music that night.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon L. S. Brasnet, M.A., assisted by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Cheshire Diocesan Guild, and attended by the chairman of the local Council with his fellow councillors.

After the service the Bishop took part in the ringing of the tower bells, following which the visitors were entertained to refreshments in the Church House, where Dr. Martin was welcomed to Runcorn by Councillor H. Goodall, chairman of the Council.

The celebrations were continued on the following evening when a fancy dress-social evening was held. The crowded attendance was well entertained by the ringers to dancing, comedy and games, refreshments being served by ringers acting as waiters, thus giving the ladies a free and easy night.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Ashford District

A meeting was held on February 10th at Great Chart, the first there for over 25 years, attended by about 30 members and friends. The Association's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Lee), the collection realising 8s. 1½d. for Association funds. The local ringers and wives served an excellent tea in the Parish Hall.

The Rector presided at the short business meeting at which nine new members were elected—three from Great Chart (including the Rector), four from Wye and two from Woodchurch.

Mr. A. J. Battin complained that no reports of Ashford District meeting ever appeared in 'The Ringing World.' so it was agreed that all meeting should be reported in future.

Further ringing took place until after 8 p.m. in methods up to Cambridge. Towers represented were Ashford, Bethersden, Folkestone, Saltwood, Smarden, Willesborough, Wye, with the local band. A much larger proportion of young ringers than usual was present—a welcome feature in this district.

### DEATH OF MRS. W. A. RIDDINGTON

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Dorothy Riddington, wife of Mr. W. Arthur Riddington, of South Wigston, Leicestershire.



# VETERANS WHO RANG IN THE LAST CENTURY

## Norwich Association Records

OUR list of ringers who rang in the last century has been considerably expanded this week. It contains a number of honoured and revered names in the Exercise.

Mr. N. Golden has compiled the following record from the list of resident members of the Norwich Diocesan Association:—

Mr. Percy C. Artis, of Norwich, at Fressingfield, on December 1st, 1894, Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Mrs. Charles Baker, of Winfarthing, formerly of Pulham Market, at Pulham (St. Mary the Virgin) on November 28th, 1896, Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett, of Sheringham, formerly of Norwich, at Norwich, on February 23rd, 1892, Bob Minor (handbells); at Hethersett, on February 29th, 1892, Bob Minor (tower bells).

Mr. Frederick R. Borrett, of Tattersett, formerly of Pulham Market, at Redenhall, February 24th, 1894, Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Mr. John E. Burton, of Haynford, formerly of Norwich, at Norwich, on January 19th, 1893, Bob Minor (handbells); at Framlingham, on August 23rd, 1893, Bob Major (tower bells).

Mr. Frederick J. Howchin, of Norwich, at Marsham, on March 13th, 1889, Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Mr. George Howchin, of Norwich, at St. Peter's, Mancroft, on October 13th, 1890, Grandsire Caters.

Mr. Clement J. More, of Palgrave, at Diss, on December 20th, 1898, Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Albert Rough, of Aylsham, at Aylsham, on April 15th, 1895, Grandsire Caters.

## IN 1885

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, of St. Albans, recalls his first, a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Albans Cathedral, on September 26th, 1885. Participating in this peal was another 'first,' Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, who is still alive.

Mr. Frederick J. Tillett, now 83, still occasionally rings at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. He rang 13 peals in 1885, his first being Oxford Treble Bob Major at Coddensham, Suffolk, on February 28th. He rang Debenham tenor to 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major on June, 1892.

## IN 1886

The following year, October 16th, 1886, was when Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, now in his 84th year, rang his first peal. It was rung at Fareham and was Grandsire Triples, being conducted by his old friend, Mr. G. Williams. His last peal was London Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 14th, 1903.

Mr. F. V. Simkins, of Slough, also dates back his first peal (Grandsire Triples at Slough) to 1886. He adds that he is the only survivor of those who rang at Windsor Castle for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. He also rang there for King George V's wedding in 1893, the present King's birth and wedding, and the birth and wedding of Princess Elizabeth and the birth of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, but these were touches and not peals.

## IN 1887

Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, Kent, who has a record of service ringing from 1880 until the present time, for which he takes no credit but rather gives thanks to the One Who is the giver of health and strength, rang his first peal on January 8th, 1887. It was Bob Major.

## IN 1892

Mr. Fred Dench, of Saffron Walden, Essex, rang 71 peals before 1900. His first was Court Bob Triples rung at Crawley, Sussex, on February 28th, 1892. He rang his first peal of Superlative the following year.

## IN 1893

Mr. F. Hilton, of Broadstairs, joined the Heckington, Lincs, band in 1890 and rang his first peal at Swineshead, near Boston, in the summer of 1893, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. 'I remember this peal of Grandsire Triples so clearly,' he writes. 'The ringer of the tenor stripped off everything except his trousers and halfway through the peal his belt broke and they began to slide down. The conductor yelled "Never mind your trousers, let them go."'

Mr. G. H. Williams, of Harborne, Birmingham, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. John's, Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Whit-Monday, 1893.

Mr. Joseph E. Keen, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, on August 14th, 1893.

## IN 1894

Among those of 1894 are Mr. Charles Dean, of Croydon, his first peal being Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom, on June 23rd, 1894; Mr. A. Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, Bob Major, on September 30th, 1894, at Irthlingborough, where he is still an active ringer; Mr. George Edwards of Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent, Grandsire Triples at Chiddingstone, on November 29th.

## GRANDSIRE AT CHIDDINGSTONE

Mr. George Edwards states that the company who rang in the peal at Chiddingstone had not been introduced to any Association and it was the first peal by a local band since 1849.

They were all round ringers and the organist, Mr. James Payne, and the tenor man, Mr. James Draper, formed them into a change-ringing band, the organist being the conductor of the peal in 1849. He was then nearly blind. 'The method we rang the peal in is not much known. It puts you in a position so that you know when you lead, every bell you strike before you lead again and if you ring by this method it is impossible to have a shift course. We did not know what 6-7 up or 4-5 down stuff was until after we rang this peal and I still ring Grandsire by it now.'

Mr. Edwards adds that a few weeks after, he conducted one of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ten-part peals from the seventh.

## IN 1895

In 1895 we have the following first peals:—Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, Grandsire Triples, at Irthlingborough, on September 28th.

Mr. H. Carwell, of Kingsley, Staffs, a peal of Minor (720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent and four 720's of Plain Bob), at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, on November 5th. At the age of 82 he is still a regular ringer at Kingsley.

Mr. George Andrews and Mr. Charles Clarke, Minor in seven methods (Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob), at Great Bentley, Essex, on December 17th.

## IN 1896

Mr. S. Flint, of Maghull, Liverpool, Grandsire Triples, at Ormskirk Parish Church, on January 11th.

Mr. William Keeble, now at Severall's Hospital, Colchester. Seven 720's of Bob Minor, at Kelvedon, on February 10th, 1896. First peal on the bells.

Messrs. Frank Kirk and Fred Stubbs, of Raunds, Northants, 5,056 Bob Major, at Tichmarsh, Northants, for the Central Northants Association, on April 6th.

Mr. James Swindley, of Chester, peal of Bob Major, at Chester Cathedral, on October 10th. First peal of Major on the bells and first of Bob Major in the city on tower bells.

Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Swindon, Grandsire Triples, at Christ Church, Swindon, on November 8th.

## IN 1897

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, rang 31 peals in the last century, his first being on February 13th, 1897, at St. Giles', Camberwell, London, being a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by Harold W. Davis. His first handbell peal was Bob Major, at 13, Peabody Buildings, London, S.E., on November 27th, 1898.

Mr. W. E. Judd (age 76), of Maidenhead, Berks Grandsire Triples, at Isleworth, on April 3rd, conducted by the late W. E. Garrard.

Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, of Worsley, Manchester, at St. Mark's, Worsley, for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Grandsire Triples, on June 22nd. Mr. Derbyshire joined the Lancashire Association on December 12th, 1896, and since then he has never missed ringing for a Christmas or the Old Year out, except when the ban was on. He rang ten peals in the 19th century and he is the sole survivor of all who participated in those peals.

Mr. James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, Suffolk, Bob Major, at St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk, on October 2nd.

Mr. J. J. Mawby's (Irthlingborough) first peal was on June 5th, 1897, at Irthlingborough—a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. In this peal stood Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough, whose first peal was in 1895.

## IN 1898

Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Essex, a peal of Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's, The Dream, Morning Star, April Day, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire) at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, on the old ring of five on April 13th.

Mr. E. T. King, of Weston, Bath, at Twerton-on-Avon, on November 17th, a peal of 5,056 Bob Major. Mr. G. Temple and Mr. H. W. Brown, who took part in this peal, are still living, aged 86. It was not their first peal.

Mr. George R. Newton, the well-known Liverpool ringer, started his peal career with a peal of Minor (720 each of College Single, Oxford Single and Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob), at Woodchurch, Cheshire, on November 5th, 1898.

On November 26th, Mr. T. Hammond, of Liverpool, rang his first peal. In this peal, Mr. Newton also stood in.

## IN 1899

Mr. William T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, Hants, at St. Paul's, Brighton, on August 31st, 1899, 5,040 Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. George Williams.

There are four survivors of Mr. Edwin J. Tyler's (Walsall) first peal. This was Grandsire Triples, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wadnesbury, Staffs, on December 3rd. They are Mr. Tyler, who was then 18, his brother Charles, 16, Mr. George Newbold and Mr. Thomas Cooper.

## Correction

In connection with Cambridge University Society's first peal on April 17th, 1894, the ringer of the fifth was the Rev. C. E. Earle Bulwer, who is still alive in Cape Province. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse did not take Holy Orders. He will be remembered as the maker of several ringing machines and was for many years a master at Sedbergh and is now in retirement.

## NEAREST ANTI-CLOCKWISE TOWER

Dear Sir,—Both 'Kewsett' and Mr. W. B. Kynaston are wide of the mark in their answers to the above question. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Swithin, Worcester, each have a left-handed ring of six, and they are not more than 120 yards apart at the outside.

WILLIAM A STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LISTENING AND CRITICS

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that if non-ringers fail to count accurately the number of bells ringing at a given time, this may be because they are expecting a rhythm entirely alien to campanology.

A ringer hears rounds (in the words of Miss Dorothy Sayers) as 'Tin TAN din DAN bim BAM bom BO': that is, with the strong beat on the even bells. When a musician, however, wishes to imitate the sound of bells, it is more usual to find that the first 'stroke' falls on the first beat of a bar, and the strong notes are the odd ones: TIN tan DIN dan BIM bam BOM bo. It is possible that this represents the ordinary non-ringer's idea of what he is listening to, and that he becomes confused when the rhythm of the ringing fails to conform with it.

If it is essential to his appreciation of striking that the layman should be able to count the bells (and I am not sure that this is so): he will obviously be assisted by a well-marked hand-stroke pause and even striking, but even so the task is probably more difficult than your correspondents assume. The 'Bow Bells' test is not entirely conclusive; the signal has been a household noise for so long that its familiarity tells against it, and the ten-bell rhythm, involving twenty strokes, between each hand-stroke pause, is not the simplest to follow. Many people find that they cannot accurately hum or write down the notes of the chimes of Big Ben, but they are not assumed on the strength of that to have no interest in music!

Mr. Luck draws a comparison between music critics and the experienced ringer. Belonging myself to neither of these categories, I feel that despite the prejudices and shortcomings of possible individuals, musical criticism as a whole represents the honest opinion of people who spend their lives steeped in music and to whom any performance of, say, the Choral Symphony appears merely as one performance out of the dozens which they have heard. It is liable therefore to be judged by the highest standards which they know. They do not look for faults; the faults, refusing to go unregarded, hit them in the ear. It may be considered as the penalty of knowledge that they cannot comfortably close their ears to the slightest failing, and against that they get the rare and unforgettable pleasure of a performance which fulfils all their ideals. Listening to the same concert as Mr. Luck, I should share his enjoyment; but I realise that unless I make a real study of music I shall never know the thrill of recognising a unique achievement.

It is true that recognising faults does not necessarily entail condemning them outright. From a Promenade Concert a critic would exact a far higher standard than from a school orchestra, and condemn from one what would be a good effort from the other: but if he heard an orchestra which was supposed to be representative of all British music, he would be expected to judge it by the severest standards he knew. The critics of the Christmas Day broadcast have chosen, whether rightly or wrongly, to regard it as such an occasion and would doubtless have been only too glad to find more enjoyment and fewer faults.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

## OLD BOYS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I should like to make it known that past and present members of Bedford School also have not been inactive in the field of peal ringing. Our total during the past 18 months is five, one of which being on tower bells.

We do not consider such achievements by any means exceptional, but we should like to publicise them for the benefit of those who do.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD W. STEPHENS.

Kempston, Beds.

## CHURCH FESTIVALS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—For some time I have intended penning something on the lines of that written by the Rev. C. Carew-Cox in 'The Ringing World' of February 9th. The subject goes much further than as pointed out by the rev. gentleman. Most of us, when we talk of Church festivals, are apt to think only of the festivals of the apostolic saints apart from Easter, Whitsun and Christmas. A glance through 'The Ringing World,' or through any directory, will reveal that there are hundreds of churches up and down the land dedicated to saints associated with the early Church.

At my own church at Weston Favell, hardly a Sunday goes by without mention by our Rector, in his notices, of the festival days of those early saints, with the descriptions—'Bishop and Martyr,' 'Virgin and Martyr,' 'Abbot,' 'Queen and Martyr' or 'Apostle and Martyr,' as the case may be—sometimes as many as four of these are mentioned in a week. While the names of some of these may seem to many of us unimportant, if we study the dedications of our churches as we go around ringing, they not only become the centre of interesting enquiry, but go to show that there is no lack of patronal festivals for which we can ring peals.

A few months ago, much was written in these columns about St. Paulinus, St. Anthony and St. Dunstan as believed patron saints of bellringers. The festival of St. Anthony we have recently passed—on January 17th—and while we do not find many churches so dedicated, one would have thought the festival of this Abbot, if he meant anything to bells and ringers as has been stated, would have been a unique occasion for ringing peals—St. Paulinus and St. Dunstan the same.

Then we get those saints whose names are given to change-ringing methods—St. Simon, St. Clement, St. Columb, St. Martin, St. Blaise, St. Giles, St. Peter, St. Matthew and St. Nicholas. While not everyone cares for the idea of a peal of St. Clement's Minor or St. Clement's Bob Triples on St. Clement's Day, or at a church of St. Clement, a peal of St. Simon's Doubles on the festival of St. Simon and St. Jude or a peal of St. Nicholas on St. Nicholas Day, a church of All Saints (and there are many of these) could be chosen for peals in all those methods bearing the names of saints, or if towers with over six bells, the actual saint's day or the dedicational festival might be made better use of.

If ringers do not know the day of these many festivals 'The Ringing World' might help by publishing an index in advance (say monthly) of all the known saints to which our churches are dedicated. Apart from churches, there are many bells bearing inscriptions of saints. For instance I came across one at Charwelton, Northants, recently, dedicated to St. Margareta, who was a Scottish Queen, although the church itself does not bear this dedication.

In addition there are the festivals of many of our great hymn writers—what an opportunity was lost, for instance, in 1948, to have rung peals for the bi-centenary of Isaac Watts! John Bunyan, who wrote the familiar hymn, 'For he who valiant be,' was another personality whose tercentenary was commemorated in 1950. 1949 saw the 400th anniversary of the English Prayer Book, yet few ringers made this an occasion for peals. I myself took part in one, as well as one for the Bunyan tercentenary.

This year, God willing, I hope to ring one for the centenary of the S.P.G. although at the moment I am confined to hospital. There is no shortage of festivals of one kind or another for which we can ring peals if we care to look around, and so close the mouths of some of those curious people who ask: 'What are the bells ringing for? And they need not be in our own towers.'

Weston Favell, Northampton P. AMOS.

## BELLS AS TIME SIGNALS

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Buchanan that each region should have its own interval signal and for the West Region I would suggest the back ten of Exeter Cathedral; the tower is ideal for a recording to be obtained.—Yours faithfully,  
E. W. BIFFIN.  
Exeter.

Dear Sir,—I am inclined to support the view put forward by Mr. R. Buchanan, on page 93, re bells as time signals.

As he suggests, St. Mary's, Southampton, are an ideal peal for putting over the air. I have rung at St. Mary's myself and have also heard them broadcast. For a broadcast peal, however, isn't ten bells quite enough? For a 12-bell peal I feel that one would have to select a tower where all the bells could be distinctly heard, the essence of good striking!

Sometimes I have heard on the West Region, as a time signal, Chewton Mendip ringing either Double Norwich or Plain Bob Major, and this has seemed to me quite a change in place of Bow Bells.

I don't know much about the North and Welsh Regions, but not very long ago, for the 7.45 p.m. Sunday evening service in the Midland Region, Aston Parish Church bells were broadcast. I believe Grandsire Caters was the method and the striking was good. I would put forward Aston as a suggestion for the Midland Region.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON WALFORD.

Wellington, Somerset.

## ST. PATRICK'S, NEW YORK

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Duke's letter of enquiry on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, the following may be of interest to him:—

There is a carillon of 19 bells hung in the northern (left-hand) steeple of the Cathedral, some 160 feet above street level. The heaviest weighs 6,608 pounds and the lightest 173 pounds, and were cast in 1897 by Paccard, of Annecy, France. They are played by a hand clavier and sound out occasionally—on the high festivals of the Church, Sundays and national holidays and, speaking from memory, the base bell has a remarkably pure tone and low note for its weight.

I would add that my office overlooks the Cathedral so it would not be any great task to obtain any further information if Mr. Duke so requires.—Yours faithfully,

North Tarrytown. B. H. SWINSON.  
New York, U.S.A.

## JUDGE NOT

Dear Sir,—Although I agree the standard in the recent Christmas Day broadcast left much to be desired, I feel that, as a general rule, we should beware of ringers who loudly denounce the ringing of others. All too frequently one notices that there is also something lacking in the striking of these confident critics themselves!

In any case why are we so unduly perturbed about this particular broadcast? One could at least readily discern what was being rung or attempted at each of the towers concerned, but I have heard several previous broadcasts where the striking was such that this was virtually impossible.

I am equally sceptical about ringers who are so definite what type of ringing is good and what is not so good for me to listen to. Almost invariably I have found that these ringers are so hopelessly unqualified and inexperienced regarding the sound of bells that they cannot even sing, whistle, or tap on the piano or five or six handbells a simple six-score of the Stedman or Grandsire they despise, let alone call and check, by ear only, a somewhat harder touch of Triples or Major.

But perhaps I am doing our budding young 'musical experts' Messrs. J. W. Haw and F. J. Jackson, an injustice?—Yours faithfully,  
Liverpool. F. R. BUTLER.



## LETTERS—Continued

## AN OLD RINGER AND HIS PUPILS

Dear Sir,—As a humble reader of the old 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' and other ringing papers for the last 55 years, I must pay you the compliment of producing a most interesting paper, both for old and young readers. So far as criticising is concerned, please keep an open mind.

I have rung with a good many of our leading ringers in different parts of the country, and I could tell you of the awkward way some of them have in holding their ropes. I have met many who think it is quite beneath them to ring such humble methods as Grandsire, and I see in your recent issue that Stedman is considered to be quite in the lower group. I would like to point out to some of the young 'brass hats' that the standard of ringing to-day was obtained by years of hard work by those of us who, before the days of cycle or motor, walked many miles to various towers to introduce what was then called new-fangled stuff.

We had also to convince the Vicar that ringers were only men and members of the Church and should not be created as children and completely ignored by other Church workers. I, for my part, have concentrated first on the Vicars and have met such answers as: 'I hate the bells, they make me cry.' Also: 'I don't care whether the bells are rung or not.' I have replied that bells carry the Christian message to all, whether they attend church or chapel or have no religion at all and have often succeeded in getting the incumbent interested. I then visit the tower and set about getting the bells put in ringing order, and I can assure you that is no easy matter.

Then came the job of training the band and in this I follow the method of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly. First, to handle the bell properly without any silly attitudes, and never leaving the pupil until I was satisfied he was safe, pointing out that if he missed the sally to leave it severely alone. I believe in teaching with the bell open and most of my pupils have learnt on the prayer-bell before the service.

I then take them up the tower and show them the motion of the bells and what happens if a stay breaks and I might say that in all my 50 odd years of teaching ringers I have never had a broken stay.

The real job is to get them to use their ears as well as their sight and stand straight and also to see the whole circle of ropes. Then comes rounds and it is up to the other members to help any learner and give him a chance to ring for Sunday service, thus getting him to understand that the primary object of his tuition is to teach him to ring, if only a few rounds, for Sunday service.

I myself sat in my home tower in Devon six years after I could ring Grandsire before I had a chance to ring on a Sunday and had I not inherited ringing in my blood from my great-grandfather, I should certainly have given up all hopes.

Let all who can ring a bell in God's service be called a brother, whether call-changes or otherwise, and please put good striking before any other ringing.—Yours faithfully,

L. A. WILSON.

Wootton Bassett.

## CAMBRIDGE MINOR AT WICKHAM

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Wickham, Hants, on December 30th last, I am prepared to give 'Interested Listener' an 'explanation' if he (assuming that it is a 'he') will have his name published in 'The Ringing World'.

At the same time I am wondering why he did not give his name in the first instance, and can only assume that he knew quite well that he had no grounds for his accusation. He certainly could not have been an 'Interested Listener'.—Yours faithfully,

T. PAGE.

## TEACHERS, EXAMINE YOURSELVES

Dear Sir,—I agree with Brian Price that rhythm is the basis of good ringing, but there are very few people indeed without a natural sense of rhythm. There is a primitive rhythm in all of us. Bad striking, therefore, in almost every case can be traced to faulty methods of instruction. The 'hard school' way of any instruction certainly must go if the general standard of striking, apart from accomplished peal-ringing bands, is to improve.

What is the 'hard school' way of instruction? I venture to suggest that it exists, or existed in the past, because few of us appreciate the principles behind all method ringing. We still teach bells to follow rather than the principles of plain hunting. Thus a young ringer who has for some considerable time been ringing the treble to Grandsire and Plain Bob was heard to say the other day that he has no idea how to bunt down in Double Norwich.

We stand behind learners ringing their first 120's of Grandsire Doubles, telling them every bell they have to strike over, and then they confess afterwards that they have no idea what a dodge is or why it is necessary!

Many learners look on a method as a collection of isolated units differing according to the bell they happen to be ringing because we have never taught them that any method is an organic whole and should be learnt as such.

I do not think it is necessary for the Central Council or any other body to draw up rules on how to teach beginners. Mr. Price should well know that teaching rests primarily on a personal relationship and the rules for so doing are to a large extent empirical. But guiding principles must be fundamental. I would suggest, therefore, that we who are teaching beginners may care to examine ourselves and see if we are teaching basic principles of change-ringing and not leading our pupils up blind alleys.

With this in mind every one of us should be able to teach learners to be good change-ringers and good strikers.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK W. GARNER.

Horsham, Sussex.

## 'CANNED' BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have often pondered on the mental processes of those who tolerate and even encourage the use of 'canned' bells, and the Rev. Page-Wood's letter in your February 2nd issue has now revealed some of these. His defence, however, merely serves to remind me of those Georgian landscape gardeners who were wont to exclaim, 'What, no romantic ruins! Then let's build some!' This regrettable fakery led finally (awful warning, Mr. Page-Wood) to the architectural bottomless pit of the Victorian Gothic railway station. The sound of a grand ring of 12 bells issuing from a cote intended for one small bell is as much a sham as the neo-Gothic pinnacles on King's Cross Station and is unworthy of the House of God.

If recorded bells are to be defended as being a utilisation of modern science, why stop there? Let us have tip-up cushioned seats in church with opera glasses (6d. to hire) for viewing the 'star' in the pulpit; mount the organ console on a lift and erect snappy neon signs outside advertising forthcoming attractions. On the other hand, if we want the Church to remain true to the simple, straightforward principles of its Founder, let us scrap anything which is palpably false, a sham and a pretence. Shall we start with recorded bells?—Yours faithfully,

AIDAN J. N. BOYACK.

South Woodford, Essex.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, M. Bishop (first of Stedman) 2, J. P. Blond 3, G. Bishop 4, R. B. Blond 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, H. L. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Baldwin (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Doreen Coker (cond.) 2, Sylvia Coker 3, P. Baldwin 4, F. Hayes 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

## OBITUARY

## MR. W. DENMAN

For well over 40 years a ringer at West Grinstead, Mr. William Denman died on February 2nd, aged 66.

He was captain from 1931 until some seven years ago when severe arthritis made it impossible for him to ring, although he maintained his keen interest in ringing generally up to the end.

He was a good conductor and striking was always his chief consideration. He had rung 18 peals—Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Norwich Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor (conducted 2) 3, seven methods (conducted 2) 4, five methods (conducted 3) 5, three methods (conducted 3) 3.

The funeral took place at Shipley on February 7th and in addition to the family mourners, the Exercise was represented by Messrs. L. Stilwell, E. R. Rapley and C. Longhurst. A course of Doubles was rung on handbells over the grave immediately after the committal service.

C. L.

## MR. G. WINES

The death of Mr. G. Wines, of Pentre, Rhondda, at the age of 82, severs another link with a past generation of South Wales ringers. He was one of the foundation members of the St. Peter's (Pentre) Society of Change-Ringers and for over 20 years their treasurer.

A former miner, he was for the past few years afflicted with one of the dreaded chest diseases due to his occupation. This did not prevent him taking an active part in ringing as long as possible and to the last he maintained his enthusiasm by regularly reading 'The Ringing World'.

A man of genial and generous disposition, he was highly respected by all who knew him. As a ringer his standard was of the highest and he never lost an opportunity of urging learners to improve their striking and practise new methods.

He helped the St. Peter's Society to become one of the foremost ringing societies in Wales, being one of the band who rang the first peal of Erin Triples in Wales; the first for the old Llandaff Diocesan Association of Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Kent and Oxford Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise by a local band.

Although not an ambitious peal-ringer, he rang over 30 peals, mostly on St. Peter's bells. He served as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association during 1936.

Mr. Wines was a sound churchman, a regular communicant, chorister, sidesman, member of the C.E.M.S. and the Men's Institute, ever ready to serve in anything concerning the welfare of the Church. And so passes another ringer whose sterling qualities and example will not be forgotten by his many friends.

After his funeral 504 of Stedman Triples were rung on the bells of St. Peter's by the following:—H. Crabb 1, J. Lovett 2, W. Palmer 3, R. Brabham 4, J. Evans 4, J. Edwards 6, F. Lasbury (conductor) 7, W. Roberts 8. H. C.

## WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter published in 'The Ringing World' dated November 17th, 1950, and subsequent correspondence, I have been in touch with the secretary of the Widecombe ringers, who has personally inspected the bells.

It seems that while the date of the fifth bell is incorrect in the Church Guide book (from which I obtained my information) and is, in fact, 1633, the inscription on the third bell reads:—'Robart Hamlyn, sonne of John Hamlyn, Chitteleford, T.P. 1632, gathered of the young men and mayds, fyftene Pounds'; this giving rise to my supposition that the 'fyftene pounds' was the cost of the bell.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Bristol.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—10

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

While in London Mr. Fussell continues:— Sunday, February 10th, 1894. I walked to Haverstock Hill and rang a 720 Bob Minor. I went to Hornsey in the evening and rang some Grandsire and Bob Doubles for 6.30 service. Titchener and Harrington failed to turn up—a very unusual thing for them to miss the second Sunday in the month at this church. We could not ring after service owing to a death opposite the church. G. Griffin had made arrangements to go to Wood Green Church. We got there at 7.30 and as the people came out we rang. The calling was left to me and after a few attempts we rang three six-scores Bob Doubles followed by two of Grandsire. Only call-changes are rung at Wood Green but the men are very pleasant and very much inclined to change-ringing. A six-bell band could be well formed here.

Next day Mr Fussell went to Westminster to see Bradlaugh get into Parliament! He then returned to Slough and his diary has many personal items of much interest and sometimes amusing. For instance: 'Alf sent for me in the evening just as I was going to a dance. When I went to his house Woodley and a friend from Datchet were there. This friend was about to buy a set of handbells. We played several tunes to him on Alf's set of twenty bells and I think my brother is to get him a set on trial. The fellow seemed rather a green one and might easily be taken in.' ... 'had two Valentines—ugly ones of course and very laughable.'

### A CUMBERLANDS' DEBATE

Mr. Fussell later went to London again and at St. Martins-in-the-Fields met Baron Cox, Hopkins, Mansfield, Newson, Swan, Dains, Hovard and others. 'Had the third bell to my first touch of Stedman Caters. Later returned to the "Green Man," the Cumberlands' house of call in St. Martin's Lane. While at the meeting some animated discussion arose with Dains, Baron and Newson respecting a peal of Treble Twelve on the 27th March next. From what I can learn, it's jealousy among the older members of the Society—the subject was brought forward at a previous meeting. Mr. Newson was instructed to get a band together and at once wrote to the service members asking them to make up the band early and ring the peal in the afternoon if possible. Most of them declined at once saying they could not lose the time to get away. This surprised me as on a day like this the Society ought to do their very utmost to score the peal and not drive the meeting off until the evening. When Newson found this was the case he immediately arranged to practise at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on Mondays and to meet at St. Martin's earlier on Fridays.

'While I was in the tower an excellent six courses were rung. This fairly opened some of their eyes and now the young band have got so far, the elders want to stand in the peal and not come to the practices. Dains and Baron seemed much put out and made some nasty remarks.'

Turning to March 27th in the diary we read: 'To-day is the anniversary of the 12,000 Oxford Treble Ten rung at St. Leonard's 100 years ago. Newson and his band met to ring a peal of Treble Twelve in, but after ringing nearly three hours they broke down, although the striking was excellent (He then gives the names.) Poor Newson looked very bad when he came down and seemed much disappointed at failure. However when he heard the other band of older members were not coming he was pleased and made up a band for Treble Ten. This 5,000 started for later on was most successful and well struck—it was not finished much before eleven in the evening—I went away after hearing two and a half hours at

ten o'clock. I went to the "Conqueror" in the afternoon and evening and had touches of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Mr. Haley, whom I saw for the first time, and Mr. Wood came in and several members of the College Youths, who praised the ringing.

'I had been up in the belfry and among the bells which are awkwardly packed together. There is scarcely room enough for anyone to move about amongst them. The two trebles are hoisted at the top of all, in fact the place is dangerous to get about in. In the ringing room are three handsome peal boards, more especially the College Youths' tablet. The board recording the Cumberlands peal is at the bottom of the tower forming a lobby entrance to the church. The treble man's name was scratched off, evidently by someone bearing animosity. Mr. George Marriott (aged 72), the Cumberlands' oldest ringer, was married in this church fifty years ago in May next. He was with me hearing this peal. Curiously enough, too, the wife of the steeplekeeper was confined of a son, their first-born, in the afternoon after the bells had been on just an hour. I persuaded Banham to have him called Harry Leonard when christened, in commemoration.'

The next evening a dinner was partaken of at the 'Green Man' when about forty sat down. A programme was arranged by the secretary and printed, cards being given to all present. Handbell ringing, singing, etc., and a Mr. Ireland, the Master, was there, wearing the medal. Extension of licence was granted till 2 a.m., and before we were fairly out it was 2.30 a.m. ; —I got home at 4 a.m. after a weary walk.

### 'ON A SEAT'

'I cannot guess how Newson got on, going all the way to Hampstead. He mentioned that after ringing the peal yesterday evening they made a long night of it, and after leaving the "Conqueror" at midnight he had to walk home. He certainly got part way but at 6 o'clock on Friday morning he was woke up by a policeman and the question put to him, "Do you know where you are?" to which George replied, "On a seat," which was quite true. Going up Hampstead Hill he sat on a seat to rest a little and went to sleep. So much for the night after the peal—rather fresh for him as the weather was cold, though dry. I caught a bad cold standing about hearing the ringing.'

Going back in the diary to February 16th the same year. Mr. Fussell gives an account of his visit to Enfield new church of St. Mary Magdalene, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes (in which he rang fifth). The composition was one of Dains' and rung for the first time, and the peal the first on the bells, although seven attempts had been made at various times. He gives the figures thus:—

5056				
23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2	—	—	1
42563	2	—	1	2
52643	—	—	2	1
52436	—	—	—	1
64235	2	—	1	1
43526	—	—	—	1
53246	1	—	—	1
45236	1	—	2	—

Repeated.

Mr. Fussell adds: 'It appears Dains sent this to Reeves for insertion in the "Bell News." He wrote back to say Pistow had sent the very same peal some time previous, but he had not published it.'

### QUEER HAPPENINGS

Mr. Fussell's next peal was at St. Mary's, Staines, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major composed and called by G. Newson. He says: 'On pulling up some of the bells we found they did not go so well so gave the bearers some lard. It was the first peal on the bells which went terrible. Sometimes three or four of them would drop down all at once and at other times go up and pull you off your feet. All at once you had to pull like mad just when they began to go quite nicely. We all complained about blisters and glad when the peal finished. We then went to the meeting house and rang handbells. Mr. Parker and Woodley were there, having heard the last hour's ringing.

'All went home by train except Wingfield Meadows who had made up his mind to walk home—a distance of about 18 miles. It would be quite 3 o'clock in the morning before he would get home. Poor fellow, he is none too well off in money matters, but he would not let anyone buy him a ticket. He had an old pair of shoes with him and some "tommy" as he called it, to feed on the way, and a rough night to walk too!

'On getting out at Datchet, Parker lost his rail ticket, and after a good deal of jabber with the collector, paid the fare again. While he was waiting for the receipt he found his ticket and demanded his money back. It was not the amount so much as the man's insinuating way of hinting he did not have one. However, the man would not take the ticket nor return the fare.

'Wished Woodley goodnight at the end of Pocock's Lane, and further along the road I found a lady's jacket spread out on the footpath. Parker and Alf were on in front but did not care to have anything to do with it, so I carried it home. Wished Parker goodnight at Upton Park, nor did I envy him his further walk to Farnham. It was then past 12—I cannot help but think what strange things happen to ringers when they are out—queer things too!

### AND A QUEER CHARACTER

'Wingfield Meadows' walk to London after leaving us at Staines was not a very appropriate proceeding. He mentioned that on his way through London, when he passed any ringer's house he always knocked them up, sometimes as early as two or three o'clock in the morning. Several times he roused Stackwood and when Stack asked what he wanted. "Oh, I've rung another peal, Stack," was all the answer, and on he walked, and in the distance he could hear Mrs. Stackwood asking what ringers wanted that time in the morning, and then the window would go down with a bang.'

Later he writes: 'Wingfield Meadows is about the queerest customer I have ever seen for a ringer. He came to St. Leonard's (Shoreditch) eating fried sliced potatoes, his pockets filled with chunks of bread, and for about an hour before going for the peal was continually feeding. A strange object he looked in his usual slouching style and slovenly dress. He is certainly very eccentric in many ways and mostly calls for a "pot of water" when he visits a beerhouse. He rode to St. Martin's on a bicycle, and a wretched thing it was too. The indiarubber tyre of the front wheel was tied on with about twenty pieces of string. The proper handle he broke off 2 o'clock one Sunday morning in coming a cropper over the handles. This was replaced by a piece of gaspipe; and the way he rides the thing is most comical. He gets on by means of a lamp-post!'

While at Rolfe's (Windor) Mr. Fussell signs his Will and adds that one of the witnesses was a very talkative fellow named Layton who turned out to be a ringer. 'During the evening he referred to the Staines peal (not knowing I was one of the band) that it took three hours and a half, and that it was in that new London system of ringing. This Layton was a native of Staines and could remember the old church well when it was entirely covered with ivy.'

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## STAGE ADAPTATION OF A METHOD—STEDMAN

Dear Improvers.—We promised a further word about Calls in Stedman Doubles; so we'll take this first.

**Calls in Stedman Doubles.** We have seen that, in general, to extend the plain course of a method, the Conductor calls for a variation of the plain Link, between two Divisions. He thus introduces either a 'Bob' Link or a 'Single' Link, in place of the plain one. We also saw that in Stedman Doubles the Single is the only call that is necessary. Since calls are normally made only at Links in a method, there are, strictly speaking, only five places in Stedman Doubles Plain Course where the first of the two requisite Singles may be introduced, i.e., to be effective at one of the five Division-heads. Since these come in the middle of Quick sixes, the calls may be considered as coming within a Quick six. But in practice, calls in Stedman Doubles are also made, sometimes, at the Division-Junctions, i.e., in the middle of Slow sixes. Reference to figure 8 in Instalment 21 will make this clear. This procedure is not unique, for calls are made (for specific objects, it is true), sometimes at Division-Junctions in hunt-controlled methods, also. This occurs in 'real reversed' and 'real double' methods. In the former cases, the calls are removed from the Links to the Junctions, i.e., from front to back (for example as in real reversed Grand-sire), and in the latter cases the calls are made at the Junctions as well as at the Links, i.e., both back and front (for example as in real Double Norwich). However, in Stedman Doubles, the Single is made by the bells in 4-5 lying still for one whole pull. This causes the bell just out of the front work to make 4ths place and re-enter the front work as it left—with a dodoe before and after the place, of course. And it causes the bell dodging in 4-5 down to make 5ths and become the bell dodging in 4-5 up, again. To sum up, if the call is made (as normally) at the Link, the bells in 4ths and 5ths positions simply find themselves changed over at the 'go-off' from the new Division-head. (Learning to call comes later.)

Before proceeding to the higher stages of Stedman, we turn to some further general considerations of method structure, which, at this point, will be helpful in understanding 'Stage Adaptation' of methods, and thus of how the extension of Stedman comes about.

**Stage Adaptation.** In Instalment 19 we gave a table of names of the Stages of the rings of bells. It will not be difficult to understand that most methods may be adapted for ringing on various stages. The stage in which the method is first conceived or designed we call the 'Basic.' Adaptations of the method to higher stages are known as 'extensions,' and to the lower stages as 'contractions.' Although some methods, for example, Stedman and Plain Bob and Grand-sire, are adaptable for all stages, yet normally methods are capable of stage adaptation only 'by two's,' that is to say, only in the stage group, odd or even, of their basic forms. Strictly speaking, there is only one admissible form of adaptation from the basic to any other given stage. Such form is produced on a mathematical basis and is known as 'Theoretic.' In certain cases, where the theoretic adaptation does not provide ringers' conventional requirements, that is to say where it is not what we call 'Ideal,' modifications to the mathematic form have sometimes been introduced in order to obtain those conventional requirements. This gives rise to a 'Version' of the extension or contraction. Such versions are, in the main, unworthy of the name of the basic method. But it is still an unresolved question as to whether, in the absence of the Ideal, the 'Proximate' or nearest obtainable modified version to the theoretic form, should not be preferred to the more divergent forms

often practised. Two notable examples are Double Norwich Royal and London Royal, but there are many others. At this point we may usefully consider a little elementary analysis of the Grid itself.

**Grid Variation.** If a basic method is adapted to some other stage obviously its grid must be varied in size—it must expand or contract as the case may require. As we saw in the previous paragraph the grid variation will normally proceed by the addition or subtraction of two units, or bells. For example a basic Major method would have its grid expand by two columns to Royal and contract by two columns to Minor. In methods of the hunt-controlled class the rows also, of the grid, expand or contract in proportion to that of the columns.

**Columns and Rows in Pairs.** We have already learnt that any change-row is formed from its preceding row by a permutation, that is by an arrangement of 'transits'; and by transit we understand the mutual exchange of position of a pair of neighbouring units, or bells. Thus the transit operation requires two columns and two rows to accommodate it, i.e., to include the four squares of the grid occupied by the changing units. (These squares are usefully known as a 'Box.') It follows that columns and rows may conveniently be considered in pairs. A pair of rows is known as a 'Section' of the grid, though in Treble Bob methods a Section expands to include four rows. A pair of columns is known as a 'Twin-column.' In an odd-numbered stage there will be, of course, an odd column over. This is known as the 'Unit' column. We can now proceed to a means of identifying columns and rows of the Grid.

**Object of Grid Notation.** Such identification is possible through a system of grid notation, and you may recall that we have already referred to it, in Instalment 19, in fact. Here, you may justifiably ask two questions: 'What is the object of this notation?' and 'Why introduce the subject at this juncture?' To the first we reply—Without such a notation of a generic kind we should be forced to refer to columns and rows by serial numbers, and these vary from grid to grid. Those who have attempted discussions of extension and have, perforce, used such serial numbers have sometimes fallen into some strange conclusions. If space permitted obvious examples could be quoted. Grid Notation is universally applicable, the designation of any given column, row or grid-square remaining constant for all stages of a method. To the second question we reply—In our study of methods we shall find several features common to all, and any attempt at analysis will demand some such notation. We shall use it, in fact, to conclude our discussion of Stedman. Our object is to be able to show beyond question the nature of the relationship not only to one another of the sundry stages of each method we are to examine, but also of those features which are common amongst the methods themselves. We would also reply that practice is based on theory and that this part of our discussion is in the nature of the essential marriage of the two, for the intelligent training of a good ringer.

**Column Notation.** Examination of the grid patterns of methods in general, and of the various stages of particular methods, will reveal the fact that certain features of design recur throughout in specific positions—particularly in the first or left-hand Twin-column, in the Unit column, if any, and in the last or right-hand Twin-column, of the Grid. In brief, in grid variation the position-content of the 'outside' Twin-columns remains undisturbed. Accordingly, in an extended stage, the newly-added Twin-column finds a position 'inside' the grid—somewhere between these two 'fixed' Twin-columns. Appropriate conventional symbols may therefore be fixedly assigned to these outer

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**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 10(0) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8394

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, Horsley (5) 2.30. Names for tea to Miss G. Harrison, 20, Lower Kilburn, Derby.—Maurice Bailey. 8399

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting Dersingham, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Please reply promptly to George Batterbee, Whitehouse Drive, Dersingham, Kings Lynn.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 8389

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 24th, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 8416

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8403

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Eynsham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8384

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Litton Cheney, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4. Meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 8390

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Ash, Feb. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Hall.—Miss W. Oliver. 8414

**LADIES GUILD.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Bebington (near Birkenhead) Feb. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 8412

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Feb. 24th. All Saints', Burton, 2.30—4.30. Parish Church, Burton, 5.15—7.30. Tea at All Saints' Schools 4.30. 8413

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Doddington, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—M. Grain. 8441

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8386

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Feb. 28th.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8406

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 27th, to Mr. E. A. G. Allen, 231, Cliffe Road, Frindsbury, near Rochester. 8408

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Mids-Moreton, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8402

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Baglan, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 8385

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Felkirk, March 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must reach me not later than March 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8448

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Biddenham, March 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8388

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Little Shelford (5), Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Prince Regent.—H. L. Martin. 8438

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—March 3rd, St. Philip's (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 5, Broad Plain. Notify Miss Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Bristol, 5.—A. Bennett, 8426

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Woodchester (6), Saturday, March 3rd, 3. Service 4.45. Tea after service. Names by Feb. 27th.—Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Stonehouse, Glos. 8431

**HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.**—March 3rd. Ringing arrangements: St. Chad's (8) 1.30—2.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 2—3. Aston (12) 3—4. St. Martin's (12) 3.30—4.30. Cathedral (12) 4—5.30.—G. E. Fearn. (Phone SPR 1025.) 8449

**HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Lindley, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2—7. 71 trolley bus. Tea and sandwiches 6d. per head; bring a little food. Meeting 7, to re-form Society. Handbell practice to follow. Names and deposits taken for Whit-Tuesday trip. 8420

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Meriden, March 3rd. Bells (5) 3. Tea available. 8453

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on March 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey. 8444

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Lancaster Priory Church on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.: Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 Names for tea to F. Postlethwaite, Mary Street, Lancaster.—G. Woods, Branch Sec. 8450

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, St. Thomas-a-Becket, Upholland. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea will be provided to those who notify, by Feb. 28th, Mr. G. Mills, 321, Ormskirk Road, Upholland, near Wigan.—J. Burns. 8451

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Cheadle R. C., Saturday, March 3rd. Own tea arrangements; snack bars near by.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8419

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton on March 3rd. Names for tea before Feb. 27th, please, to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckley, Rugby. 8430

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Dallington, March 3rd. Bells 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8436

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Seend, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8423

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11. Very important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 8429

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8417

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.45—8. Tea 5. No name, no tea. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 28th, to Mr. H. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold. 8445

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Bramfield (5) 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 8443

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Redhill (8), on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30, ringing after. Names for tea by Thursday, March 1st, to Mr. C. Munt, 35, Hatchlands Road, Redhill. 8427

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 28th, to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8454

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Ernest Turner will give another talk on 'Conducting,' in St. Giles-in-the-Fields' Vestry, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7th. 8446

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 10th, at Dudley. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15, conducted by the president, Rev. Canon J. Waring. This will be the president's last Guild service before leaving for Norwich Cathedral, so a good attendance, please. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names for tea essential by March 6th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 8447

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, March 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8440

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, March 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea with cost enclosed to reach me not later than Wednesday, March 7th. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8442

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 10th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Memorial Hall. Important! Names for tea must reach me by Monday, March 5th; no names, no tea.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8437

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General committee meeting, St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5.15 p.m. Special general meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing St. Laurence's and Caversham, 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 3rd, please, to P. J. Dyke, 77 Audley Street, Reading.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 8434

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—March 10th. Annual general meeting, Croydon. Parish Church bells (12) 3. Service 5, at which the Archdeacon will dedicate a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. C. F. Johnston, at Croydon Bell Foundry, for those notifying, by March 6th. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 8424

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—St. Peter's, Weedon Bec, Northampton, March 10th, at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles, installed by John Taylor and Co., making ring of eight. Names for tea by March 3rd to R. Smith, 2, The Hollies, South Street, Weedon Bec, Northampton; no name, no tea—this is definite. 8432

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**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Annual meeting, East Grinstead, March 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 8435

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, March 10th. For tea arrangements see special announcement regarding dedication service.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 8421

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, March 10th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available. Service at 4.15. Tea at Pheasant Hotel at 5 p.m. only for those who notify, by March 6th. Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford.—H. Denman. 8422

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Nominations of representatives for Central Council (with name of proposer and seconder) must reach me by March 12th, latest.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 8439

**QUARTER PEALS**

**CHISWICK, LONDON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. Weddell (first quarter) 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, B. A. Richards 5, W. W. Bailey 6, J. Bullock 7, J. H. Lott 8.

**CHURCHSTANTON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Moore (first quarter Minor) 1, J. Summerhayes 2, G. Perry 3, R. Shire (first in method 'inside') 4, H. Churchill 5, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hales 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkins (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal 7, K. C. Seeger 8.

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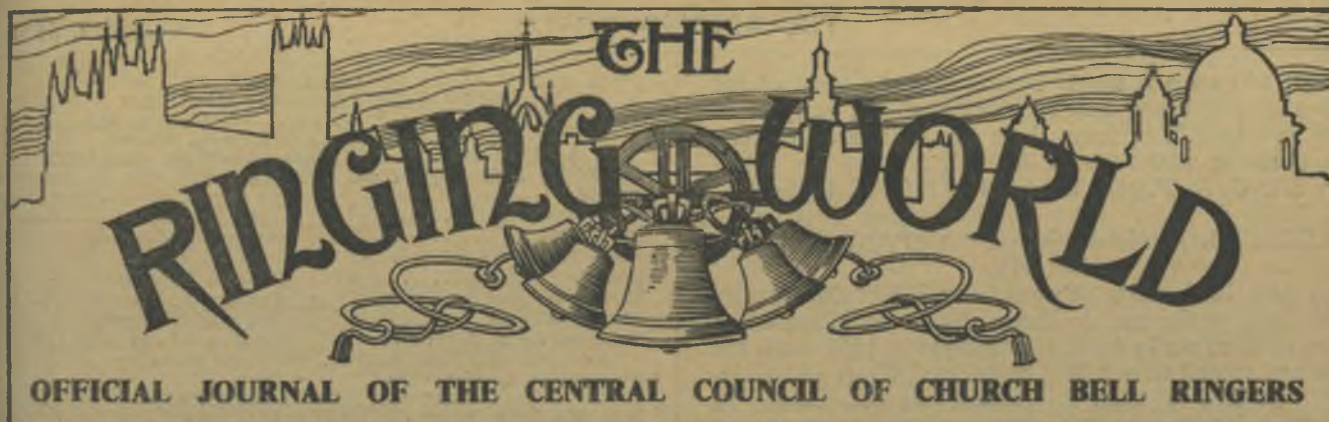
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## DORCHESTER ABBEY

Where the Peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 Methods  
Was Rung

By FREDERICK SHARP

SOME nine miles to the south-east of Oxford, near the junction of the River Thame with the Thames, lies the ancient town of Dorchester, famed for its historical associations and for its unique Abbey Church. Here, in the first half of the seventh century, St. Birinus, the 'Apostle of Wessex' as he is often called, preached to the West Saxons; and here Cynegils, their king, was afterwards baptised.

In Roman times Dorchester had been a fortified town, and, after the baptism of Cynegils, was given to St. Birinus to be his cathedral city. He became the first bishop circa A.D. 634. Later in the seventh century the See was removed to Leicester; it was re-established at Dorchester in the middle of the tenth century, only to be transferred again circa 1075, this time to Lincoln. The old Cathedral was then converted into an Abbey, and so continued until the suppression of the monasteries in the sixteenth century. Part of the Abbey Church, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, belonged to the parishioners, and had been used by them as a parish church for centuries. This naturally escaped the fate of the monastic buildings; but the preservation of the monastic portion of the church is due to the generosity of Sir Richard Beauforest, who purchased it for £140 about the year 1554 and gave it to the parish.

No portion of the Cathedral of St. Birinus and little, if indeed any, of that built in the 11th century by Bishop Eadnorth remain. The present Abbey Church dates chiefly from the twelfth and fourteenth centuries; it is noted (inter alia) for its irregularity of shape, for the splendour of the arcades on both sides of the choir, and for the beauty of the sanctuary. This was extended eastwards at the end of the Decorated period of architecture, and contains three large windows, dating from that period, and remarkable by reason of their tracery not being confined to the upper portions of the windows but continued throughout the whole, and also because additional ornaments in the form of sculptured figures have been added to the tracery. On the north side of the sanctuary is the famous 'Jesse' window in which the unique features already mentioned are utilised to form the branches of a

genealogical tree, depicting the descent of our Lord: on the north side are the very beautiful fourteenth century sedilia and piscina. The western tower was rebuilt in the seventeenth century, but contains some earlier windows then reinserted.

The tower contains a ring of eight bells, with a tenor 45½ inches in diameter, in E natural, weighing approximately 16 cwt. The bells are far-famed for their tones, and are in many ways unique. They have been so well cared for that, with the possible exception of one bell and in spite of extensive use, all the original castings made for the ring have been preserved. An inventory, made by the Commissioners of Edward VI., states that in 1552 the church possessed: Item a lych bell. Item 2 bellys. Item a saunce bell. Of these, the lych bell, a small handbell rung in front of funeral processions, and the saunce have disappeared. The 2 bellys, now the seventh and tenor of the ring, are fortunately as sound as they were in the days of the Augustinian Canons.

The oldest bell is the tenor, a fine-toned example from the mediæval foundry at Wokingham. This bell bears the inscription:

PROTEGE BIRINE QVOS CONVOCO TV SINE FINE  
RAF RASTWOLD

in the beautiful lettering introduced by the owners of that foundry, circa 1350. Between each word is a crowned stop, and each letter is surmounted by a crown. In addition to the usual Wokingham foundry marks, the lion's head, trefoil, crowned cross, and reverse of a groat, the bell bears the figures of a dragon and a horse. The bell dates from the second half of the fourteenth century, and has the merit of being inscribed with the name of its donor, Ra(l)f Rastwold, who died in 1383. He probably gave the bell to Dorchester Abbey during his lifetime.

The next oldest bell is the seventh, which is generally considered the finest-toned bell in the ring. It dates from the last quarter of the fourteenth century, and is a product of the Exeter foundry. Its lettering and founder's marks show that it was cast by one of the predecessors of Robert Norton, who placed on it the inscription:

PETRE : TVIS : APERI : DA : PAVLE : TVIS :  
MISERERI.

The fourth, fifth and sixth are the work of Henry Knight I., of Reading, and are chiefly remarkable for the pre-Reformation character of their inscriptions. They were cast not from mediæval moulds as the guide books would have us believe, but in the wording of the inscriptions of



the fifth and sixth it would appear that the spirit of the Canons of Dorchester had survived until the early years of the seventeenth century; these two bells are inscribed respectively in mixed Gothic lettering:

SANCTA TOMA ORA PRO NOBIS 1606

and

VIRGINIIS EGREGIE DICAR CAMPANA MARIA  
1591 HK.

The date 1591 marks the augmentation of the number of the bells in the ring to three; they were increased to five in 1603, to six in 1651, and to eight in 1867 when the treble and second were added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who also installed the present oak bell-frame. In 1936 the bells were rehung in the existing frame and new gear supplied by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton. With the exception of the fourth, all the bells retain their canons.

There is a local tradition that no snake can live within the sound of the tenor; this is commemorated in the rhyme:

Within the sound of the great bell

No snake nor adder ere shall dwell.

Dorchester bells are very familiar to members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and to visiting ringers from kindred societies. Many are the peals which have been rung on them in the past, but none so laudable as that completed on February 4th, 1951, when, as reported in our peal columns last week, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods was scored by Mr. Walter F. Judge and his band on these famous bells.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	NORMAN A. CHADDOCK .. 7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	†JOHN HILL .. .. 8
*†TERENCE A. THORNER .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 9
JILL POOLE .. .. 4	§HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 10
†S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	†JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. † 100th peal.  
‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques. § First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Staniforth, father of the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

LEONARD TREVOR .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 11
JOHN SCOTT .. .. 6	JOHN N. LINDON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

\* First peal of Stedman and on twelve bells. First peal of twelve as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 2,160 Belgrave and 2,880 Cambridge with 30 changes of method.

S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 9
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Surprise Maximus in two methods by all the band.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

MAURICE G. TURNER .. Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH .. .. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 9
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 11
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 6	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. T. Jenkins, and Mr. James S. Eastwood. Maurice G. Turner completes the 'circle.'

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	†ROY BETLEY-COOKE .. 6
FREDERICK SEAGER .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
MICHAEL MORETON .. 3	†FRANK REED .. .. 8
JOHN ROCK .. .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
*GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
\* 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association. † First peal of Bob Royal. Rung in memoriam Harry Seager, brother of the ringer of the 2nd, who died February 12th.

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

BARBARA M. HARRIS .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 8
GEORGE H. CROSS .. .. 4	*HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.



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## MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7
†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3	†GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal away from the treble. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SEDGEWICK .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 7
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 3	WALTER J. COPE .. .. 8
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 9
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 5	FRED BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

In memoriam Mr. F. G. T. Webb, a former churchwarden and vice-chairman of the Parochial Church Council of St. Giles'.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD OLIVER .. Treble	†PHILIP DRAFFEN .. .. 5
*JOYCE LEWIS .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. .. 6
†ERIC HARRISON .. .. 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. 7
†ARTHUR COWAN .. .. 4	THOMAS W. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. W. C. D. Feddon, one time Vicar of Consett parish and late of Ryton-on-Tyne.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 2	MAX PAGE .. .. 6
HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

## LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Treble	*HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 5
*ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 2	*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 6
*ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	*JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. .. 7
*J. LEONARD GLYDE .. .. 4	*CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild. First peal on the bells since being augmented from 6 to 8.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM DAVIES .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
*GEORGE PAGE .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Mr. Wm. Davies has now completed the 'circle.'

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 2	JACK BAILEY .. .. 6
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to W. H. Curson, chairman of the Guild.

## SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's Variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*LORNA BRIGGS .. Treble	*ROBERT BROWN .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	*JACK PETCH .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 4	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Stedman. The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

FRANK BARNARD .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 5
*HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 2	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 6
HAROLD G. SMITH .. .. 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 7
J. DEREK SMITH .. .. 4	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* 25th peal. Rung for the 18th wedding anniversary of G. A. Packer, ringer of 5th. Also a birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of conductor.

## WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CHARLES TINDALE .. Treble	ALBERT V. COATES .. 5
WM. A. BRECKON .. .. 2	SIDNEY R. ELWICK .. 6
JOHN R. WALLER .. .. 3	HARRY SHORT .. .. 7
GEORGE W. WHITE .. .. 4	HUBERT WATERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Marquis of Normanby to the Hon. Grania M. R. Guinness, who were married this day at St. Oswald's, Lythe, Parish Church.

## FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*REGINALD LING .. Treble	GORDON L. DYE .. .. 5
*MRS. V. R. OVENS .. .. 2	GEORGE A. COOKE .. .. 6
†JACK S. WILLIAMSON .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. 7
JESSIE R. COOKE .. .. 4	VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by VINCENT R. OVENS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. F. B. Keith.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING .. 5
CLIFFORD W. IZZARD .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 6
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.



SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.	
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	WM. E. THOMPSETT .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	*S. GEORGE CHAPLIN .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal of Surprise

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)  
On Tues., Feb. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 2	FRANK REED .. .. 6
ERNEST THORPE .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.	
PETER FOSTER .. .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 6
RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 3	GEORGE L. RODEN .. 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 4	EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Steuart Dove (father of the ringer of the third), for over sixty years organist, who was buried the previous day.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 4	HARRY PARKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bennett and Miss Mary Parkes.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26½ cwt.	
*NORMAN MALLETT .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 2	J. LEONARD GLYDE .. 6
†ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 7
JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. 4	CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal (age 15).

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. Treble	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 2	*SIDNEY PENFOLD .. 6
HARRY TURNER .. .. 3	ALBERT PRYKE .. .. 7
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 4	JOHN SITCH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a welcome to, and in honour of, the Right Rev. Sherard Falkner Allison, D.D., on the occasion of his enthronement as Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.	
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	JOHN S. WALTON .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Containing 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS .. 2	TOM PAGE .. .. 6
*NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods by all the band and for the Guild.

## SIX BELL PEALS

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.	
CECIL MATTHEWS .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 3	JAMES BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung to commemorate the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baldock.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Treble	MAX PAGE .. .. 4
*RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 5
PETER BARNES .. .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 75th peal of Minor. William J. Button has 'circled' the tower.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.	
REGINALD T. NEWMAN .. Treble	WALTER POOLEY .. 4
SIDNEY F. CARTER .. .. 2	JOHN WELCH .. .. 5
JOHN CHURCH .. .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung for the feast of the Purification.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Feb. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. 4
STANLEY ELSEY .. .. 2	*GEORGE RICH .. 5
ERNEST MASTIN .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.



WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford Bob, College and St. Clement's  
and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JEAN HAYNES .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 4
*JOAN SMITH .. .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3	ARNOLD HILL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal 'inside' in four methods. First peal in four plain  
methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble  
Bob, and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 17 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN .. .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 4
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. .. 2	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal as conductor. Average age of the band 18 years.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Durham and York, two 720's of London and three  
720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 4
ELIZABETH MORTON .. .. 2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. .. 5
DAVID SMITH .. .. 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

First peal in four Surprise methods by all. A birthday compliment  
to the ringer of the 5th.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble  
Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and two 720's of Cambridge  
Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

G. SAUNDERS .. .. Treble	G. SCHLUETER .. .. 4
G. LITTLE .. .. 2	W. SMITH .. .. 5
F. HARRINGTON .. .. 3	J. JENNINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. JENNINGS.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MRS. ANN STRATLING .. Treble	*MAURICE J. DODD .. .. 4
*PHILLIP E. DODD .. .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 5
*MICHAEL J. GOSS .. .. 3	*JOHN F. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the  
conductor before going abroad on national service.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Single Court,  
Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 5
*DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in four methods.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

DONALD PITMAN .. .. Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON .. .. 4
*ROBERT PERRY .. .. 2	JAMES SMITH .. .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

\* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Cyril Deem.

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WALPOLE, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MASTIN .. .. Treble	ROLAND REED .. .. 4
STANLEY ELSEY .. .. 2	JOHN E. FOX .. .. 5
*WALTER J. HAMMOND .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

\* First peal in four methods.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Eastern Branch.)

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's (two callings to each method) and three extents of Plain Bob (three callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG .. .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 4
*LESLIE TAYLOR .. .. 2	*THOMAS CUMMINS .. .. 5
†JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. .. 3	EDWIN FISHER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN FISHER.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.' † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK BRAY .. .. Treble	JACK L. FREEMAN .. .. 4
*G. EDWARD BRUMPTON .. 2	HARRY HALL .. .. 5
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon H. D. and Mrs. Henderson, who have returned to the parish after 21 years in other parts of the diocese.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BEUNO,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES .. .. 5
JOHN B. SANSOM .. .. 3	LEONARD COLLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. SANSOM.

\* First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringer of the treble. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CHIPPING SODBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR HILLIER .. .. Treble	CHARLES WATTS .. .. 4
MARY DREW .. .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5
CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 3	*EDWARD TOWNSEND .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. Treble	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4
PHILIP SADLER .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
WILLIAM PERRY .. .. 3	RODERICK W. CROUCHER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Chelmsford, enthroned in Chelmsford Cathedral this day, and a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Arranged for William Rogers, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.

*HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7-8

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* 225th peal together.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.  
\*JOYCE GIBBONS .. .. 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.  
\* First peal of Bob Minor.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR**

In ten methods, comprising: 1,552 Plain, 760 Little Bob, 400 each of Double, Reverse and Fulbeck, 384 Crayford College, 368 St. Clement's, 276 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, and 184 Crayford Little Bob, with 335 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN... Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE .. .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10

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

### LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

#### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS, LONDON STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 18 in G.  
JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 1-2 | FRED E. DUKES .. .. 3-4

JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.  
Rung in honour of the birthday of the ringer of 5-6.

### SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 14 in D.

A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) .. 1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 5-6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) .. 3-4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

### OXFORD.

#### THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,  
AT JESUS COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.  
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 1-2 | \*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3-4

\*MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5-6

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\* First peal.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coulson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, E. A. Jurd 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Smerdon 1, M. F. Layton (first in method) 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pittow 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, A. J. Adams (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung for the birth of a second daughter to the conductor.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Blaise, 300 Grandsire, 360 April Day and 240 Plain Bob): H. A. Sanderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, D. Wheat 3, Miss D. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5.

**BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Foot (first quarter) 1, C. Robson 2, H. Parker (cond.) 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. Bower 6. First quarter in two methods by all. Rung to commemorate Fisherman's Sunday.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—At St. James, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, E. Thurlow 2, W. Prockson 3, F. Barker 4, W. N. Genna 5, A. W. Coles 6, J. Euston 7, Dr. W. R. Winterton 8.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, W. Jackson 3, G. Jackson 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. J. Dawe 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Canon H. G. O. Herklots.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. Mackrill 2, R. Sanders 3, R. Charge 4, J. Chilcott 5, H. Page 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, M. Chilcott 8.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rowson 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, C. Callaway 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Rung for the 79th birthday of John Rowson, father of the treble ringer.

**HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (being 840 of Grandsire Doubles and 480 of Bob Doubles): W. Peat 1, J. Chamberlain 2, Mrs. J. Chamberlain 3, C. Stonebridge 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. Barton, one of the local ringers, interred that day.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cox 1, A. E. Cox 2, I. S. Biggs 3, J. D. Kape 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 6, R. Blaby 7, V. Evans 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, R. F. Baker 2, H. S. Peacock 3, Miss C. Dunnington 4, R. H. Brooker 5, A. Clements 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Gilbert (first Treble Bob Major as cond.) 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, R. Joyce Pett 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, F. D. Bishop 5, S. Croft 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Martin 1, Jean Curtis 2, Joan Yearsley 3, S. Evans 4, B. Threlfall 5, J. R. Worral 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, P. G. Foote 8. First quarter in method 2, 3 and as conductor.—On Feb. 4th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. H. Taffender 1, W. A. Theobald 2, C. W. Otley 3, C. M. Meyer 4, R. Begrie 5, C. H. Wood 6, J. Bullock 7, H. G. Andrews (cond.) 8.

**LLANBRADACH, GLAM.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. James 1, H. Cassell 2, H. Selwood 3, J. Coppage 4, F. Bailey (cond.) 5, G. Morse 6, W. Dare 7, A. Wormald (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Amos, chorister and church worker, interred earlier in the day.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Charge 1, H. Allen (first quarter in the method) 2, Miss J. Freer 3, J. Chapman 4, S. Howard (first quarter in method on an 'inside' bell as cond.) 5, R. Sanders 6. Rung in memory of Mr. C. H. Reading, who died on Feb. 13th, 1941, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hyde, who was 86 on Feb. 6th, 1951.

**PAULTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Single Court: G. Chivers (first quarter of Minor) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, G. Clare 3, T. W. Kimber 4, F. Savage (cond.) 5, V. Savage 6. Rung in memoriam of Thomas M. Griffen, of Radstock, who passed away Feb. 12th.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. Woodgate 1, B. Howard 2, D. Coombes 3, B. Sadler 4, W. Perry 5, A. B. Wiffin 6, P. Sadler 7, P. King 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. R. Chambers 10. Rung before Ash Wednesday evening service.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lewis 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, W. J. Gethin 3, T. Gwilt 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, B. Tisor 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**RUMNEY, MON.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. M. Reid 1, R. C. Lucas 2, F. G. Smith (first quarter) 3, L. Hulbert 4, W. R. Speake (cond.) 5, S. Shackell 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. B. Baldwin, captain of this tower for 25 years, who was interred in the churchyard on this day.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—At All Saints' Church on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Proctor 1, W. Holland 2, C. A. Brown 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, P. E. Sampson 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to P. E. Sampson on joining the R.A.F.—Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Proctor 1, W. Holland 2, C. A. Brown 3, L. E. Smith 4, J. S. Woodhouse 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. W. Parker, sometime warden and for many years an active member of this church, who died Feb. 7th.

**SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lowe 1, E. Smith 2, J. Sutton 3, J. Lewis 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Smith) to celebrate his 50th anniversary of priesthood.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on Feb. 13th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, B. A. Cornell 3, Miss B. Copson 4, Miss O. Martin 5, R. G. Darvill 6, A. W. Coles 7, B. C. Johnson 8, R. F. Ewer 9, A. H. Hatten 10, W. J. Arnold 11, H. A. Hofton 12. First quarter peal on 12 bells by 4, 6 and 12.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, W. Noble 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, L. W. Fisher 6, S. Clements covering tenor. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Dunnington.—Also on Feb. 18th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. L. Perkins 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, A. Clements 6, W. Ransom 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, B. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, Doris Shepperd 4, F. Ponting 5, T. Wills (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick (12) (first quarter) 1, S. R. Elwick 2, A. Hunter 3, W. A. Breckon 4, J. Waller 5, G. White 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, A. V. Coates 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Pratt (first quarter) 1, R. G. Smith (first 'inside') 2, W. G. Paul 3, F. H. Crook 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. G. Bell (cond.) 6, G. W. Seaman 7, R. B. King 8.

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In connection with the  
Central Council's visit to  
Chester at Whitsuntide, Mr.  
R. G. Edwards, of 70, Mount Road, Higher  
Tranmere, Birkenhead, has undertaken to be  
responsible for making arrangements for peal  
attempts. All those who wish to take part in  
peal attempts should communicate direct with  
him stating dates and methods preferred.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Paul's,  
Bedford, on February 6th, contained 5,008  
changes and no 5,088 as published.

Mr. Richard Dale, of Horsham and Feering,  
died on February 17th. He rang his first peal  
at Horsham—Oxford Bob Triples—on January  
31st, 1885. He was over 90 years of age.

Mr. Samuel Pinder, of Old Basford, Notting-  
ham, is to be congratulated on his performance  
during the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major  
rang at Thurcaston, Leics, on the eve of his  
70th birthday. The peal was rung without any  
of the 'first-timers' having had previous prac-  
tice in the method.

Mr. B. H. Swinson, of North Tarrytown, New  
York, informs us that the old bob five part and  
irregular two part peals of Stedman Triples  
published in 'The Ringing World' on January  
31st, 1941, are false. The basic round blocks  
from which all three peals were obtained are  
true and the falseness arises through the mis-  
application of the 'shunting singles.'

Considerable publicity has been given to the  
comments of the Rev. M. W. Bulstrode at the  
annual meeting of St. Michael's Church, Fram-  
lingham. He is quoted as saying: 'Our efforts  
to get a band of bellringers is a struggle. There  
is plenty of enthusiasm among visiting ringers,  
but if we have got to a stage when bells cannot  
be used to call people to church on Sundays,  
then it appears wrong to use them for the en-  
tertainment of bellringing enthusiasts on week-  
days.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Another success was  
achieved by Mr. G. E.  
Feirn and his band by a  
peal of 46 Spliced Major methods 'in hand' in-  
volving 341 changes of method. This was a  
landmark in the ringing careers of Mr. Feirn  
and Mr. Jack Bray, being their 200th peal to-  
gether. By a coincidence it was the 50th peal  
together by Mr. Philip Barnes and Mr. Feirn.  
Their next objective is a peal in 50 methods.

Mr. George W. Ternbury, a valued member  
of the Cumberland and North Westmorland  
Association, died on January 12th.

Which is the largest town in Britain that  
possesses no ring of bells or a chime? An  
Aldershot reader who addresses this query to  
'The Ringing World' suggests Bognor Regis.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Charles  
H. Sone, of Linton, Kent. An appreciation of  
his services to ringing will appear in our next  
issue.

The handbell peal of three Minor methods  
for the Midland Counties Guild at Leicester,  
and published on page 102, was rung on  
January 20th and not January 13th as submitted  
to us.

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, ringing  
chamber has been redecorated by Mr. H.  
Hutton, who has been a member of the com-  
pany for more than 50 years, as a thank-offering  
for his recovery from a serious illness some  
two years ago. The gift is deeply appreciated  
by the ringers.

Mr. R. C. H. Connolly, of Watford, con-  
tributes a general interest article on Bell Ringing  
to the Eastern Electricity Board magazine. He  
gives this advice to visiting ringers: 'Don't  
compare other people's bells or style of ringing  
in any way that can cause offence. It is the  
best they have to offer you and in any case you  
have probably gone into their tower uninvited.'  
Mr. Connolly apparently is not a 'Belfryman.'

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For the guidance of representatives attending the Central Council meeting at Chester next Whitsun, we append a list of the leading hotels:—

### Licensed Hotels and Inns

Grosvenor Hotel, Eastgate Street.  
Blossoms Hotel, Foregate Street.  
Queen's Hotel, City Road (Trust House).  
Ye Olde King's Head Hotel, Lower Bridge Street.  
The Peacock Hotel, Christleton Road.  
Grosvenor Arms, Aldford, near Chester.  
Grosvenor Arms Hotel, Pulford, near Chester.  
Albion Hotel, City Road.  
Swan Hotel, Foregate Street.  
Pied Bull Hotel, Northgate Street.  
Old Nag's Head Hotel, Foregate Street.  
The Grotto Hotel, Bridge Street.  
Coach and Horses Hotel, Town Hall Square.

### Unlicensed and Private Temperance Hotels

Belgrave Hotel, 118, Foregate Street.  
Stafford Hotel, City Road.  
Westminster Hotel, City Road.  
Windsor Hotel, City Road.  
Edgar House Hotel, City Walls.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

### South Norfolk Branch

Sixty-one ringers and friends from 30 different parishes in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex attended the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Diss on February 10th.

Various touches were rung until 4.30 when the service was conducted by Canon Appleton, Rector of Diss, assisted by the Rev. E. Taylor (curate), the Rev. F. E. Vokes (Forncett), and the address given by the Rev. A. Gilbert G. Thurlow, Precentor of Norwich Cathedral.

Tea, in the Corn Hall, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. W. L. Duffield presided, supported by Canon Appleton (vice-president), Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Rev. F. E. Vokes, Rev. E. Taylor, Mr. E. Whitling (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary) and Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, W. G. Saunders, F. C. Roper, A. Lock and F. C. W. Phillippo (members of the committee).

The officers of the branch were all re-elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Pulham St. Mary on May 5th. Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason, of East Harling, was elected a ringing member and Mr. Frank Stenson of Crewe, a non-resident life member.

The meeting deeply regretted the absence of the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (an influenza victim), and best wishes for a speedy recovery were passed at the meeting.

Mr. Golden proposed the votes of thanks to all who had assisted the branch during 1950, and to the Rector of Diss and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful. The members then retired for more ringing during the evening.

### RECORD PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—As umpire for the previously-held record of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1948, I should like to congratulate Mr. W. F. Judge and his band on surpassing this. It is a very fine performance in a rapidly developing sphere of ringing.

I also feel that it must bring a great deal of pleasure to Mr. A. J. Pitman to see quite a number of his difficult compositions being rung now.

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

## METHODS COMMITTEE

### Advice Wanted on Doubles Methods

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee would be grateful for the help and advice of 5 and 6 bell ringers on the following points concerning the ringing of Doubles Methods:—

(a) What methods are rung having more than two consecutive blows in one place, other than in 5ths at the trebles' lead? (Please give essential figures as there is confusion over names.)

(b) Do they think it necessary or desirable so to depart from the normally accepted standards?

Whilst writing, it seems to be a good opportunity to issue a word of warning to those contemplating peals in new Surprise Royal methods. The Methods Committee considers that many of the extensions from the Major in Mr. Corrigan's book are unacceptable and suggests that its advice be sought before a band contemplates the ringing of any not yet rung.

Thirdly, in answer to Mr. Segar, the members of the Committee are unanimous in the opinion that a 'Bob' is not a part of the method (this was actually stated at the last meeting of the Central Council). Thus if Mr. Segar has a composition of Reverse Grandshire with a thirds place bob it is perfectly legitimate as far as we are concerned.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage,  
Southampton.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Andover District

A very successful meeting was held at Andover on February 17th the occasion being the annual meeting of the District. Over 50 members and visitors attended from Abbot's Ann, Aldershot, Andover, Amport, Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Buckland Newton (Dorset), Farnham, Emsom, Ewell, Goodworth Clatford, Highclere, Thatcham (Berks), Templecombe (Somerset), Sturminster Newton (Dorset), Woolton Hill, Over Wallop, Wonston, Winchester.

Ringings on St. Mary's (8 tenor 17 cwt.) ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise (not forgetting Little Bob for its exponent from Farnham) and everyone expressed their delight with the fine job done by Messrs. Taylor three years ago.

Tea at the Stuart Cafe was presided over by the Vicar of Andover (the Rev. A. Fletcher, M.A.) and attended by the Mayor of Andover (Councillor S. E. Vincent) and several visiting clergy.

Due to the unexpectedly large attendance it was necessary to hold the business meeting in the nave of St. Mary's. In the absence of the district chairman, Mr. G. Pullinger (Guild Ringing Master) took the chair. The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1950 were accepted; all the officers were re-elected.

Miss D. M. Walden and Mr. N. B. Davis, of Piddlehinton, Dorset, were elected compounding members. Some discussion took place on the subject of practices for higher methods and it was decided to arrange a series of District practices at Andover on the first Saturday in each month for that purpose. Ringing then continued until 9 p.m.

### THREE GENERATIONS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. John G. Jefferies' peal with three generations: on April 15th, 1934, a peal of 5,168 Bob Major, in 2 hours and 59 minutes, was rung at St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. Those taking part were:—F. C. Clarke, grandfather, his son Charles and grandson Charles M., F. J. Tillett, grandfather, his son John F. and granddaughter Phyllis E., G. E. Symonds, father, and his son Harold E. Only three families participating, conducted by G. E. Symonds.—Yours truly,

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

## BELLS AS TIME SIGNALS

Dear Sir,—I am interested in Mr. R. Buchanan's letter on the above subject, since some years ago, when in charge of the bells at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, I was approached by the West Regional Director of Religious Broadcasting with a proposal to make a record of Redcliffe bells ringing Stedman Cinques. I was informed that, if suitable, it was proposed to introduce the record as an interval signal between certain West Regional programmes. The record was duly made, though we had to make a number of recordings, our first efforts being marred by a high wind which gave a marked fading effect to the bells. The B.B.C., however, were at great pains to obtain the best position for the 'mike' and were very co-operative to our suggestions. Ultimately we produced several good recordings of 120 changes of Stedman Cinques which finished by bobbing 8-10 behind, the conducting being shared by E. J. Brown, E. F. Hancock and myself.

Subsequently a portion of this recording was used in programmes dealing with bells and bellringing in the West Country which was introduced by Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Tiverton. During odd periods since, I have heard this record used as an interval signal on the B.B.C. West Regional Station; the occasions have, however, been somewhat rare.

I certainly favour Mr. Buchanan's suggestion that each region should have its own Bell Interval Signal but I cannot agree that St. Mary's, Southampton, would be either appropriate or suitable. There are many more majestic rings of bells, such as Eaton (Wilts), Buckfast, Bristol, Wrington, Ditchat, Chewton Mendip and Queen Camel, to name but a few, which are more suitable than St. Mary's, Southampton, where the acoustics of the town accentuates the Simpson Tuning and, in my humble opinion, produces too much hum for good broadcasting, and certainly for a recording of the type required for an interval signal.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT, A.M.I.E.

St. Albans, Herts.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Many thanks for publishing my letter re above; now that the storm is subsiding, I would like to wind it up.

I must apologise to our friends of Portishead for 'losing' two of their bells. It sounded like six; I must get my radio attended to. I don't know the origin of the word 'stone', beyond it implies a call-change ringer, and I don't think the average ringer implies anything else (except the snobs, if they exist). In fact I recall being at Bideford, North Devon, in 1911, and I have yet to hear better striking and this was, of course, preceded by a perfect 'rise and fall'.

I am of the opinion that friendly rivalry can do much to improve our local standards and would like to see a National Festival on 'knock-out' lines as is common in many of our national pastimes.

I am reluctant to reply to the many comments raised, particularly as our clerical friend fears bad feeling is creeping in (I would assure him otherwise). The general opinion is, however, that we have got to 'pull up our socks' locally and I would agree with a gentleman from Kent that the correct procedure is through associations.

I should, therefore, like to conclude with an appeal to District Secretaries and Executive Committee Representatives to make use of our democratic structure and endeavour to get their representatives on the Central Council to raise the question of recruiting and general extension of our work organised on a national basis.

Many thanks to all correspondents for their interest and backing and I hope we can benefit jointly from 'airing' our views.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL.

Andover, Hants.



# ANOTHER CHAPTER OF LAST CENTURY VETERANS

## Memories Revived

This week we publish the third instalment of those ringers who rang their first peals in the last century. The list recalls great names:

## RANG 128 PEALS IN LAST CENTURY

Probably the surviving veteran holding the record for the most peals in the last century is Mr. James Parker, father of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of Caister-on-Sea. He rang 128 peals up to the end of the century and these included Superlative, London, Cambridge and New Cambridge Surprise Major and Alliance. He conducted the record length of 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major at Crawley in 1894, where he lived for six years before moving to London. His first peal was at Warnham, Sussex, Kent Treble Bob Major, on October 19th, 1890. He is now nearly 85.

Mr. Henry Wood, of Warnham and Horsham, rang his first peal of Triples, Oxford Bob at Crawley, on December 26th 1882, having previously rung a peal of Minor at Warnham. He gave up ringing years ago and though nearly 90 walked 1½ miles to hear Horsham bells recently.

A peal board in Chester Cathedral records a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bromborough, Cheshire, by the Cathedral ringers on September 6th, 1884. A member of the band was Mr. John Gibson, who now resides at Whitchurch, Shropshire, and is 96 years of age. There is no indication, states a Chester correspondent, that this was Mr. Gibson's first peal.

## 'THE FINEST TREBLER'

Mr. Harry Hollingsworth, captain of the local band at Melbourne, Derby, and says our correspondent, 'the finest trebler up and down' in this district, rang his first peal at St. Michael's, Melbourne, Derbyshire, on September 24th, 1887.

Mr. William T. Prior, of Bishop's Stortford, who is in his 80th year and still a regular service ringer, has rung 165 peals. His first was Bob Major at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on December 31st, 1888.

## SUFFOLK VETERANS

Mr. George Wightman, of Cretingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, rang his first peal at Euston, Suffolk, on June 14th, 1886. It was a peal of Doubles in seven methods.

Mr. William Wightman rang his first peal at St. Mary's Framden, Suffolk, on November 23rd, 1896—a peal of Bob Triples.

Mr. John C. Pugsley, of Minehead, Somerset, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Michael's, Minehead, on April 27th, 1891.

Mr. William T. Elson, of 56, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6, now in his 84th year, rang his first peal, 5,472 Bob Major, on September 1st, 1892. He rang a number of his early peals with Mr. E. H. Adams and also with Messrs. W. H. H. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell. In the last century he rang 28 peals.

Mr. G. Martin, of Maidenhead, conducted his first peal. This was on October 7th, 1895, at Boyne Hill, the method being Grandsire Triples. He sends us particulars of two other veterans:—Mr. W. Walker, Grandsire Triples, at Boyne Hill, on October 31st, 1896, and Mr. Jesse Eldridge, Stedman Triples, on April 11th, 1898, at Burnham, Bucks.

Mr. G. M. Rashbrook's first peal was 5,056 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at St. Mary's, Ardleigh, Essex, on April 22nd, 1893.

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, of Strand, W.C.2, rang his first peal at All Saints' Church, Marlow, Bucks, on April 30th, 1898—Grandsire Triples (Carter's 12 part).

## WITH GABRIEL LINDOFF

Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Barking, rang two peals of Bob Triples—in November, 1886, and January 10th, 1887. The second, 6,024 Oxford Treble Bob, was conducted by the late Gabriel Lindoff. This was the first time the latter rang

as G. Lindoff, his first three peals being rung as G. Baxter. Mr. Stannard rang 17 peals before 1900.

Mr. G. W. Park, who is still a regular ringer at Holy Trinity, Darlington, rang his first peal on December 14th, 1895, at St. John the Evangelist, Darlington. The method was Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. David Wright, then of Westerham, but later of Croydon and Southgate, now in his 91st year, rang the treble to Holt's Original at Tonbridge on September 23rd, 1893, Tom Manering conducting.

## 76 PEALS BEFORE 1900

Mr. H. Gibbs, of Brede, Sussex, who rang his first peal when 17 years of age—Stedman Triples at Crayford, Kent, on August 17th, 1889—is the last survivor of that band which was as follows:—Challis V. Winney 1, George Conyard 2, Edward E. Richards 3, Richard French 4, William Weatherstone 5, Edwin Barnett 6, Frederick G. Newton (cond.) 7, Henry Gibbs 8. Previous to 1900 he had rung 76 peals. Mr. Gibbs still rings at Brede.

Mr. T. Elcox, of Areley Kings, Worcestershire, who is now 86 and still able to ring, rang his first peal at Stone, near Kidderminster, on July 30th 1892. It was a peal of Doubles in four different methods.

Mr. H. Tucker, of Reading, Berks, rang his first peal at Tilehurst Parish Church, Reading, on February 24th, 1894, the method being Bob Major.

Mr. H. Knight's (Wolverhampton) first peal was Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on December 1st, 1894. The only survivor of that peal and, incidentally, the composer, is Mr. James George. He took part in 62 peals during the last century including 7,019 and 11,563 Grandsire Caters.

## SOME OF THE ANCIENTS

Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, submits to us the list of the following.—The brothers Francis T. Hoad (1893), George F. Hoad (1895); Roland Fenn (1895), Caleb Fenn (1896), Ernest G. Fenn (1898); William S. Langdon (1895), Herbert Lanodon (1899); and also William H. Pasmore (1896) and George Faulkner (1898).

Mr. Rowland Fenn, of St. Margaret's, Barking, rang his first peal on November 26th, 1895, at Barking, the method being Grandsire Triples. Mr. Albert C. Hardy, who rang in the peal, still survives.

Mr. Caleb Fenn, of Barking, rang his first peal 'in hand,' on July 4th, 1896. It was Plain Bob Major, the band being Rowland Fenn 1-2, Albert C. Hardy 3-4, Thomas Faulkner 5-6, Caleb Fenn 7-8. Three of the four are still with us. His first peal on tower bells was 5,152 Plain Bob Major at Brentwood, Essex.

## WITH J. E. GROVE

Mr. William R. Stockdale, who rings at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, rang the second to J. E. Groves' variation of Parker's Grandsire Triples, at Church Stretton, Salop, on September 24th, 1895. The peal was conducted by J. E. Grove. This was his second peal, his first being of several Doubles methods, at Bicton, Salop, the record of which he has lost.

Mr. Isaac J. Attwater, of Enfield, Middlesex, was the composer and conductor of his first peal, Grandsire Triples, rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, on March 21st, 1896.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, rang seven peals in the last century and he is the only survivor of the ringers who participated. His first was Grandsire Triples, on January 9th, 1897.

Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood, of Hersham, Surrey, rang his first peal at Lavenham, Suffolk, on August 29th, 1896, the method being Bob Major.

## PORTSMOUTH AREA

Two veterans of the Portsmouth District—Mr. H. Reynolds (Alverstoke) and Mr. F. A. Burnett (Portsmouth Cathedral)—rang their first peals together—Stedman Triples, at Holy Trinity, Gosport, on January 12th, 1897.

Mr. Josiah D. Harris, of Portsmouth, who has over 50 peals to his credit and at the age of 78 is still willing to stand in any attempt, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on August 5th, 1896, at St. Mary's, Portsea. He rang two other peals that year.

Mr. H. Barlow's (New Moston, Middlesex) first peal was rung in honour of his 21st birthday. It was Grandsire Triples, on October 29th, 1898.

Mr. F. J. Lewis, sen., of Cirencester, Glos, rang his first peal on June 30th, 1898, Grandsire Caters at Cirencester, conducted by John Austin.

## LEICESTER'S GRAND OLD MAN

Mr. Josiah Morris, the grand old man of Leicester ringers, and the father of Ernest and George Stedman Morris, rang his first peal, Grandsire Caters, at All Saints', Loughborough, on December 28th, 1896. He has rung about 400 peals of which 16 were before 1900. Mr. T. Taffender, of London, and Mr. Morris are the only survivors of the long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at South Wigston in 1904. Mr. Morris will be 84 on July 1st.

Mr. William Walters, of Monmouth, rang in the only local band peal of his native town on July 1st, 1886. The method was Grandsire Triples and was conducted by the late Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, who came to Monmouth from Ross in 1882 and afterwards went to Crayford. Mr. Walters did not keep up ringing but remained a chorister at the church until recently.

Mr. William Rose, of Peterborough, rang his first peal when 14 years of age. It was the treble to a peal of Doubles in April, 1899. In the following November he rang the third to a peal of Doubles in 12 methods on the old five at Thornham Magna, Suffolk.

## IN WHICH CENTURY?

Dear Sir,—When I lost my first peal attempt in the summer of 1899, I was not unduly disappointed until I read the leading article in the 'Bell News' of December 16th following. It began—The 19th century is almost at its close and we are therefore upon the threshold of the 20th—I then knew that I had lost for ever all chances of ringing a peal in the 19th century and began to feel a little resentment towards that conductor who thought he could call 'Holt's Original.'

Over half a century has rolled by since those happy days. I rang my first peal on June 30th, 1900, but I have always had a little regret that I could not squeeze it in the 19th. At least I have until I saw last week's 'Ringing World,' and there I saw recalled, under the heading 'Veterans who rang in the last century,' a peal in which I also took part, and was, in fact, my second peal, so it seems I rang my first in the 20th and my second in the 19th. I think that is a record that will take a bit of beating. I remember we nearly had a civil war about when the new century began '1899—1901 and all that.' Not for worlds would I try to stir up all that ancient argument again. But as I rang five peals in 1900, I would love for one of our brain-twisters to tell me which century they were rung in.

My first peal was rung at Banstead, Surrey, on June 30th, 1900, and conducted by the late Charles R. Lilley.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM.

Bampton, Devon.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

## An Anniversary to be Remembered

Dear Sir,—July 7th, which this year conveniently falls on a Saturday, will be the 200th anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original which, as probably most ringers know, was conducted from manuscript by its composer, who sat in the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Much has been written about this composition which had no imitator for well over a century and it was said at one time to be the ambition of nearly every conductor to call it. Times have evidently changed. For instance, whereas in 1890, out of 247 peals of Grandsire Triples, the Original was called 73 times by 43 different conductors, by 1950, when probably there were about 200 peals of Grandsire Triples, the numbers had dwindled to nine performances by six conductors.

The main object of this letter is to suggest that it would be very fitting if the forthcoming anniversary were to be commemorated by as many performances of the composition as possible. There are three months during which conductors can make themselves familiar with it and while perhaps the result may not look as impressive on paper as peals in this or that Surprise method, there is little doubt as to which is the more difficult (and more interesting) task for the bob-caller.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## A SPLENDID INITIATION

Dear Sir,—This year's winners of the London County Association's Challenge Cup for hand-bell ringing are a team of young ringers from St. Lawrence's, Brentford, three of whom are still at school. Last December, having just reached the stage of Grandsire Doubles on tower bells, a group was formed to learn Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' Two of the beginners had already rung one or two courses on the trebles so these were given the diagrams of 1-2 and 3-4 to learn. One or two ringers were tried on 7-8 during the first three practices in the Christmas holiday.

Then, on January 7th, Colin, brother of Gillian Lamont, was asked if he would like to try. After having the diagram explained and being shown how to hold and strike the bells, a slow but successful course was rung. At the same time, he began to handle a tower bell and is now a regular service ringer.

After only five more weekly practices, a fair standard was achieved and it was decided to try for the competition on the following Saturday, if only to make another entry. Little was hoped for when it was discovered that three other teams, all from ten-bell towers, were also competing.

To find themselves placed first at their first attempt was certainly beyond their wildest hopes. This has come as a great reward for the patience and hard work of many months by the very small but keen young team of ringers at Brentford.

The ringers were:—Miss Gillian R. Cumber (16) 1-2, Miss Gillian R. Lamont (16) 3-4, Geoffrey Dodds 5-6, Colin R. Lamont (14) 7-8.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

## ALL SAINTS', WORCESTER, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Are any of your readers in a position to supply any information regarding the bells of All Saints', Worcester, which for some weeks now have appeared in the 'Church Times' advertisement columns, as being for sale, for £550, with the condition attached that they are not to be melted down, except one which is cracked?—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

6. Church Street,  
Broseley, Salop.

## A DEVONSHIRE CALL-CHANGE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. George C. Grills' letter about the contribution of call changes as I am a call-change ringer myself. I attend many of the ringing competitions held in the North Devon District and I find it very interesting to listen to what some of the call-change ringers have to say about method ringing.

Personally, I am very interested in method ringing and would very much like to learn but the nearest tower where there is a team of change-ringers is nearly ten miles away. If ever I get the chance to learn method ringing I shall certainly make the most of it.

Where I live, the bells are in very bad order and are not rung very often so I go to Pilton where there is a very good ring of eight and I always receive a very warm welcome.

I have also heard a few change-ringing teams there, and it is my opinion that both types of the Exercise are criticised far too much. I have heard and seen some very cutting things from both sides but there is always room for improvement no matter which method is practised.—Yours, etc.,

C. TRIBE.

Bratton Fleming.

## A CALL-CHANGER REPLIES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Peter W. B. Semmons, would do well to pay a visit to Devonshire during one of our ringing festivals. I feel certain he will be impressed by the striking he will hear.

May I remind him that we take a great pride in the fact that every ringer has complete control over his bell from the start and we rise and fall (regardless of weight) as a team, not singly as is so often the custom with the method ringers.

I have been a call-change ringer for nearly 20 years and until I hear better striking and less 'mud-slinging' on the part of some of the change-ringers, I shall prefer to stay and practise the art as we know it.

To Mr. Semmons I would say it is no 'misfortune' to belong to a county or a team that will not tolerate 'shoddy striking' at any price; indeed it is an honour.

We welcome any ringer, no matter what category, to our tower and invite him to 'have a go' with us. Surely it is much better to offer the hand of friendship than stand aloof. After all, are we not brothers in this great calling and stand on equal terms in God's belfry?—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE E. EDWORTHY.

Widcombe-in-the-Moor, Devon.

## MR. FUSSELL'S DIARY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Simmonds' letter correcting the spelling of Mr. Egby's name prompts me to write and make a similar correction, Arthur H. Gardom, not Gardam.

Arthur Gardom was a son of a well-to-do family at Wanstead, Essex. He was a fine ringer and conductor and when we lived at Leytonstone was a frequent visitor to our house to ring 5-6 to my father's 1-2-3-4.

He had a good position in a bank in London but, I have been told, lost it through neglect for ringing after which he emigrated to South Africa when nothing further was heard of him in ringing circles.

Two other Wanstead ringers also emigrated there much about the same time—Lewis Green and James F. Priest—and these took part in the first and, I believe, only peal in South Africa—Grandsire Triples, at Woodstock, in 1904.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## LIBERTY (AND PLENTY OF IT) WITHOUT LICENCE

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your effective 'Leader' on February 9th in reply to the criticism of the Rev. P. T. Robbins which fully represents by far the majority opinion of the Exercise.

It was a very wide, sweeping statement evidently made without knowledge of the inside working of the Exercise.

I have attended a good many monthly and annual meetings of branches and guilds and associations and have occasionally heard and seen a few (though very few) things of which I did not approve. I have severely criticised—and have been more severely criticised—but I did not intend it in any acrimonious or trouble-making spirit, neither felt any. The Central Council—that Church Assembly for Ringers—for which that great-hearted Derbyshire ringer, Sir Percival Heywood, was mainly responsible, has to 'take it' sometimes. No, 'fraternity'—in its fullest sense and meaning—is not too strong a word or out of place; it is one of the strongest and best and is not by any means a closed shop.

Ringers might say that some of the clergy—although we must not be too sweeping—are primarily responsible for 'these unhappy divisions,' and when asked about some of the causes say the Church is so comprehensive; so is 'The Ringing World,' and the Editor wisely and widely tolerant. Though severe in our criticism of each other, ringers are cognizant of and jealous of the integrity of the Editor and the tone of 'The Ringing World,' which allows liberty without licence to ringers to express their views; it stimulates discussion which should not create discord. I would like to suggest your 'Leader' be read in conjunction with the article in 'The Radio Times' recently, 'Asking any Questions,' and relates to the Question Master, Gilbert Harding, 'never afraid to express his mind'; he says we might take some of our correspondence as entertainment. I do.—Yours sincerely,

Crewe.

H. FRANK STENSON.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL SOCIETY :  
INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—The 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral falls on June 8th, 1951. As we have no records prior to October, 1929, when the present society was formed under the direction of the late Stephen H. Wood, Ashton, we would be grateful for any items of interest about ringing or ringers (including peal attempts) prior to that date. We do know that the first band was formed by Mr. Cleveland Ellis, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and another band formed later by Mr. J. E. Sykes (Uncle Joe) and Mr. Tom O'Hara, all of whom are now deceased.

Any information as above will be carefully recorded.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

Hon. Secretary.

17, Tabard Road,  
Glasgow, 3.

## TRIPLES IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—Your copy of December 22nd, 1950, has just come to hand and in it is a letter from Mr. A. Richardson, of Surfleet, in regard to a footnote in 'The Ringing World' stating that Miss Ruth Donnelly was the first lady to ring a peal of Triples in Australia.

Our apologies to Mrs. Richardson; this footnote should have read 'the first Australian lady.' It is well known that Mrs. Richardson rang the peals she states as the achievement is recorded by a tablet in the tower at the Ballarat Town Hall; not only that, 'The Great Adventure' gives full particulars.

Trusting that Mrs. Richardson will forgive our oversight.—Yours faithfully,

W. M. ROWE,

Capt., St. Jude's, Randwick.



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. JOHN DYSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Dyson, of Bolsterstone, Yorkshire, aged 75 years. This veteran was the last of the original band which learnt to ring at Bolsterstone, under the late David Brearley.

When he rang in the first peal on the bells by a local company, he was 17 years old. That was in 1894, two years after the bells were hung and although rheumatism had prevented him ringing these last few years, he rang when the ban was removed during the war.

He had some 23 peals to his credit, all on the treble, and was always an excellent striker and could be depended on to keep right under almost any circumstance. A gamekeeper in his younger days, he often came into the belfry straight from his job, put his gun in the corner and his dog under the seat, to ring for practice. He was interred at Bolsterstone on February 9th.

### MR. A. HAWKINS

Usk and district has lost one of its keenest ringers, after a long illness, by the recent death of Mr. Arthur Hawkins, at the age of 73.

Mr. Hawkins learned his early ringing at Cwmcarvan. When the old six at Usk were recast and augmented to eight in 1926, he joined the band there and subsequently became captain.

In January, 1930, he conducted the first peal to be rung by the local band, Holt's Ten Part peal of Grandsire Triples, a peal of which he was very proud. He loved good ringing and would travel any distance for a peal. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles rung at Tredunnock on January 21st, 1928, in which he shared the conducting with the writer. It was the first peal by all the band, and of his 59 peals I had the pleasure of taking part in 37.

His list of peals is as follows:—Grandsire Doubles 1; Doubles, two methods 1; Plain Bob Minor 4; Grandsire Triples 33 (1); Oxford Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 2; Plain Bob Major 14; Grandsire Caters 3; total 59 (conducted 1).  
D. G. C.

### MR. DANIEL KENNEDY

The Irish Association suffered the loss of its 'Grand Old Man of Dublin's Bellringers' in February 5th, through the death of Mr. Daniel Kennedy at the ripe old age of 84.

Dan, as he was affectionately known, was attached to the belfry of the Augustinian Church of St. John-the-Baptist, High Street, Dublin, for over 70 years. He ascended the belfry by the circular iron staircase, which rises over the organ at the back of the church, daily throughout his long life, and d'd so up to a few days before his death, to ring his beloved bells. He was a great friend of the late Gabriel Lindoff, who also worked in the firm of Messrs. Guinness and Sons.

He became a member of the Association in 1902 and was elected president in 1925 and 1926. When the Association was reorganised in 1948, he was unanimously elected the first chairman of the Eastern District, but owing to failing health he was compelled to relinquish these duties. The Association, however, conferred the honour of life membership upon him in appreciation of his past services, which are too numerous to mention.

A very high ecclesiastical honour was conferred upon Dan in 1942 when he was decorated by the Pope for 'renowned, long and unbroken service' as a bellringer. The Papal decoration was the 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice'.

As his funeral left, on the morning of February 7th, the church where he used to ring, 'his bells' were rung muffled by a team consisting of his sons and nephews, all of whom he had initiated in the art. So passed on another of the Grand Old Ringers of Ireland who have rendered unselfish service to maintain the bell-ringing teams in our churches.

### MR. ALFRED MILLER

The death of Mr. Alfred Miller took place in St. Helier Hospital, Surrey, on February 11th, after a very short illness.

Mr. Miller, who was 71 years of age, had lived in Mitcham all his life. He was a member of the Surrey Association, the London County Association and a College Youth and had been a ringer at Christ Church, Mitcham, for 55 years and over 40 years as captain. He rang and conducted his first peal at Christ Church, Mitcham, on August 6th, 1910, it being a peal of Grandsire Doubles and the first peal on the bells.

He will mostly be remembered by those who have visited the tower for his cheerful willingness to help beginners. Only a week or two before his death he was trying to recall the number of youngsters who had learnt to handle a bell in the tower. The methods he usually rang were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Major, but during the last 12 months he had been very pleased to take part in short touches of Cambridge Surprise Minor when enough of his friends turned up to make it possible.

During the early summer of 1949, Mr. Miller went by air to Canada to visit a sister and to the U.S.A. to visit a brother whom he had not seen for over 60 years. Flying was a new experience for him and he was surprised at the comfort that can be enjoyed thousands of feet above the Atlantic. He spoke very highly of the reception he received in Canada and the U.S.A.

He leaves four daughters and four grandchildren and many old friends from Christ Church to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was at Christ Church, Mitcham, on February 17th and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston): many of his ringing friends attended. The tenor bell, half muffled, tolled the years before the service began.

The Vicar, in expressing deep sympathy with the family and mourners, said Mr. Miller had lived in the parish since his boyhood days and was very widely respected. His passing had left a large gap in their midst but they must thank God he had lived so long to serve the Church. His colleagues in the ringing chamber had lost a good friend and he would be sadly missed there. The hymn 'Abide with me' was sung and as the funeral procession left the church the 'Dead March' was played by the organist, Mr. E. J. Piercey. The burial took place at the London Road Cemetery, Mitcham. The chief mourners were his daughters and sons-in-law; Mr. G. Pidwell (who was his schoolmate and a fellow-ringer); Mr. J. Parslow, Mr. J. Hyde and the following ringers, most of whom were able to be present at the church service:—Mrs. E. Jones, S. Ball, J. Tompsett, Mrs. Allen (representing H. Allen), S. Howard, J. Uden, T. Miller, R. Sanders, J. Chapman, Miss A. Castle, Miss J. Frear, Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury (Surrey Association), Mr. W. Passmore (the College Youths) and Mrs. Oatway (St. John's, Croydon).

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. R. Sanders, W. Passmore, J. Chapman and R. Lathbury. Amongst the many floral tributes was one from the Surrey Association and one in the shape of a bell from his past and present colleagues at Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Leonard's Church, Streatham.  
S. H.

### THREE GENERATIONS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Henry, Charles H. and William Briggs (father, son and grandson respectively) took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on December 10th, 1921.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY BROUGHTON.

Leicester.

### MR. C. SMITH

By the passing of Mr. Charles Smith, Rodbourne Cheney has lost a faithful ringer, choirman and secretary of the Duplex scheme. He was ill only a few weeks and his death at the age of 50 came as a shock to all who knew him. Some years ago he met with a serious accident while following his employment on the G.W.R. and his ringing was restricted to the treble, but he was most regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place at Rodbourne Cheney, the bells being rung half-muffled before the service and the whole pull and stand was rung following the interment.

### MR. WILLIAM HENRY WALKER

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William Walker, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, who passed away at St. Mark's Hospital, on February 15th, at the age of 74.

Mr. Walker was a regular Sunday service ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, for 60 years and was foreman and steeplekeeper for a great number of years, an office he held up to the time of his death.

He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He rang his first peal in 1896, but owing to the nature of his work he was unable to participate in as many peals as he would have wished. He took part in many peals in his own tower, which included a peal of London Surprise in 1930, rung by a local band. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer and was a life member of Boyne Hill Cricket Club.

On February 19th his body was borne to the church he served so faithfully, there to lie during the night. The funeral the next day was preceded by a choral service at All Saints', conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Perkins, attended by relatives and friends, including a number of ringers.

The bells he loved so much were rung half-muffled, to touches of Stedman, by local and visiting ringers. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells after the service, by four of his old ringing comrades, Messrs. George Martin, Jesse Eldridge, Thomas Goodchild and William Judd.

In the evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and in sorrow at the loss of a brother ringer.

E. E. G.

### MR. CHARLES TYLER

Mr. C. E. Borrett, of Sheringham, writes with reference to the death of Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield (page 61):—

I have no records to refer to but I clearly recollect the amazement caused by the records of double-handed handbell peals of Stedman by Mr. Tyler, who conducted, and his Henfield men. I believe Triples, Caters and Cinques were scored some time in the 1890's or thereabouts. At that time peals of Stedman Cinques on handbells could be counted on the fingers of one hand—two were rung in London and one in Birmingham—so that such a peal by a village band with only eight bells in their home tower was outstanding. For the benefit and interest of younger ringers, perhaps some member of the Sussex Association would send particulars. To-day such peals are frequent but in the earlier days they were landmarks.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Feb. 11th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Corke 1, Miss D. Golding 2, H. Baker 3, P. Turley 4, L. Turley 5, R. Pankhurst 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Paul, elder son of L. Turley and grandson of P. Turley.  
SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Feb. 11th, at St. George-the-Martyr's, 1.280 Cambridge Major: Anne B. Stockdale 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, W. Williams 3, T. G. Fox 4, R. H. Begrie 5, A. Lancaster (first of Surprise) 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, J. R. Worrall (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—11

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### A WHITECHAPEL APPOINTMENT

In March, 1884, Mr. Fussell reports that: 'I went to London and called on Mears and Stainbank re situation as bell-tuner; received 10s. railway expenses. Met Mr. Lawton, the new proprietor of the business—a very nice gentleman—and he seemed very interested in my having the situation. Had a long chat with him and Mr. Waskett, whom I met in the office and he showed me over the foundry explaining the nature of the work I was required to do. Saw the old bells of Beaconsfield which the firm had to make up into a ring of eight.

'Little did I think when I copied the inscriptions off them, that I should next see them at the foundry. The very coat I was wearing at the time was marked with grease off them, obtained on my last visit at Christmas to Beaconsfield . . .

'In the evening went to St. Martin's and rang in a touch of Stedman Caters: very bad ringing as several young hands were in it. The rest of the evening was spent in practising for a peal of Stedman Cinques to-morrow (Saturday) and a peal of Treble 12 on the 27th inst.'

Later, Mr. Fussell says he went to the foundry, saw Mr. Lawton and Mr. Waskett, also Greenleaf, and made a trial on the lathe at handbell turning. Then left at 5 p.m. The next day he went again and worked till 5.30 p.m. at the lathe: 'made very fair progress and arranged to start work on Monday.' On this day he 'began operations as a bell-tuner—added four in front of a ring of 12, two semitones and replaced three cracked bells in a ring for Shaw Higham.'

Often he quotes various bells coming into the foundry as, for instance: 'Several old bells were broken up with a hammer in the foundry to-day. It seemed sorrowful to have the poor old things destroyed to go into the furnace again, if one considers the number of years they resounded to many past generations, and after a long life the old and feeble thus destroyed. Several were from Drayton . . . . Went back to the foundry to see some bells run but, owing to the wood for firing being damp, it did not take place till later for the metal to get in condition. This was my first view of bell-casting and the performance is very interesting as well as momentous to those concerned in the work. There were seven bells in the pit, the largest of 3 cwt, of four for Wollaston, two bells to a ring of five for Great Bentley and two others, one for the eight going to Crystal Palace—excellent castings they afterwards proved, and good quality.' During the time the bells were at Crystal Palace Exhibition Mr. Fussell went 'almost daily to chime tunes, etc., on them.

Being in London gave Mr. Fussell opportunities of meeting many ringers, attending practices and meetings of the various societies and he made the most of these. His diary tells of visits almost daily and of many peal attempts, some of which were successful. For instance he 'went to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch—met a lot of the Cumberland Society and pulled off for the first time on 12 bells and rang a quarter peal of Treble 12: 30 leads, 1,440 changes, in 1 hour 23 minutes, the striking reported to be good considering it was difficult to hear the trebles speak.'

### WITH THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Again after work at the foundry he 'had a walk over Southwark Bridge to St. Saviour's . . . met Mr. Haworth and many of the College

Youths Society I had never met before—Mr. S. Musckett, Pettitt, George Dorrington, etc. Saw the company's peal books which were certainly very interesting. Also saw the cup presented by J. A. Haworth and the original one of 1783. Routh was present. Greenleaf, whom I am working under at the foundry, was presiding as Master at the meeting.'

In April, 1884, he says that after ringing the tenor at the Chapel of Ease, Holloway Road, he was on the way home when he saw the reflection of a large fire in the City which resulted in damage of £20,000 at premises in Paternoster Row, mostly belonging to bookbinders and publishers.

His first attempt for a peal on more than eight bells was at St. Clement Danes', where he took part in one of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 40 minutes. This was for St. James' Society. After the peal he went on down the Strand and arrived at St. Martin's in time to hear a peal of Treble 12 begin. 'The striking was bad and Newson called Stand. A fresh start was made at 6 o'clock and I heard the first hour. Then I went to St. Paul's for the first time with Haworth. Let the eighth down. Heard some Stedman Cinques rung. There can be no doubt that, as a ringing chamber, St. Paul's is unequalled. It was announced in the daily papers there would be ringing and this was the means of a large crowd of people congregating in the neighbourhood, filling all round the churchyard. 'F. E. Dawe, who had been ill through blood poison by inhaling foul smell had been absent the last four weeks. Went into the Goose and Gridiron afterwards.'

### PERSONAL MEMORIES!!

Mr. Fussell says on one occasion he 'went up into St. Mary's tower at Whitechapel when the bells were being chimed—by clocking—for 7 p.m. service. Tried some Doubles with the steeplekeeper and two young men.' It was here where the present writer rang the tenor to the hardest peal he ever remembers ringing. This was with the late William and Bob Pye and T. Coles. It will be recalled that a few years ago this event was 'aired' in these columns.

### AN ECCENTRIC OLD FELLOW

When at home in Slough at Easter, Mr. Fussell relates that he, his brother and J. Parker went to Uxbridge and 'gave old Tiny Hastings (of St. Margaret's Church) a look-up in the Bell Yard, and he seemed quite pleased, inviting us to come again. He seemed to be a very eccentric old fellow, and his room (or rather workshop, living room and study combined) presented a very muggy and musty interior, quite devoid of any comforts. Gave the old man sixpence and went our way to Rickmansworth. After walking some distance we made enquiries for the right road. Following the way pointed out we found ourselves two miles further away, nearing the village of Ruilip. This unexpected stretch in our already long journey damped our spirits so that we at once dropped into a friendly inn to enquire the way. We retraced our steps and at length arrived at Harefield. Here the whole place was busy and quite lively, it being the village 'wake.' During the journey I picked a long withy pole and used it as a staff to walk by. I was, therefore, cutely gazed on when I arrived amid the crowd of yokels, some saying I was an athlete and going to compete at the sports. Still we trudged on and at last got to Rickmansworth at 2 o'clock.

'Here we met the rest of the band and my long pole was carefully rested in a corner of the "George" after his six-mile journey. I

commenced to feed heartily on a good piece of boiled beef and pickles, afterwards some tart and jellies to the expense of 1s. 6d., and I thoroughly enjoyed the meal and, by all appearance, so did my brother and Parker. We went to the tower and rang Reeves' Variation of Holt's 10 part in 3 hours 10 minutes. This was the first on the bells for 65 years. There were five peal boards in the belfry, all in bad condition. The bells are a grand ring, tenor 24 cwt.

'I think I did enough walking this Easter. Ten miles yesterday, 17 on Sunday. Parker was done up by the time he got to Farnham—it would be a 28 miles walk for him. We frequently had to shelter on our journey from rain showers. There were a few nice little talkative tales on the way, some not modest enough to repeat here for other eyes to read!

'Certainly ringers are curious men, their ways are many. Our peal was for St. James' Society, four being College Youths, 4-5-6-7 men Cumberlands, all in a row—strange! On Monday the Cumberlands attempted 13,000 at Fulham but it failed after 6 hours 33 minutes.'

### A VISIT TO MATTHEW A WOOD

Mr. Fussell went to ring for service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (a 504 Grandsire Triples) and afterwards 'went into Mr. Wood's home opposite and there saw Messrs. Cooter, Dwight, Haward and others—this was quite a ringers' den. The "Bell News" was carefully handed round to most of those present who were subscribers. Went to service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, in the evening.'

One week-end he returned to Slough and went over to Farnham. The Rector (the Rev. Marshall) was present, and during his stay of an hour Mr. Fussell says: 'I frequently gave divers suggestions and hints for two new trebles, but the mean old gentleman made many excuses for spending the money on other requirements.' Later Mr. Fussell writes: 'Harrington is falling away from all ringing meetings. "so much for being married." I suppose he will soon be tired and again resume his old ways by regular attendance. Perhaps I may be married at some future time and then be able to account for the home attendance being in preference to ringing meetings.'

### ANOTHER DOG STORY

In May, 1884, Mr. Fussell went to Camberwell for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. He says: 'Barrett was in poor condition for ringing having gout in his foot badly which compelled him to stop after one hour. "Carlo," Hopkins' dog, was in the tower quietly sleeping while the ringing was on. The dog has stayed in towers on many occasions with both the Hopkins throughout a peal.'

### A ROYAL BIRTHDAY

This is how Mr. Fussell spent his time on the Queen's birthday: 'Left Foundry 10 a.m. and went at once to St. Bride's, Fleet Street, rang call-changes on back ten. From here to St. Sepulchre's (ten bells) and finished at noon. Rode to Westminster Abbey and heard the old heavy six: went up the tower where I found it in a very dirty condition—a disgrace to the authorities. Rang the tenor for once. Then went to St. Margaret's nearby and rang till 1.30. From here, walked to St. Martin's but all ringers had gone, so went to St. Clement Danes' and saw C. F. Winney. Waited about but no one came. Then I went to Holloway and at the Chapel of Ease rang some Stedman Triples. Then back to King's Cross and so on to Star Street, Paddington, where there is a good ring of eight bells packed into a wretched, small tower, hung four over others. Rang Bob Major. The day was very hot and after ringing at six towers, I found I had had enough for one day.'

(To be continued)

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 11th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Parsons 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Mrs. M. Hodson 3, C. E. Lankester 4, A. Cutler 5, E. H. Kilby 6, M. Hodgson 7, L. Bowler (cond.) 8.



**GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS****Meeting at Bridgerule**

The N.W. Branch of the Guild held its annual meeting at Bridgerule on February 10th and about 35 members and friends were present. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Kingdon) and the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill read the lesson.

Tea was served at Church Town Farm. At the business meeting a credit balance of £7 2s. 9d. was reported. All the officers—Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (secretary), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. Smale, Mr. W. H. R. Smale and Mr. F. Sangwin (representatives to the general committee)—were re-elected. Mr. G. Abbott was elected as a member and Mr. W. A. R. Bray as a non-resident member.

It was decided that the July meeting be, if agreed, a joint one with the Exeter Branch at Okehampton and that the next annual meeting shall be held at Sutcombe. The Rector was thanked for his excellent address and the use of his bells. The organist, Mrs. Bath, the local ringers and the ladies who catered so well were also thanked.

Ringers from Plymouth, Stratton, Marhamchurch, Holsworthy, Lifton, Pyworthy, Okehampton, Bradworthy and Sutcombe as well as the local band were present. The bells were kept going with rounds, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

**BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY**

A very successful meeting was held at Royston on February 10th, about 30 members being present from Barnsley, Doncaster, Dronfield, Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Shelley, Sprotborough and the local company. Tea was served in the church schools. The business meeting as held in the same room, the president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, being in the chair. Four new members were elected. Thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. S. Dance and the local company for making the arrangements.

The March meeting will be held at Felkirk as a farewell meeting to the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Moxon, who is leaving soon after Easter to take up new duties at Brighouse.

Further ringing followed until about 8.30 p.m. in a variety of methods including some of the old favourites; good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****Rochdale Branch's Party**

On February 3rd, the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association held their annual party. This time it was St. Mark's, Glodwick, who were the hosts. The first contingent arrived by motor coach from Rochdale and whilst the non-ringing women folk took the first bus to the town's shopping centre, the ringers got to work on the rather sweet-toned ring of eight. All sections were catered for in the ringing: rounds and thirds for the learners, up to the more advanced classes.

At 4.30 they all filed into the church where the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Cadman) conducted the service. The St. Mark's ringers provided the organist, the soloist and the lesson reader. A very appropriate address, with bells as the main theme, was given by Mr. John Whitworth, one of the churchwardens. Tea followed in the schoolroom, the company numbering 60.

Until the social evening got into its stride, some of the ringers returned to the tower for a few quick touches, and then to 'bring them in.' Both old time and modern dancing kept everyone busy and short breathing spaces brought back the soloist and the Oldham Handbell Ringers, who were very well received with all tunes. Mr. Whitworth presented a few typical stories of the time-honoured types of cotton mill workers—a never-ending source of amusement in this part of the country.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Western Division at Pulborough**

Twenty-two towers were represented by 62 ringers at the annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association held at Pulborough on February 17th.

The Rector (the Rev. G. H. W. Royle) and Mrs. Royle contributed largely to the success of the meeting and prepared tea in the Rectory.

Mr. G. W. Cecil paid his first visit to the Division as Master of the Association and received a warm welcome as he took the chair for the business meeting.

The report for 1950 showed an increase in membership but a slight loss financially on the year's working. Only one ring of bells (the five at Pagham) is unringable in the Division. Restorations have been completed during the year at Arundel, Amberley, Lymminster and S. Harting. Officers were re-elected; a ballot for a new committee proved without a doubt the confidence the meeting had in the retiring members.

Thanks were expressed to all who had helped with the arrangements, particularly the Rector and Mrs. Royle for the splendid tea, and to the Master for attending and presiding.

Ringing was somewhat difficult owing to the confined space, but the attendance of so many young people was very encouraging.

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**BIRTHS**

**CORBY.**—On Sunday, February 25th, 1951, at 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23, to Lucile (née Hubbert), wife of Philip A. Corby, a daughter, Judith Mary (a sister for Andrew). 8471

**SMITH.**—At Mount Alvernia, Godalming, Surrey, on February 17th, 1951, to Joan (née Herrington), wife of C. Ernest Smith, of 1, Green Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, a son, (Malcolm Alan). 8474

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE**

The marriage of Mr. Derek Chatfield and Miss Brenda Philpott takes place at St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, on March 31st, at 2.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 8472

**DEATH**

**BIRD.**—Suddenly, on February 1st, 1951, at 54, Russell Street, Kettering, Frances Ellen, the beloved wife of Charles W. Bird. 8464

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**HYTHE, KENT.**—Please note that the ringing practice night has been changed from Friday to Tuesday, commencing March 6th. 8460

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The tour will be held from April 6th to 12th. Will old members interested communicate with W. G. Thomas, Jesus College? 8467

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**MEETINGS**

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8386

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall. 8408

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Little Shelford (5), Saturday, March 3rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Prince Regent.—H. L. Martin. 8438

**HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.**—March 3rd. Ringing arrangements: St. Chad's (8) 1.30—2.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 2—3. Aston (12) 3—4. St. Martin's (12) 3.30—4.30. Cathedral (12) 4—5.30.—G. E. Fearn. (Phone SPR 1025.) 8449

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Meriden, March 3rd. Bells (5) 3. Tea available. 8453

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Dallington, March 3rd. Bells 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8436

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rammoor on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11. Very important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 8429

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Bramfield (5) 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 8443

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Redhill (8), on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30, ringing after. 8427

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 3rd at 3 p.m. 8454

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Ernest Turner will give another talk on 'Conducting' in St. Giles-in-the-Fields' Vestry, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7th. 8446

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 10th, at Dudley. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15, conducted by the president, Rev. Canon J. Waring. This will be the president's last Guild service before leaving for Norwich Cathedral, so a good attendance, please. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names for tea essential by March 6th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 8447



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, March 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8440

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, March 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea with cost enclosed to reach me not later than Wednesday, March 7th. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8442

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General committee meeting, St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5.15 p.m. Special general meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing St. Laurence's and Caversham, 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 3rd, please, to P. J. Dyke, 77 Audley Street, Reading.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 8434

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Annual meeting, East Grinstead, March 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 8435

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 10th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Memorial Hall. Important! Names for tea must reach me by Monday, March 5th; no names, no tea.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8437

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—March 10th. Annual general meeting, Croydon. Parish Church bells (12) 3. Service 5, at which the Archdeacon will dedicate a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. C. F. Johnston, at Croydon Bell Foundry, for those notifying, by March 6th, D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 8424

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—St. Peter's, Weedon Bec, Northampton, March 10th, at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles, installed by John Taylor and Co., making ring of eight. Names for tea by March 3rd to R. Smith, 2, The Hollies, South Street, Weedon Bec, Northampton; no name, no tea—this is definite. 8432

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, March 10th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available. Service at 4.15. Tea at Pheasant Hotel at 5 p.m. only for those who notify by March 6th, Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford.—H. Denman. 8422

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8490

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, March 10th. Advise if requiring tea, J. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 8462

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Third annual dinner, entertainment and dance. Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, March 10th. 5.45 p.m. to 12 midnight. Tickets (15s. each) still available.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8495

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. 8487

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), March 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8459

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage (8), Saturday, March 10th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by March 7th, to Mr. W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, Stevenage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8485

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**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol.—N. G. Williams, 20, Macaulay, Bath. 8481

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Newhey, March 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—F. Pritchard. 8494

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting of Leicester and Syston Districts, Belgrave, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Abbey Lane room. Names, by Wednesday, March 7th, to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 8466

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Hugglescote, March 10th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Schoolroom, 5. Names, by Wednesday, 7th, to H. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. W. Hall. 8468

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8484

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual supper and social of the South and West District at Church Hall, Heston, Saturday, March 10th, 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. 6d., available from Tower Secretaries and F. Finch, closing date Wednesday, March 7th. Heston bells 3.30.—F. Finch. 8488

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Dinton, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8473

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shillingstone on March 10th at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 8463

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Whitchurch, Saturday, March 10th, 2.30.—E. J. Rowe, 6, Church Street, Broseley. 8492

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Llandovery (6 bells), March 10th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 8461

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleve Prior, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Names, by March 8th please, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8486

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—N. Kilworth, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by March 7th, L. W. Allen, High Street, Gt. Glenn. 8475

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Yate (6), March 10th. Notify for tea by March 6th, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8499

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—To all committee members. Next committee meeting March 10th, Town Hall, Manchester, No 4 Committee Room, 3.30 p.m. Important meeting. 8498

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m., at St. Gregory's. St. Peter's and All Saints' available at 6.30 on request. Tea 5 p.m. at Pimpernel Cafe, King Street, for those sending names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 8496

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Youlgrave (8). Saturday, March 17th, 3 p.m. Tea and sandwiches for all at the Bull's Head.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8476

**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Joseph W. Parker Commemoration Meeting will be held at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, on Saturday, March 17th. Will members requiring tea (approximately 2s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grange Town, Sunderland, not later than March 14th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8456

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Earls Colne, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, near Colchester. 8491

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—A special evening practice will be held at St. John's on Saturday, March 17th, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 8458

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting Saturday, March 17th. Full details next week. 8483

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, March 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Radford's Cafe, Bath Street. Names for tea, not later than March 14th, to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Lyncroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 8465

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, before March 15th, Miss L. Cromac, Low Street, Carlton, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8470

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by previous Tuesday, H. J. Cloxton, Holme, near Newark. 8469

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Nominations of representatives for Central Council (with name of proposer and seconder) must reach me by March 12th, latest.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 8439

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Norwich. Lunch. Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, March 17th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available:—Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. St. George's, Colegate (6), 2.30 onwards. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president. Remittance for lunch to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, before March 17th. 8489

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**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Annual Festival, Newton Abbot, Easter Monday, March 26th. Service, St. Leonard's Church, 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Wolborough Parish Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open:—Wolborough (8), Highweek (8), 3.30—4.30 p.m.; and Kingskerswell (6). Admission to luncheon, by prepaid ticket only, 4s. each from the Gen Sec., E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, before March 17th.

**HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and contest, Thornhill, Saturday, March 31st. For teas notify, by March 24th, C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. **BURES, SUFFOLK.**—Dedication of new trebles on April 28th, at 3. Names for tea must be sent to Leslie Mills, Colchester Road. 8487

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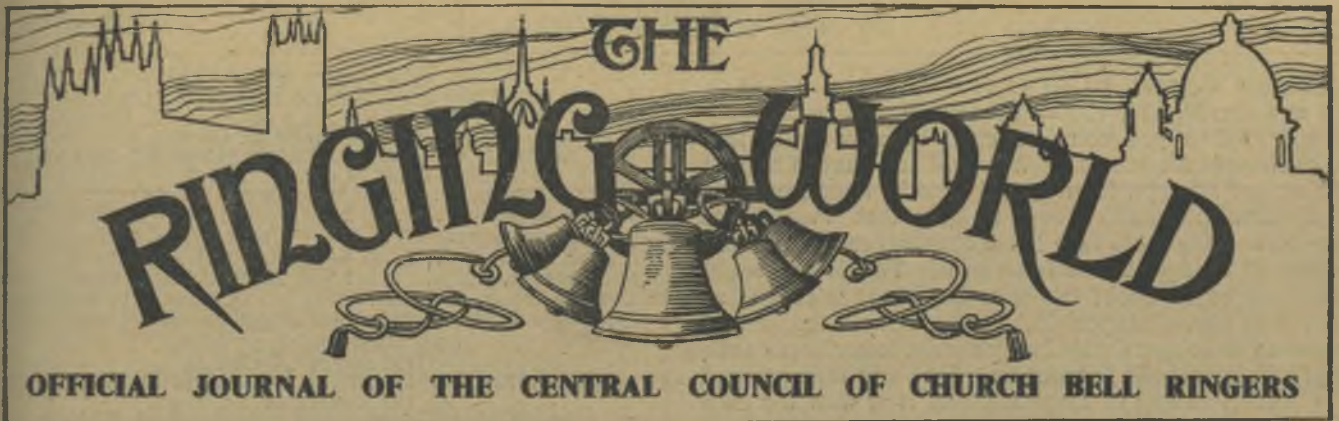
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## A MESSAGE TO CALL CHANGE RINGERS

By the Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

*In the following article, which appeared in the 'Truro Diocesan News Leaflet,' the writer explains the advantages of Method Ringing over Call Changes to the churchpeople of Cornwall.*

All ringing must be progressive; otherwise interest wanes. Without suggesting that in the West Country we are backward in the art of ringing, it is a fact that in the face of the evolution of ringing there is much leeway to be made up. Ringing developed and has progressed mostly in and about our large towns and cities, in some instances in rural parts adjoining or when some enthusiast has gone into the country and aroused the interest and imagination of some local band, or if individuals from a group of towers who are then keen enough to meet at a suitable centre for practice. Contacts made through a Diocesan Guild bring this about. Cornwall possesses the most westerly (Sennen) and the most southerly (Landewednack) rings of bells in the British Isles. This signifies our position. We are a long way from the more advanced centres of ringing.

Call change ringing and method ringing are poles apart. In the former one man tells the other five or seven what to do, and sometimes by following a card himself, but in the latter all six or eight are of equal importance, and must know the method and what is to be done by way of their own memories; in fact, the minds of the ringers agree in the working out of a pattern which expresses itself in the continuous changes that are rung. One mental blunder or lapse of mind and the pattern is spoiled—very often irreparably. In call change ringing the same change is repeated many times, and as long as the ringers follow the bell they are told to follow all will be well. I am not writing lightly of call change ringing—it is a main occupation amongst many Cornish ringers—but I do want to point out that it is but the first step in the evolution of change ringing, and the first step in such a progressive and interesting service and pleasure such as bell ringing is not advancing far enough.

Method ringing is so different for it takes us along a path of which at present not even the most advanced ringers know the end. It means that every bell has to change places with its nearest neighbour at every pull (i.e., at hand stroke and back stroke), and by this process

hundreds of differing patterns or methods can be produced if worked according to the plans of what are known as the Standard Methods. Method ringing developed in the 17th century. Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, whose name is famous because of the method he evolved, writing in 1667, says, 'Within the fifty or sixty years last past, changes were not known.' Stedman practised his five-bell changes on the bells in the Saxon tower of St. Benet's, Cambridge, and some years ago the six bells there were completely restored at a cost of £500 by the ringers of England. Norwich (which Trevelyan tells us was once the second city of the kingdom) also gave a lead, for an elaborate board in the ringing chamber at St. Peter Mancroft records the first peal of 5,040 changes ever rung on May 2nd, 1715. From such places and from those days method ringing spread.

In Cornwall there is what might be called a timidity to tackle method ringing as a departure from call change ringing; this is largely because there is far too much of the sense of dependence on one man to call the changes. Method ringing calls upon every member of the band to study and to learn a method, and so the demand is that each ringer must go to the tower to put into practice what is already understood. It is the call to greater co-operation, whereas all but one call change ringer goes into the tower to do as he is bidden. The difference is between individual initiative and direction, or between a higher service and the first steps of that service.

Never condemn method ringing by saying it produces bad striking; this may result if one attempts too much without a reasonable understanding of it, and many expect to achieve it along the lines of call change ringing by being told every blow to strike. This is impossible. Also never condemn call change ringing as such, but only when it is cherished as first and last with no ambition to leave it behind. It may provide excellent practice for beginners in bell control, but as round ringing may be called the five-finger exercise, so call change ringing can rightly be termed an easy exercise for beginners which ought to be turned little by little, and by easy stages, into the more difficult but intriguing methods of simple construction. For three hundred years the practice of method ringing has gone on, pioneers still struggle, and those who see in it something progressive and more worthy of the bells they ring try to stimulate an interest in it.

Begin then in the most elementary way. Ring two bells and the two possible changes on them, then three bells



and the six changes, go on to four, five, six and seven bells and the 24, 120, 720 and 5,040 changes respectively possible. When you come to eight bells you will find 40,320 changes are possible. You will not want to ring all these at one attempt, for it would take 24 hours, but you will by then understand enough to know that 'touches' or peals (technically more than 5,000 changes) can be selected of from 80 changes to the full extent. The first essential is that you buy a book; this is as important in ringing as in anything else. 'Ropesight,' Troyte, Powell, the Central Council of Bellringers' publications (even lesser books than these) will lay a solid foundation. You will then proceed to an understanding of diagrams, and it is with the help of these that the progressive ringers go from strength to strength.

The hope is that enthusiasm for method ringing in Cornwall may grow along the proper lines, and that even in the more remote parts an interest may be displayed. There is no greater exercise than that of method ringing, for it is not only physical exercise, but an exercise for the mind. In these days of modern bell hanging the physical side of ringing is thought little about, but the mental exercise is as much as anyone would desire.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. . 7	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. . 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	WM. E. THOMPSETT .. .. 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. . 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 10
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. . 5	*JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 11
HARRY POYNER .. .. . 6	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* 100th peal.

### CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. . 7	†HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS .. .. 8
*DAVID W. BLARD .. .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 9
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. . 4	JOHN H. CRAMPTON .. .. 10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. .. 6	*WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Rev. S. F. Allison, M.A., as Bishop of Chelmsford.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. . 6	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. .. 6
*MURIEL REAY .. .. . 2	†JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 8
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. .. 9
CHARLES BLAKEY .. .. . 5	*JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 200th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung in memoriam Mr. W. H. Shuker.

### STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. . Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. . 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. . 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. . 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 9
JOHN WORTH .. .. . 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

In memoriam Harry Shuker, late general secretary, Lancashire Association.

### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. . Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. . 6
RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 8
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. . 9
*PETER G. BARNES .. .. . 5	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Royal. First attempt to call a peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Dye, aged 91.

### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WALTER ALLMAN .. .. . Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. . 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. . 7
†ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 3	†WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. .. 8
*FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. .. . 9
ANNE WORTH .. .. . 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. In memoriam Joseph Lomas, ringer at the above tower.

### ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

FREDK. J. SPICER .. .. . Treble	HERBERT G. MASON .. .. 6
REGINALD W. DARVILL .. .. 2	W. JOHN SOUTHAM .. .. 7
AUDREY M. BAILEY .. .. 3	HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 8
*CHARLES F. SAYER .. .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 9
BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

\* 150th peal. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ringing of the first peal of Royal in the city by a local band. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells.

### WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. . Treble	SELWYN DEARDEN .. .. . 6
RONALD KENRICK .. .. . 2	JAMES GROUNDS .. .. . 7
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 3	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 8
THOMAS HARRIDGE .. .. 4	EDWIN BIRKETT .. .. . 9
JACK ASHCROFT .. .. . 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DANIEL NADEN .. .. . Treble	STANLEY NADEN .. .. . 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. 6
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 3	DENIS HEAPY .. .. . 7
ANNE WORTH .. .. . 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung for the consecration of David Henry Saunders-Davies, M.A., Rector of Stockport, to the Bishopric of Stockport.



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

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Consisting of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 678 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 140 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
*ANNE WORTH .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. 6
*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal of Spliced. Rung for the consecration of the Rector of Stockport, D. H. Saunders-Davies, M.A., as Bishop of Stockport.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Feb. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SHEILA BARKER .. .. Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. 5
GORDON ELVIN .. .. 2	*HENRY TOOKE .. .. 6
GEORGE H. MOORE .. .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 7
EILEEN BRACEY .. .. 4	CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.  
\* 250th peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alborough, an old ringer at the above church.

**EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLEY .. 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	BERNARD H. DALTON .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. .. 3	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 7
MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

C.C.C. No. 47. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE F. CLARKE .. .. Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH .. .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 2	RONALD G. BUGG .. .. 6
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 7
*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.  
\* First peal in method 'inside.'

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. .. 5
*FRED EVANS .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 7
*BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (45). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Swindley.

**WESTERHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 5
FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4	WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24½ cwt.

H. ERNEST COX .. .. Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON .. .. 5
REGINALD POSTON .. .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB .. .. 6
PERCY BIRD .. .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON .. .. 7
ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Rung to commemorate the first peal of Triples in Herefordshire, rung on February 11th, 1851.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	†JACK BAILEY .. .. 5
†SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	†SIDNEY M. JONES .. .. 6
ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3	*†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. W. F. TROTMAN.  
\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Samuel Pinder.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. Treble	WILFRED S. PALIN .. .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 7
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
First peal in the method by all except the 7th ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. Barton, of Borden.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

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

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5
*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
\* First peal in the method.

**WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

*SHIRLEY RYMER .. .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 5
*ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
\* First peal in the method. In memoriam to Mr. W. F. Vaughan, brother of the local captain. Mr. H. N. Vaughan.

**NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. Treble	W. GEORGE TURNER .. .. 5
*PAUL BIRKETT .. .. 2	HARRY WILDE .. .. 6
GORDON TURNER .. .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7
*ALBERT E. HANCOCK .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal in method. 77th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wilde.



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## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	*ALAN J. BROWN .. 5
*JEAN BROWN .. 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6
*MARY WALSHAW .. 3	*PHILIP H. TOCOK .. 7
*DEREK OGDEN .. 4	JACK CLEGG .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in memoriam Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the Lancashire Association, who died February 14th, 1951.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
ARTHUR MADDOCK .. Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. 5
JAMES ROBINSON .. 2	GEORGE HESKETH .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 7
THOMAS ROBINSON .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung as a compliment to the new Rector of Halewood, Rev. H. P. Griffiths, who was inducted on Saturday, December 9th, 1950. The quickest peal on the bells.

## OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*FRANK D. MACK .. Treble	LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 5
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	†COLIN BARWICK .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
†HERBERT A. BRADBURY .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor. A farewell to B. Enid Lloyd Roberts, who is leaving to study in France for six months.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5152 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\*First peal in the method.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*REX J. WITHAM .. Treble	*JACK BENISTON .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 2	*LEONARD CHAMBERS .. 6
†ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	EDWIN J. TOVELL .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\*First peal of Major. †100th peal in method. First peal of Major as conductor.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Pitman's Reverse.	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. The reverse arrangement of A. J. Pitman's composition is by C. K. Lewis.

## ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	JOSEPH J. LOVETT .. 5
*ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 2	*GWYN I. LEWIS .. 6
*J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 3	FREDK. C. LASBURY .. 7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\*First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. The first peal of Surprise Major for the Association by a resident band for 20 years, and the third one only of Cambridge Major.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*ELSIE WALKER .. Treble	FRED PRITCHARD .. 5
JOAN CARTER .. 2	*LEONARD HILL .. 6
ALFRED ROBERTS .. 3	JAMES CARTER .. 7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 4	*CHARLES CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to welcome Canon Horner as Rector.

## AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Sixth place bobs. Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*†ARTHUR PEAKE .. 2	*WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 6
*CATHARINE M. TRIST .. 3	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 7
*RONALD BARLOW .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\*First peal in the method. †100th peal. First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells and for the Association by a resident band.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

In memoriam Charles Henry Sone, of Linton (February 20th), a well respected member of the above Association, who was buried this day.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARY HOWELL .. Treble	*JAMES W. JEFFERY .. 5
BASIL W. WHITE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
Cecil Nice .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	CECIL RADDON .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. 7
*HAROLD WORRALL .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\*First peal in the method. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringers of the second and the conductor.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 15 callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. Treble

\*HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4

\*RHODA HEMMING .. .. 2

BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5

\*ALAN FOSTER .. .. 3

EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.  
Alan Foster has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**Being two 720's each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent  
Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOAN SMITH .. .. Treble

\*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4

SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. 2

HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 3

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in four methods.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMAN RUSBY .. .. Treble

PETER CARBUTT .. .. 4

DOUGLAS M. HALL .. .. 2

STANLEY DANCE .. .. 5

LEONARD W. CARBUTT .. .. 3

EDWIN ATKINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

First peal as conductor. In honour of the birth of a daughter to  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chant.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**Being one extent of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob,  
Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Sur-  
prise.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROY V. WEBB .. .. Treble

EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 4

JOHN CHURCH .. .. 2

WALTER D. POOLEY .. .. 5

JACK S. DEAR .. .. 3

R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

ILLSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD LEWIS .. .. Treble

RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4

\*CECIL MATTHEWS .. .. 2

PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 5

GEOFFREY GEARY .. .. 3

JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* First peal away from treble.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford  
Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR BULL .. .. Treble

ANTHONY AGER .. .. 4

JOHN KEMP .. .. 2

E. BRUCE MCKIE .. .. 5

\*REGINALD P. CRUMP .. 3

SIDNEY F. CARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

\* First peal.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WEST .. .. Treble

LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4

DONALD E. LEE .. .. 2

FREDK. S. SLATFORD .. 5

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.. 3

FRANK A. PENN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Master of the  
Guild, upon his appointment as a non-resident Canon of Salisbury.

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## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
*ERNEST J. LADD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* 150th peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS D. HUGHES .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3	EDWARD HILL .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal.

## TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of London, Beverley, York, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
CLAUDE COUSINS .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all except the 3rd and tenor ringers. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Dunnington.

## ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL .. Treble	ARTHUR YOUNG .. 4
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 April Day, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 St. Simon's, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	FRANK C. PHILLIPPO .. 4
FRANK PEARSON .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	ERNEST G. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Smith.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 4
PEGGY M. LAMB .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE .. 5
WILFRED ROBINSON .. 3	FRANK REED .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tower 6½ cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	PETER HALLAM .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER HALLAM.

First peal as conductor.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE .. 4
HARRY D. LISTER .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal in five methods.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	DEREK WHITFORD .. 4
JAMES W. WILLIAMS .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
KENNETH HARTLEY .. 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

First peal of Kent Minor for all the ringers. Charles Clegg has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. NICHOLAS' BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
*WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	HARRY POYNER .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Witness: DIANA M. E. GOODMAN.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 46 methods: Gonville, Trinity, Loughborough, Cambridge Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Montgomery, Ellesmere, Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich. St. Clement's and Crayford College. 341 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2	†JACK BRAY .. 5-6
*†GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3-4	*PHILIP BARNES .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* 50th peal together. † 200th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY, HUMBERSTONE GATE,

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

The composer's 250th peal for the Guild.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. E. Davies 1, G. Dodds 2, D. R. Judd 3, T. H. Blunt (first of Surprise) 4, R. A. Finch 5, A. Cutler 6, F. C. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8.

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Rowley (first quarter) 1, T. Elcox 2, E. Lucas 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garbett 1, P. Warboys 2, E. Bird 3, H. M. White 4, N. Round-Turner 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, C. G. Newman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the son of the conductor. The first quarter of Grandsire Triples for 5 and 8.

**CHEPSTOW, MON.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, D. King 2, Y. Porter (first 'inside') 3, J. L. Smith (cond.) 4, G. Long (first 'inside') 5, I. Simms 6, P. Farrington (first quarter) 7, D. Voss (first quarter) 8. 7.6.8 covering. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mr. L. Jolliffe, whose burial service took place before the quarter.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 2nd on his 80th birthday.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Feb. 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Godwin 1, Miss Joyce Morse 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, H. L. Cooke 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Edington, for many years verger at this church.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Hynard 1, C. A. Andrews 2, R. Duesbury 3, F. G. Oliver 4, H. J. Millatt 5, L. Mills 6, J. H. Edwards 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the enthronement at Chelmsford that day of the new Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Sherard Falkner Allison.

**CREATON, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Buckby 1, A. Brown 2, W. Brown (cond.) 3, G. Wykes 4, H. Brown (first quarter) 5.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6-8 covering: Miss R. Stanford 2, D. Mellor (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5, N. Hotchin 6, D. Scott 7, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 8.

**FELPHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brian L. Stevens (first quarter) 1, T. S. Brown 2, G. W. Holliss 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

**FLEET, LINCS.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brumble 1, E. S. Seth 2, J. B. Hallifax (cond.) 3, G. Sisson 4, R. Bennett 5, H. Waltham 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. V. Fletcher, for many years a ringer.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Pulker (first quarter) 1, I. Harris 2, W. Cross 3, M. Sinden 4, B. Moreley 5, R. Jarvis (cond.) 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

**HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Oliver 1, K. Hohl 2, D. Warnford 3, H. Vaughn 4, F. Lambert 5, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 6. In memoriam W. F. Vaughn, a ringer at the above church.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, J. Arbury 2, C. Turner 3, E. Rowe 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, O. Griffin 8. First quarter peal on the bells.

**KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Johnson 1, E. F. Connock 2, H. Hawkins 3, J. Fowler 4, G. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, C. Francis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. Thomas Griffin, interred on Thursday, Feb. 15th, who for over 50 years was ringer and tower master at Radstock Parish Church.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 4, M. Sinden (first quarter of Major) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of Union, St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob, April Day and 300 of Grandsire): Miss C. Jones 1, Miss R. Avery 2, Miss O. Cooper 3, R. F. Jones 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter of Doubles in five methods by all, also the first mixed quarter on the bells.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): Miss J. Abbott (first quarter) 1, B. Mabbutt (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Mabbutt 3, J. King 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Mabbutt.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): D. Niblett 1, E. Roe 2, D. Panting 3, P. Border 4, K. Grayson 5, J. Guy (first as cond.) 6.

**PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Booth (first quarter) 1, G. H. Williams 2, E. Blight 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, R. C. Ingram (cond.) 5, J. Gray 6, A. H. F. Rainey 7, H. Dickens 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

**RINGWOULD, KENT.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Penfold (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Vine (first quarter) 2, G. E. Ruck 3, Miss J. Wells 4, D. Ladd (first quarter 'inside' and as cond.) 5. Average age of the band 16 years. First quarter on the bells since being rehung in 1949.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6.

**SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, W. Ransom 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: W. K. Mortimer (first quarter) 1, John Thorley (10) 2, D. Thorley 3, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 4, J. Thorley 5, E. Thorley 6, T. D. Leask tenor covering.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: B. A. Woolley 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, C. Wallater 3, E. Stitch 4, A. Botterill 5, J. N. Hadley 6, A. Elsmore 7, K. W. Knowles 8, M. G. Turner 9, H. Howell (cond.) 10. First of Kent Royal as conductor. First of Kent Royal for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Confirmation service.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Bicknell 1, Monica Walker (first quarter) 2, A. Elsmore 3, H. Howl 4, E. Marlow 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, J. N. Hadley 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (first in method as cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.—Also 1,260 Double Court: R. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, W. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (first in method as cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.

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To-morrow, during the  
proceedings at the annual  
meeting of the Surrey  
Association, a memorial tablet will be dedicated  
to Mr. Cyril F. Johnston at Croydon Parish  
Church. It has been cast in bell-metal and the  
design that he used on bells is being incor-  
porated. The wording is: 'In loving memory  
of Cyril Frederick Johnston, friend and bene-  
factor of this church, who devoted his life to  
the art of bell-founding and bell-tuning. Died  
30th March, 1950.—They that fear the Lord  
will not disobey His word; and they that love  
Him will keep His ways.'

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Church  
Broughton, Derbyshire, Mr. Alan Foster has  
rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. James George is in St. Mary's Hospital,  
Poole, suffering from chronic bronchitis. We  
hope to hear better news in the course of a  
few days.

Mr. Frank C. Phillippo is the second ringer to  
ring a peal on each of the six bells at Bunwell,  
Norfolk. The other is Mr. F. C. Goodman, of  
Norwich.

Mr. G. A. Naylor of Gillingham, informs us  
that the peal of Grandsire Triples he conducted  
at Rainham on February 4th was J. Holt's  
variation of his 10 part and not arranged by the  
conductor.

There was a happy gathering at Tunstall,  
Kent, on February 17th, where a peal was rung  
in honour of the birthday of Mr. E. C. Barton,  
of Borden. A 'right real birthday spread,' pro-  
vided by Mr. and Mrs. Barton followed the  
ringing.

The opening words of the evening Collect,  
'Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee,' had  
just been recited by the Rev. K. C. Davis at  
Hawley Parish Church when the electric light  
failed due to a fault at the power station.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells at Sennen,  
which parish contains the  
Lands End, have been  
collected by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; they  
are to be returned as a ring of six, and should  
be dedicated about mid-summer. A cutting  
from a local paper of March, 1889, says: 'The  
new peal of five bells to replace the old set of  
three in the tower of the church at Sennen,  
passed through Penzance on Tuesday morning  
en route for the westernmost village in Eng-  
land.' The tenor weighed 5½ cwt. in A, but is  
to be recast and a new treble added.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has conducted 25 peals of  
Double Norwich Court Bob in 25 different  
towers.

Latest success of Mr. George E. Feirn is 46  
Major methods 'in hand.' This peal, on Feb-  
ruary 19th, was the 200th peal together by Mr.  
Feirn and Mr. Jack Bray and, by a coincidence,  
Mr. Feirn and Mr. Philip Barnes' 50th to-  
gether. Their next step is a peal in 50 methods.

Third attempt lucky—might describe Hale-  
wood (Lancashire) Sunday service band's at-  
tempt to honour the new rector with a peal.  
Regret was expressed that Mr. T. W. Hesketh  
could not be in the peal and this led to the in-  
clusion of Mr. P. W. Cave, who called the peal.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Ross-on-  
Wye on February 17th was rung to commemo-  
rate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples  
on February 11th, 1851, which was 'the first  
true and complete peal of Tripples in the county  
of Herefordshire.' A marble tablet in the ring-  
ing room records this and gives the names of  
the ringers as:—Humphrey Bird treble, William  
Bevan 2, Henry Drew 3, Joseph Drew 4, Charles  
Bullock sen. 5, Charles Bullock jun. 6, John  
Gammon 7, Richard Carwardine tenor. Con-  
ducted by C. Bullock sen. and rung in three  
hours and two minutes.

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# THE 63rd HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

## LORD MAYOR AS MASTER—MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS' GIFT TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD—SMOKY BIRMINGHAM AND DANTE'S INFERNO

THE 1951 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner held last Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, will go down in history. Never before has a Lord Mayor of Birmingham, been, during his year of office, Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Ald. A. Paddon Smith, who has this dual office and honour, presided and with wit, grace and epigram kept the attendance of 195 ringers, from as far north as Yorkshire and Sussex in the south, delighted and happy. The Lord Mayor knows not only his own city but the St. Martin's Guild. For 20 years, as a young man, he was secretary of the Guild.

The occasion was made more memorable by the presentation to the Guild of a new peal book, the personal gift of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Organisation of the dinner and the peal attempts was by Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of the Guild. It was marked by his customary efficiency and smoothness, characteristics that accompany his many peals. The felicitations of the company were extended to him on a very happy re-union.

After the loyal toast, apologies were announced by the hon. secretary from the Bishop of Birmingham, who sent his good wishes, the Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Rev. Brian S. W. Green, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Croft, Messrs. C. Rouse, A. B. Davis, James George (the oldest member and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild), H. Spencer, F. B. Yates, T. H. Reeves, W. T. Froggitt, H. J. Poole and the Rev. G. H. Codrington.

The toast of 'Church and State and the City of Birmingham' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes. He said if they believed what many expressed, they would have grave doubts as to the future of the Church and State, but he did not share that pessimism. When he first came to Birmingham, 20 years ago, he thought of Shelley's description of London—"Like hell, a smoky and populous city." Birmingham at first sight was smoky and populous. It was now more populous but not so smoky because of the lack of fires (laughter). He would say, long might it continue to be smoky and populous.

Ald. Paddon Smith, in his reply, said as Lord Mayor he had to be very careful in his observations about the State—but what a state it was in! There was one thing, however, to be said for their old city—it was very healthy. 'We certainly make some smoke,' he added, 'but we shall probably make less in the future because as soon as we have an ample supply of coal we shall have no more metal—at any rate by the way things were managed, it looked like that in future. At the present time they had a tremendous problem of housing by the fact that they got labour from all parts of the country.'

### THE VILLA AND RELEGATION

Canon F. F. G. Warman said as they grew older they were in a position to reply more and more for the State. He did not know how far the Lord Mayor was nationalised but as far as his section of the toast was concerned the relationship of the Church and State in England was unique.

It had been mentioned that the bells were connected with the Church and the State. The sound came from inside the Church and went out to all the people of the State. The bells not only called them to church but rang out for occasions of national emergency and rejoicing. He believed that the bells of Aston were once rung to celebrate Aston Villa F.C. winning the F.A. Cup.

The Lord Mayor in adding his confirmation, said his only hope was that there would not be a request to ring them half-muffled at the end of the present season! (Laughter.)

The toast 'To the memory of Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who remarked that they knew very little of the life of Stedman or Annable or a number of the early ringers but with their own Henry Johnson they were more fortunate because they had people who knew him and also the memories of John Day, which he hoped would one day be published in book form.

'We have it from Day that Johnson as a composer in his time was unique and that as regards honour and integrity he could think of no one except Jasper Snowden who was so much quoted as a reference in a dispute. It was Johnson who sat in the belfry of Burton-on-Trent when the silent peal was rung and his words at the end have often been quoted: "This feat may be equalled but never excelled."

They might remember the dispute over Treble Bob when the writer wrote to the "Bell News" 'the composition was by Henry Johnson; there can, therefore, be nothing wrong with it.'

In Aston belfry there was a most delightful picture of the old gentleman dressed in his homely suit and with a twinkle in his eye. He would have enjoyed himself had he been with them that evening.

The toast was drunk in silence and the Master then asked those who knew Henry Johnson to stand. There was only one present, Mr. Charles Williams.

### MEN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths proposed 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' There were, he said, definite reasons for that prosperity and they did not need to look very far for them. The Guild had been conducted by men of the highest integrity—and he could claim nearly 50 years' membership of the Guild. He recalled the late Ald. Pritchett, whose nephew they were pleased to have with them that night.

Another stalwart was the late Mr. Godden, an excellent ringer and an excellent man who was secretary of the Guild for 20 years. He was succeeded as secretary by their present chairman, who was then a very dapper young man and it was very pretty to watch him in those days put the 11th of St. Martin's in its place. He was succeeded by Tom Reeves, who served the Guild faithfully as secretary for 20 years and they had now with them Mr. George Fearn, who was on the way for his 20 years of service.

Of the ringers of St. Martin's, Mr. Smallwood mentioned Bill Barber, Bill Short, Jim Groves and that great little man, Albert Walker, whom they hoped to have with them for many years. He did not think the enormous amount of work that 'great little man' had done for the Guild was appreciated. It was typical of his modesty that at the last general meeting he insisted on retiring from the office of Master in favour of the Lord Mayor in order to give the Guild increased kudos. St. Martin's was a Guild without factions or cliques; they always pulled together and the high standard of ringing made them such a strong power in the art.

Mr. W. G. Critchley (Ringing Master of the Guild) and Mr. George E. Fearn responded to the toast. The latter said there were two reasons for the success of the Guild which were often overlooked. Much had been said about the officers of the Guild but they would be useless without the loyal support of the members. Another thing that contributed to their success was that their bells were in excellent ringing order.

Yesterday he heard of a tower, not in the area of the Guild, that was spending £300 on the rehanging of the bells and had given the contract to the local carpenter. It was a difficult thing to persuade vicars and parochial church councillors that the rehanging of bells was a specialist's job and that money could be wasted through inexperience.

### NEW PEAL BOOK

The Master of the College Youths then presented to the Guild a new peal book which was beautifully bound. In making the presentation, Mr. Smallwood said he would like the Lord Mayor to accept it 'in grateful remembrance of the many happy years he had spent in the City.'

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr. Smallwood for his gift and said that the donor had told him that he learnt all he knew about change-ringing in their city. The gift, said Ald. Paddon Smith, was very handsome and costly. The book was made in the city of Birmingham by one of their most highly-respected members, Mr. John Pinfold.

Mr. Albert Walker, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' also expressed his thanks to Mr. Smallwood. In welcoming the visitors, he had a special greeting for Mr. George Newton, of Liverpool, as representing the older generation, and Mr. T. Mark White, hon. secretary of the Roving Ringers, as representing young ringers.

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, of The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths responded, and said his father rang a peal of Cinques at Birmingham in 1903. It was 46 years later that he rang a peal of Cinques in that city and he expressed the hope that his son would have the same privilege.

Mr. R. B. Meadows, of The Oxford University Society, who is spending a few months in Birmingham, regretted that he had to restrict his ringing to Sundays and one practice night a week. References had been made to smoky Birmingham. To him it seemed like Dante's Inferno—a combination of George and Henry 'in Fearn-o.' (laughter).

### \*RINGING WORLD' PROGRESS

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' to which the Editor replied and mentioned that the circulation had increased by 10 less than 2,000 during his editorship and that their paper ration for the next quarter would permit of 250 more subscribers and maintaining the paper at 16 pages. He appealed to those present to help in advancing the paper so that when the Central Council meeting was held at York it could be said that the ration was fully absorbed.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Ald. T. B. Pritchett, who spoke of the cheerful qualities and high example Ald. Paddon Smith had set during his year of office and the pleasure that he had been fully restored to health. Ald. Pritchett also mentioned the charming manner in which the Lady Mayoress had fulfilled her duties.

The chairman expressed his gratitude and thanks for the toast and the Lady Mayoress also replied and added that she was enjoying every minute of her duties as Lady Mayoress.

The musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. A. E. Barley, H. J. Summers and A. V. Pearson with Mr. E. J. Woodhall as accompanist. Two courses of Stedman Cinques were also rung on handbells by F. E. Haynes 1-2, F. W. Perrens, 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, G. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. E. Pervin 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12.

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## HENRY JOHNSON DINNER—Cont. THE COMPANY

Supporting the Lord Mayor and Master were the Lady Mayoress and Lt.-Col. D. Paddon Smith, Ald. and Mrs. T. B. Pritchett, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Fearn and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Canon and Mrs. F. F. G. Warman, the Revs. E. W. Hunt, C. H. Smyth and R. E. T. Allen.

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Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, A. A. Hughes, P. L. Taylor, R. B. Meadows, G. W. Critchley, J. F. Harvey, W. Leeson, T. Lane, J. H. Jones, A. E. Hughes, R. F. B. Speed, B. D. Threlfall, D. Knowles, D. Tranter, A. Courtman, F. Dunckerley, J. Worthy, J. Bibby, E. Jenkins, W. Allman, J. L. Millhouse, A. C. Sinfeld, L. H. Bywaters, J. Church, R. Webb, E. T. Allaway, G. R. Newton, J. C. E. Simpson, L. W. G. Morris, R. G. Edwards, C. H. Harding, R. J. Sharp, B. J. Sims, A. C. Morris, R. J. Beck, E. J. Chivers, G. H. Williams, A. E. Norman, W. Dyer, J. Cooper, H. Ashley, L. Trevor, J. L. G. Hayward, A. Wilkinson, J. Scott, H. J. Turner, J. Morris, T. R. Hampton, P. Richards, C. T. Richards, F. Matthews, W. Rawlings, E. Razzell, A. Laker, A. Diserens, W. J. Diserens, W. T. Elson, C. Parks, R. Davies, T. G. Fox, G. J. Lewis, T. J. Southam, E. Edmondson, F. Skidmore, A. H. Pulling, T. M. White, J. Chilcott, J. P. Fidler, H. H. Fearn, S. E. Darmon, F. W. Rishworth, H. Poyner, S. G. Chaplin, J. B. Sansom, R. Parsons, C. Williams, A. Fellows, B. C. Ashford, C. W. Cooner, J. Bass, F. Stitch, C. Wallater, A. E. Barley, D. Gee, D. T. Matkin, D. Pearson, B. G. Ongley, J. Pigott and E. J. Goodall.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Reading Branch which was held at St. Laurence's. Reading on February 24th. The Vicar conducted the service and a most interesting address was given by the Vicar of Dunsden (the Rev. Amies).

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Vicar of Mapledurham, was re-elected branch chairman, Mr. P. Dyke was elected branch Ringing Master in the place of Mr. Cyril Watts, who, to the great loss of the branch, has moved to London, and Mr. A. Diserens was elected branch treasurer and secretary, taking the place of Mr. T. Lanaghan, who has unfortunately had to resign the office owing to pressure of business.

The meeting expressed their appreciation of Mr. Edgar Humfrey's splendid record of long service as a ringer—over 60 years—and especially of his taking part in a well-struck peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Lawrence's in his 81st year.

St. Mary's bells were also made available after the meeting and the ringing ranged from rounds for the many young beginners to Stedman Cinques and London Surprise for those a 'little older in the tooth' (one of them having reached the ripe old age of 14 years).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BELFRYMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—R. B. Meadows' preliminary article on Belfrymanship comes as a welcome reminder that Spring is on the way. However, before his second article appears in print, which will of course help us to grasp and apply the finer points of belfrymanship (including steepleman-ship), I must point out that his illustration of 'showing the white flag,' which occurred at Carterbar (8, tenor 19 cwt.) I believe is actually, of course, S. Potter's chivalry gambit, 'Lifemanship,' Vol. I., Chap. III., p. 117, 1st Edition, 1950. This was used, as he says, with great effect and the bellringer concerned should have had belfrywoman status conferred forthwith.

I await with eagerness the latest work on towerclothesmanship including the old-sally-ploy which I believe has been perfected by the workers at Yeovil and, of course, basic tenor-manship.—Yours faithfully,

P. H. A. JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate and thank Mr. Meadows on his grand article that came as a breath of fresh air into a stuffy room. No doubt the quasi-statistical nature of 'The Ringing World' makes it inevitable that the menu is a trifle heavy, but that in turn makes a really light contribution the more acceptable when we get it. I hope that we shall get many more racy articles from Mr. Meadows' facile pen.

Perhaps he will tell us if he was ever in the R.A.F.? Belfrymanship strikes a familiar note. During the last war some wrecker of the English language coined that abomination 'Manmaster-ship,' which took root and continued to be the official definition of the art of looking after one's man. Thank heaven the W.A.A.F. never tried to parallel it with 'Womanmistresship.'

Anyhow, bravo, Mr. Meadows, and 'go again.'—Yours faithfully, T. V. LISTER.  
Apperley House, Glos.

### SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir.—The committee of the above annual event have decided to hold the rally and dinner in Christchurch this year on Saturday, May 5th.

It was felt that some ringers might like a peal attempt on that day, and others a coach tour of the district's belfries; therefore we hope more ringers than ever will wish to come and that they will make their wishes known at an early date. The Vicar of Christchurch has kindly given permission for the bells to be available both morning and afternoon if required. The peal attempts will probably be arranged at one or more of the eight-bell towers but a six-bell tower is also available.

I shall be happy to furnish further details to any ringers.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

116, Alma Road,  
Bournemouth.

### ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN

Dear Sir.—The notice of A. Darnell's death was not published as written by J. W. E. and would convey the impression that St. Andrew's still ring out. Unfortunately the bells were destroyed during the war and ringers who are alive and were regular service ringers there rarely meet each other now. We hear of each other via the good efforts of our captain, J. Hawkins, and sometimes we meet each other when one or two of us are invited to other towers.

Before the war, St. Andrew's was the only open and friendly tower with regular service ringing in London. This was because our captain gave everyone a chance to ring any bell and call a touch and did all he could to promote friendship. Under such conditions we usually enjoyed good ringing. I would be pleased if I could just listen to them broadcasting.

J. W. E.

### VALUE OF RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. B. Meadows' article on Belfrymanship makes most delightful reading. However, I feel he has omitted to mention the summit of Belfrymanship, which so few of us have the courage to attain. I refer to those who write letters or articles to 'The Ringing World' under noms de plume!

It seems that I might be accused of being guilty of this as in one recent letter my name was referred to as Semmons. The writer seemed to think that I was unaware of the details of West Country ringing, especially that in Cornwall, while inspection of the correct spelling of my name would give an indication of the county (or country) of my origin, namely, Cornwall, where change-ringing appears to be on the ascendant, at least in that half of the county remote from Devon!

On a more serious note, there are some points in Mr. Grills' letter which I would like to reply to.

When the recording of the B.B.C.'s interval signal was made, I understand that the band met one short for chance-ringing, so that the call-changes were not planned, but purely the result of circumstance.

I think the main reason why 'stoney' is looked upon so unfavourably by the majority of the Exercise is that 'stoney' ringers are content to ring the same thing without making any progress. A change-ringing band capable of striking Plain Bob perfectly would also practise more complicated methods until those too could be rung equally well. Also it is much easier to strike bells correctly when on the average each bell never moves in the order more than once a minute.

Devonshire has some fine rings of bells but, during many years spent there, I have heard several misused—one example being when the front six of an octave were rung by some visiting ringers because they were nearer the weight of their own bells at home.

The ringing competitions do a lot in Devon to improve the standard of ringing and an extension of competitions such as those held by the Hereford Guild to other change-ringing areas, would probably result in much improved striking and even in increased numbers in our belfries.—Yours faithfully,

Middlesbrough. P. S. W. B. SEMMENS.

### RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

The following is additional to the previous two lists published in 'The Ringing World':—  
Hertford County Association.

BUCKELL, P., Stanmore.

LAWRENCE, R., Hatfield.

SHEPHERD, R., Hatfield.

HALL, R., Hatfield.

CARLIN, Lt.-Comdr., R.N.V.R., Bushey.

EAST, E., St. Paul's, Walden.

### GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(By a Lady Ringer at Rye, Hants)

These Grandsire rules will keep you right

When ringing the bells on practice night.

If the Captain calls 'now Grandsire go.'

The treble begins to hunt in slow.

A single dodge for each hindmost bell

The third makes thirds then leads as well.

If no call is made then all hunt plain

Until the treble leaves lead again.

But if bob is called and you're in the lead,

Your work is unaltered so take no heed.

If in seconds place, then thirds you make,

Go into the hunt, and the treble take.

And out of the hunt comes the old hunt bell.

Who double dodges behind as well.

If leading when single is called you'll want

To make seconds place and go into the hunt.

But the ringer in seconds place take heed.

For you make long thirds, before going to lead.

And a single dodge you will make as well

If the next leads plain, with the old hunt bell.

Now if all these rules you understand,

You're a Grandsire ringer, so I'll say STAND.



## OBITUARY

## MR. THOMAS M. GRIFFIN

The news of the death of Mr. Thomas M. Griffin was received by his many ringing friends in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association with much regret. He passed away very suddenly at his home in Radstock on February 12th at the age of 77, and was in good health and very active up to the time of his death. He last rang in his home tower on February 6th and was then, as usual, of the cheerful and friendly disposition which endeared him to all.

He learnt to ring when a boy, at Wraxall, Somerset, where there were only six bells. He moved to Radstock whilst still in his teens and, up to the time of his death was the oldest surviving member of the old Wraxall band. Mr. Griffin was also a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a life member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Griffin took a great interest in his own tower and the neighbouring towers around, whenever he could visit them, and was always encouraging and helping the younger members who were learning the art. He seemed happier when amongst the learners.

He leaves a widow and two sons. His eldest son rang his first peal at the age of 13 and conducted his first peal at the age of 14.

Mr. Griffin's quiet and amiable disposition will be sadly missed by all at St. Nicholas', Radstock, and the neighbouring towers around, and those who were privileged to call him 'Father' will be the poorer for his passing.

The funeral service was held at the Church of St. Nicholas, Radstock, on February 15th and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. E. Evans) assisted by the Vicar of Kilmersdon (the Rev. W. B. Vernon). A large number of ringers, representing many towers were present. The Rector, in a short address from the pulpit, remarked that Thomas Griffin had been for more than half a century a ringer and tower master at the church, also a sidesman, church councillor and a member of the C.E.M.S. The church was part of his life and he had given it a long and devoted service. Known by his many ringing friends as 'Father' Griffin, he was always ready to give advice when needed; he was a 'father' to all and, by his passing, will be missed in the belfry for a very long time.

The service was fully choral. The coffin was borne by four fellow-ringers, Messrs. F. Carter, E. Bradfield, A. Mundy and E. Pain, all of whom had been associated with Mr. Griffin for nearly 30 years.

At the conclusion of the service a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect by the following ringers:—F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, H. Hawkins 3, D. Hoare (conductor) 4, G. Pomeroy 5, E. Connock 6.

The Parish Churches of Kilmersdon, Priston and Paulton also paid respect to 'Father' Griffin by half-muffled ringing and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Kilmersdon and a quarter-peal of Single Court at Paulton as a tribute of respect to him.

Mr. Griffin rang, in all, 97 peals. His last peal was on February 2nd, ten days before his death, at his home tower of St. Nicholas', Radstock. The peal was Minor, composed of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and was rung to celebrate his 77th birthday.

His peals, up to the year 1933, were:—Stedman Cinques 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 5, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 9, Grandsire Triples 21, Bob Minor 10, Minor peals 14, Grandsire Doubles 3, Doubles peals 11. No record of peals beyond that date are to hand. E. F. C.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire); Diana Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 3, Ruth Paton (cond.) 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter in five methods by all. Rung for the conductor's 18th birthday.

## LOSS TO THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

## MR. W. H. SHUKER

The guiding figure behind the Lancashire Association, Mr. William H. Shuker, of 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester, died on February 14th, aged 80 years. Since 1911 he had been secretary of the Association and would have completed 40 years' service had he continued until the next annual meeting. He had announced his intention of retiring from office.

Born at Little Drayton, Salop, on August 9th, 1870, he joined the Lancashire Association in 1897. Mr. Shuker was a member of the famous Pendleton band, led by Harry Chapman and rang his first peal at Pendleton on August 23rd, 1897. Another famous member of this band was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who spent some years with them.



Mr. Shuker rang 153 peals for the Lancashire Association and was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, the Chester Diocesan Guild, the North Wales Association, the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Middlesex County Association.

He had been a member of the Central Council for over 20 years and during that time never missed a meeting. He gave his full support to anything which he considered to be in the best interest of the art of change ringing. This applied equally to his duties as secretary of the Lancashire Association. The last meeting he attended was at Preston and that was the last time he went out of his house; such was his tenacity for doing his job.

'The Association will miss this old timer,' writes a correspondent, 'whose knowledge of procedure in the Lancashire Association was second to none, and we who are left to carry on the job will miss him tremendously.'

The funeral service took place at St. James', Rusholme, and was followed by cremation.

To his memory peals have been rung at Manchester Cathedral, St. George's, Stockport, and St. John the Evangelist, Miles Platting, Manchester.

## MR. C. H. SONE

The news of the death of Mr. Charlie Sone on February 20th came quite unexpectedly, but influenza with bronchitis in its wake has claimed another victim and we shall see our 'grand old man' no more.

Charles Henry Sone was born at Hartlip, Kent, on November 1st, 1867, and lived all his long life in the 'Garden County of England,' tending its soil as only a gardener knows how. For nearly 40 years he had lived at Linton, on the ridge of hill which overlooks the glorious Weald country, and it is with this village that his name is identified.

Yet Mr. Sone was nearly 45 when he moved into the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association where he was soon playing an active role at meetings. So when in 1924 he was elected District Secretary in succession to Mr. S. Hayzelden he was already in his 57th year. He held office until 1935 but, as a war emergency, took over for a second time at 72 years of age and held the fort for a further seven years before finally relinquishing command. It was little wonder then that his Association recognised his work by electing him to a vice-presidency and that his ringing colleagues sought to show their esteem by the presentation of a radio set. That day, just over four years ago, when a large company of over 70 assembled at Linton to do him honour will long be remembered.

Charlie Sone rang his last peal at Wrotham on April 1st, 1939, to complete a list which, if not in the higher flights, is still most impressive for one who enjoyed little opportunity for venturing far afield. Indeed, all but two of his total of 284 were rung in Kent, the exceptions being in neighbouring Sussex. Of these he conducted 52, and his son, T. E. Sone, another 153. Peals were scored in 54 Kent towers, but over 60 per cent. were rung in seven towers only—Aylesford 12, Hadlow 15, West Malling 23, Headcorn 26, Staplehurst 27, Marden 31 and Linton 40. Perhaps it is appropriate that the favourite method of this very Kentish Kentishman was Kent Treble Bob.

But what shall we remember of the man himself? Three characteristics stand out; first a generosity of spirit which precluded any thought of unkindness, malice or even anger; secondly, a physical generosity which was very evident in the household at Linton whether providing a much-appreciated tea to the peal band or giving a filling breakfast and a shilling for the pocket to the vagrant; thirdly, a mannerism, when standing, of sticking his thumbs in the armpits of his waistcoat.

It was, therefore, with a feeling of thankfulness for a life well lived that we bore witness to the committal of his bodily remains to his beloved soil in the precincts of Linton Church, the words of the Nunc Dimittis springing into life as we sang them: 'Now lettest Thy servant depart in peace.' His ringing friends then found their way up the ladder through the trap door to the old familiar ringing chamber and paid their respect in the way that Charlie would have wished. E. S. J. H.

## MR. GEORGE W. TERNBURY

The Cumberland and North Westmorland Association lost a valued member by the death of Mr. George W. Ternbury on January 12th after only a few days' illness.

Since he began ringing in 1901 he was best known as an instructor who was ready at any time to help a young ringer in the art. From 1923 he was assistant secretary to the Association and in 1925 was one of the band that rang the bells of Carlisle Cathedral which had been silent for 180 years. He rang 14 peals.

The funeral took place at Cleator Moor on January 15th and was attended by a large congregation which included ringers from Egremont, Keswick and Hensingham.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung fully muffled at Egremont on January 28th by Miss J. D. Forbes 1, W. Cook 2, J. A. Haile 3, S. Richardson (conductor) 4, J. H. Rothery 5, H. Wilson 6, A. Eilbeck 7, T. McKay 8.



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY LUNCH

### More Competent Ringers Up Than Ever Before

OXFORD University Society held its annual lunch on February 3rd and was joined during the day by many old members and friends. Ringing began at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas' and St. Mary Magdalene's. In between the arrival of visitors, methods up to Surprise were brought round. At 12.30 both parties met for a service in the choir of the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. This was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Dr. R. S. Lee, assisted by the President of the Society, the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Dr. Lee preached the sermon.

The company was joined at lunch, in the Forum, by the incumbents of St. Mary's, St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas', and St. Cross' and by representatives of the City Ringers. The president was in the chair.

### SOCIETY FLOURISHING

After the loyal toast, the president called on Dr. J. E. Spice to propose 'The Clergy.' Dr. Spice commenced by saying how pleased he was to see the Society in such a flourishing condition and cited, as an example, the peal attempt for Stedman Cinques at Christ Church in which seven resident members had taken part. This was a great contrast to the days when it had been a struggle to ring Grandsire Doubles.

Being in a reminiscing mood, and unhampered by the fact that none of the clergy he had dealt with were still in Oxford, Dr. Spice went on to indulge in anecdotes of ringing during his term of office as Master. Many of the difficulties O.U.S. had experienced had been due to their being a mixed society in days when there was objection to lady ringers mainly on the grounds that, in the words of one incumbent, 'When the sexes get together in the belfry, there are goings on.' He was pleased to see that difficulty no longer existed.

In replying, the Rev. J. C. Stephenson, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's, gratified his listeners with selections from his dealings with ringers and with non-ringers. It was difficult to judge whether the real reason behind the notices requesting that the doors of his church be kept shut, or the story of the acrimonious correspondence with a man from Balliol on the subject of Sunday morning ringing, was more to the taste of his listeners: though with no Balliol man in the Society, the latter story probably had it.

### EASTERN COUNTIES' 'BUN FIGHT'

The next toast was that of 'The Guests,' proposed by Mr. R. B. Meadows. After regretting the absence of several worthies, presumably at a bun-fight in the Eastern Counties, Mr. Meadows went on to welcome the guests and, in particular, Miss Cross and M. Rognvald Wilson. He then extended a welcome to the Oxford City Ringers, who always contributed so much to the University Society's ringing.

Miss Cross, replying on behalf of the guests, stressed the close contact there had always been between the University Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This had been heightened by the fact that three O.U.S. members, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge and the Rev. C. E. Wigg, had been Masters of the Diocesan Guild. She hoped relations would remain as close as at present.

The last toast, 'The Oxford University Society,' was proposed by Mr. Rognvald Wilson. He reminded members how lucky they were to live in a city so well supplied with bells, more than there were in all Scotland. He sympathised with Oxford men at having to leave such riches behind after an all too short three years, but bade them remember the advantages of such a stay. The continual finding of new leaders in their own areas would always be for the good of the Exercise in general.

Mr. N. G. McCrum then rose to give his report as Master for the preceding year. He endorsed what Dr. Spice had said about the strength of the Society. It was to be doubted whether so many competent ringers had ever been up at one time before. This was reflected in the high standard of the ringing. He also praised the handbell bands of Somerville and St. Hilda's, both of which had scored peals and had prevented handbell ringing becoming a lost and unremembered art. But he felt most people's interests lay chiefly in the tower, and he looked forward to greater achievements in this sphere for the coming year.

At 3 p.m. the party moved to New College. Here the standard methods and a course of Yorkshire were rung. At 4 p.m. a move was made to the finer ten at Magdalen. Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Kent and Cambridge were achieved. At 6 p.m. the last tower of the day, All Saints', was open. Ringing ranged from rounds to attempts at Spliced Surprise. By this time all but the most hardy spirits were satiated and a general move was made for refreshment.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Litton Cheney, on February 24th, brought together an attendance of about 40 from West Dorset towers and from the North Dorset and Dorchester branches with visitors from Templecombe. No doubt the recently augmented ring of eight was an additional attraction. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in call changes and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

Canon E. S. Daniell, the Rector, was just well enough to get up from his bed and officiate at the service, assisted by Canon C. Carew Cox, the Master of the Guild. The Rector's brief, practical address was much appreciated.

An ample tea was provided through the generous hospitality of the local ringers and many who had not sent in their names were fortunate in being able to sit down to enjoy it.

At the outset of the business meeting Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. branch secretary, voiced the congratulations of the Branch to the Master and

Chairman on his appointment to an Honorary Canonry of Salisbury Cathedral.

The statement of accounts showed the Branch to be well in funds with a balance of £27 12s.

The next meeting was arranged for Beaminster on April 21st, and three new members, Mrs. Clothier, Mrs. Samways and Edward Fry, were elected from Litton Cheney.

The chairman made known some of the arrangements made by the general committee for the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild to be held at Wimborne Minster on April 28th and it was agreed that a coach should be run for the benefit of West Dorset ringers.

It was also agreed that, in response to the recommendation of the general committee, a contribution should be made from the branch funds towards the excessive cost of printing the annual report, and it was resolved to support the proposal that all ringers who wished their peals recorded in the report should be charged a booking fee of 6d. for each member ringing.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for his welcome and the use of the bells; to the organist and choir; to the local ringers for providing the tea and to the ladies responsible for serving it, was carried with acclamation.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Annual General Meeting

THE annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on February 17th at Southwark Cathedral. Before the meeting the towers of St. Mary's, Lambeth, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were also available.

A large gathering attended Sung Evensong in the Cathedral, and about 80 members met for tea and the business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House afterwards. The meeting was addressed by the Hon. Chaplain of the Association, the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, who stressed the importance of the work of such voluntary bodies as Guilds and Associations of Church Bell-ringers.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mr. N. G. Hollingworth and Miss A. M. Castle; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. J. Strickland; senior steward, Mr. C. M. Meyer; junior steward, Mr. J. H. Lott; trustees, Mr. A. H. Keighley and Mr. T. W. Taffender.

### ORGANISED SUNDAY RINGING

The Master reported a successful year for 1950. Fifteen peals were rung, an increase of three over 1949, 45 members taking part. Methods ranged from Stedman Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Nineteen new members were elected during the year. A very important part of the Association's work had been the continued rotation ringing for Sunday services at towers where no local band was available. This activity has been carried out on 48 Sundays during the year at 12 different towers by companies organised by the Master, and at eight different towers by ringers from Isleworth. On the majority of these occasions quarter-peals had been rung, and in addition to Surprise Major included such methods as Stedman and Erin Caters, Kent and Granta Treble Bob Royal and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The Master mentioned matters connected with ringing for the Festival of Britain, and stated that opportunity would be given to members to assist the local company in ringing at the Festival Church, St. John's, Waterloo Road.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of nine members who had passed away during the year. Among these was Mr. Henry R. Newton, a past Master of the Association, and in whose memory a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major had been rung.

Members were urged, and visitors invited, to attend the Associations meetings and practices. The latter are held on the first Monday evening in each month at St. Mary's, Lambeth, for all methods, and on the third Wednesday evening in each month at St. Stephen's, Westminster, primarily for advanced Major methods.

### HANDBELL CONTEST

After the conclusion of the business, the annual contest took place for the 'Dawe' Handbell Cup, for which competitors are required to ring at least a full course, consisting of not less than 70 changes in any method on eight bells. Four teams entered for the competition, one each from All Saints', Isleworth, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, and two from St. Luke's, Chelsea. One of the Chelsea teams and the Isleworth team rang a plain course of Stedman Triples: the second Chelsea team rang a plain course of St. Clement's Bob Triples, and the Brentford team rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples. The cup was awarded to the Brentford band, consisting of Miss Gillian R. Cumber 1-2, Miss Gillian R. Lamont 3-4, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds 5-6, Mr. Colin R. Lamont 7-8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb. 25th, 1950 Grandsire Caters: A. Allen 1, A. H. S. Rainey 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, G. H. Williams 4, A. Short 5, J. W. Pettigrew 6, J. L. Gray 7, G. Davis (firm) cond. on ten bells 8. E. J. Franklin 9, H. Dickens 10.



## REDEDICATION St. John's, Sidcup

Sunday, February 11th, was a day that will long be remembered by the ringers of St. John's, Sidcup. Despite the inclement weather, a large gathering was present when the Lord Bishop of Rochester rededicated the ring of six bells recently retuned and rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

In the absence, unfortunately through illness, of the Vicar (Canon C. E. Webb) morning prayer was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. R. John). At the conclusion of the office and during the singing of the hymn 'Set between the Earth and Heaven' the Bishop, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens and preceded by the crucifer and acolytes, moved in procession to the baptistery where the prayers of dedication were said.

The local ringers were entrusted with the opening ringing and while the Bishop was returning to the altar, 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by Miss M. Kotting 1, P. P. Brown 2, G. F. Green 3, L. J. Crowhurst 4, C. E. Palmer (conductor) 5 and C. M. Sayer 6.

At the conclusion of the service the Bishop visited the ringing chamber where he was photographed with the ringers and he subsequently proceeded to the bell-chamber.

As the congregation left the church three courses of Plain Bob Minor were rung by Messrs. P. P. Brown 1, J. Dafters 2, A. S. Richards 3, F. I. Hairs 4, P. J. Snice 5 and C. E. Palmer (conductor) 6. Ringers were present from Bexley, Bromley, Crayford, Erith, Lewisham and West Wickham. The firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was represented by Mr. W. A. Hughes.

On February 24th a gathering of about 35 ringers from surrounding towers were present at an open meeting. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and continued until 5 o'clock when the party adjourned to the Church Hall for tea which was prepared by the local lady ringers and their friends. At 6 o'clock a service of thanksgiving was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. R. John. Further ringing followed ranging from rounds for beginners to Cambridge and Ipswich Minor. Ringers were present from Bexley, Beckenham, Crayford, Dartford, Erith and West Wickham and the ringing finished at 8 p.m., everybody agreeing that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had made an excellent job of the restoration.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY February Meeting at Birstall

The monthly meeting was held at Birstall, the original home of the Yorkshire Association. The bells were soon in use and good efforts were made during the afternoon and evening to keep them fully occupied. The afternoon attendance was not of the best but increased after tea.

The business meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the tower. Owing to an unfortunate accident at work, the president was in hospital at Bradford and Mr. F. Hutchinson deputised for him in the chair.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Almondbury, Bradford, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Elland and Lightcliffe and the local company.

The election of new members was deferred until the next meeting. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. W. Dixon.

The next meeting, due to be held at Armley, and at which nominations for next year's officers will be received, will be a joint one with the Yorkshire Association (Western Division) and will be held on March 31st.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

### Bristol Rural Branch

About 40 members attended the Branch's meeting at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on February 24th. The six bells were put to good use in rounds and queens, and in methods from Grand-sire to Cambridge Minor. The Rev. E. R. Santer conducted the service and in his address he spoke of the ringers' service as part of the Church.

An enjoyable, and warming, tea preceded the business meeting with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair. Among the visitors welcomed were Mr. Jeffery (St. Werburgh's Rector's warden), Mr. Webb (of Nibley) and Mr. Price (secretary of the Stroud Branch).

Mr. S. Riches reported on the Association's management committee meeting held recently at Gloucester. At this meeting the Bristol Rural Branch had shown up well to the forefront in the reports, both from a numerical and financial standpoint.

After the branch secretary had thanked the tower secretaries for their helpful and accurate tea notifications for this meeting, the chairman expressed thanks to the ladies, Mr. S. Riches and all who had helped in this happy meeting.

### 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Canon Thomas Houghton, who lives with his nieces, Misses L. and M. Stevenson, at Farndon, Cheshire, celebrated his 100th birthday on February 23rd.

He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages, including a telegram from H.M. the King, and the bells were rung by the Farndon ringers to celebrate the occasion. The ringing included the 'firing' of the bells 100 times.

It was also felt that a peal should be attempted in honour of the event and publicity was given to this in the national Press. Happily, an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild was successfully accomplished the next day (Saturday) after which the bells were again 'fired' 100 times.

At the conclusion of the peal the Misses Stevenson visited the belfry and expressed great pleasure that it had been successful.

Afterwards the local ringers and peal band were entertained to tea by Canon Houghton who, though he was unable to be present, had taken great interest in the proceedings.

The Rector of Farndon, the Rev. G. Vaughan, welcomed the ringers and proposed the health of Canon Houghton. Mr. A. E. Richards, the local tower captain, responded on behalf of the ringers and Mr. G. H. Randles expressed the thanks of the peal band for the hospitality extended, also for the honour of being able to take part in such a unique and happy event.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Winchester District

On February 24th a practice meeting of the above District was held at Tichborne with about 30 ringers in attendance. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and at 2.35 p.m. there was a slight break in the proceedings while the rope was replaced on the wheel of the treble which, unfortunately, had lost its stay. After this mishap, well-struck touches in various methods were rung including Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, Double Court and the standard methods.

After the service, taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Skene, an enjoyable tea was provided at Riverside Farm. The treble stay was repaired during the interval but on return to the tower, another excursion to the bell-chamber was necessary—a time to attend to the stay of the second—a rather 'Payne'-ful experience.

Nothing daunted, however, the meeting continued with more advanced methods and the bells were rung down with no further untoward events.

## RANG PEALS IN LAST CENTURY A HEREFORD VETERAN

Mr. C. L. Sadler, of Hereford, rang his first peal on October 8th, 1897, at St. Mary's Church, Ross, ringing the fourth to a variety of Parker's 12 part, conducted by James E. Groves. It was on the same bell that he rang his 100th peal (Stedman Triples) on April 3rd, 1937. He also rang the sixth to the first peal on Clifford bells on December 26th, 1897, and the same bell to the same composition (Parker's 12 part) on the 50th anniversary in 1947. Mr. Sadler rang a 40th anniversary peal at St. Mary's, Ross-on-Wye. In 1897 he rang the fourth bell to 5,040 Grandsire Triples and in 1937 the same bell to 5,040 Stedman Triples.

### STARTED IN 1888

Father of the St. David's Society, Exeter, and the last of the original members, Mr. Arthur W. Searle, of Exeter, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Edmund's, Exeter, on January 30th, 1888. His most recent was Kent Treble Bob at St. David's, Exeter, on February 15th, 1936. Most of his 15 peals in the last century were rung at St. Martin's, Salisbury, but also included peals at St. Edward's, Romford, where the brothers Pye were just beginning their ringing careers.

He recalls a pre-breakfast handbell peal at 6 a.m. at Salisbury with Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. W. Gifford and T. Blackburn: first peals by Devonshire and Exeter men on Exeter Cathedral bells and first peals in Exeter of Stedman Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. Searle created a record by ringing in every available 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bell tower in Devon. A total of nearly 400.

Mr. Alfred Talbot, who now lives at The Outlook, Thursley, Godalming, rang his first peal at Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, in May, 1899.

The method was Plain Bob Minor and the occasion was the first peal of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, who was then curate at Waltham St. Lawrence. Mr. Talbot rang about 70 peals and was for a time secretary of the Leominster and Presteigne branches of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He has taken no active part in ringing for several years.

Mr. Hubert Hatts, of Gregs Hill, Henley-on-Thames, has one peal in the last century to his credit. It was a peal of Minor in seven methods at Beenhams, Berks, on December 1st, 1888, and was the first peal on the bells.

Mr. William G. Whitehead, of 14, Beachampton, Wolverton, Bucks, rang his first peal on November 7th, 1896, at Bushey. He rang 25 peals before the end of 1899.

Mr. W. Poston, of Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, first pulled a bell in August, 1894, and rang his first peal at Hempsted, Gloucester—Doubles in three methods—on October 19th, 1894. This peal was followed by Doubles in four methods at Woodchester, Glos. November 18th, 1894; Bob Minor, at Hemosted, January 16th, 1895; and four methods of Minor, at Hempsted, April 2nd, 1895. All these peals were conducted by W. T. Pegler and amongst the ringers were A. E. Pegler and John Austin. At this time the St. Michael's Juniors were going strong at Gloucester.

### MONKEN HADLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Hitler said he had no more territorial claims in Europe. I notice in your peal columns that Monken Hadley is ascribed to Middlesex. Although in the Diocese of London, it is in the Urban District of East Barnet in the Administrative County of Hertford.

Another tower which seems to change its county occasionally is Elstree (6), also in Hertfordshire.

Surely no matter for what association your peal is rung, it is only common courtesy to give the tower its proper county as much as its dedication.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.



## A WEEK-END IN HAMPSHIRE

Seven ringers from West Sussex spent a very enjoyable ringing week-end in Hampshire over the week-end of February 10th and 11th. Two cars carrying five members of the party left Chichester, after some little delay, and arrived at St. Maurice's Church, Winchester, nearly an hour late, to find the seventh member of the party and the Winchester District secretary (Mr. Jack King) anxiously awaiting their arrival. Ringing on this light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) was enjoyed and the party, now up to strength, went on to Sparsholt.

Although we were late, the Vicar met us and welcomed us to his church. Various Doubles methods were rung on this rather tricky ring of five (tenor 8 cwt.). The party went on to King's Somborne, with its fine six (tenor 12½ cwt.) and long draught of rope. Ringing here was notable for the first of several courses of Cambridge Minor rung during the week-end. Following a welcome from the Rev. J. G. R. Blackwall and the local captain, we left these fine bells with regret.

An excellent lunch at the Seven Gables, Stockbridge, put new life into the party and the light six at St. Peter's (tenor 7½ cwt.) were tapped round well. Here again we were pleased to meet the Vicar and Mr. Carey, the tower captain. Next came the beautiful easy-going five at Leckford (tenor 8½ cwt.), hung in a tiny wooden tower. Here we were very pleased to ring with three keen young ringers from Winchester College. Then on to Broughton, with a fine church and a rather tricky ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt.), and Nether Wallop. The five here (tenor 15 cwt.) are very rarely rung and a combination of a long draught, heavy-going bells and ropes in bad condition, caused poor striking and plenty of hard work. All credit to our youngest member, Frank Lewis (aged 14), for the way he managed the treble, whose rope resembled a wire hawser.

Following tea at Middle Wallop (of happy memory for two of the party) came the very good five (tenor 9½ cwt.) at Abbot's Ann, where two local ringers met us. The last tower of the day was difficult to find. It was the glorious Taylor six (tenor 11½ cwt.) at Winterslow, just over the Wiltshire border. These bells are rung from the porch, with a sliding screen for protection from the weather, and were without doubt the finest six on which we were privileged to ring over the week-end.

Supper was enjoyed in Salisbury (after some difficulty in finding a cafe open at 10.15 p.m.); and the night was spent at the Pheasant, Winterslow.

Sunday morning saw us on our way by 9.45, and we reached Amport safely by 10.15 a.m. to ring for service. Snow was falling heavily, and no local ringers arrived, so the party rang touches in various methods up to service time, concluding with 360 Bob Minor. Striking was good in view of the fact that ringing here takes place in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. We stayed for service and lowered the bells afterwards, before going into Andover for a good lunch at the Star and Garter, Goodworth Clatford (6, tenor 10 cwt.) was the next tower and again the Vicar very kindly met us. Ringing on these easy-running bells was enjoyed before going on to ring on the fine light six by Taylors (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Loneparish. The Vicar and three local ringers welcomed us here, as did Mr. Smith and Miss Nesta Smith at Wonston. This fine six (tenor 8½ cwt.) run beautifully.

The last tower was the very good six (tenor 8 cwt.) at Micheldever where we acquitted ourselves well despite a long draught without guides. After supper at Winchester, the party set out for home.

Everyone agreed that the week-end had been a great success and thanks are due to Norman Smith, of Chichester, the organiser, and to the drivers, Miss Kevs and Mr. Stoveld, of Bosham. We would also like to thank very cordially all the incumbents and local ringers. P. N. B.

## OLD BELLS IN PRESENT-DAY RINGS

Arising from the query of Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, Somerset, asking for particulars of bells older than Yatton's seventh doing service in rings to-day, we have received a number of interesting replies. The date of Yatton's seventh, states Mr. Price, is 1451 A.D., and not as published.

### CHERTSEY AND CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—In reply to the enquiry by Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, there are a considerable number of rings which incorporate bells earlier than 1541. Near here are two rings of eight—Chertsey and Chobham—the former having a bell nearly 600 years old, while Chobham has one 430 years of age.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

### CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—At Carlisle Cathedral there is one bell, the seventh, which, according to the records, was installed in 1401, being the only one left from the ring put in then by General Strickland, who was responsible for having the tower built after the Cathedral was damaged by fire in 1385 and the original bells destroyed.

This bell is in regular use and was hung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1924. An unusual feature of this bell is that it has to be rung clappered wrong. The inscriptions are in Latin but no date is on the bell.

There are four other bells in the 1600's and the eight bells are by five different founders.—Yours faithfully,

J. BUTTERFIELD.

Carlisle.

### BARMING, KENT

Dear Sir,—In Barming Church, Kent, there is a ring of six and the third was cast in 1442. No doubt there are many pre-Reformation bells in the country but very few, I should imagine, older than this one, that is to say those that are still being rung as one of a ring.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Barming, Kent.

### BILTON, RUGBY

Dear Sir,—There are three bells at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby, which are 100 years older than the one at Yatton. One was cast in 1450 and two in 1460. These were rehung in a modern frame in 1948.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BURNELL, Ringing Master.

St. Mark's Church, Bilton.

### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS

Dear Sir,—In the ring of eight bells at Hughenden, Bucks, we have two old bells; the seventh was cast in 1490 and the tenor about 1420. So far nearly 300 peals have been rung on the bells.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

### FULMER, BUCKS

Dear Sir,—In our small village church of St. James, Fulmer, Bucks, we have a ring of six, the treble of which was cast in 1540, and is in fine condition to-day after having been rung over 400 years. The founders were John Saunders, of Reading, and it bears the Latin inscription meaning 'Holy Mary, pray for us.'

I believe it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that, up and down the country to-day, towers may be found containing bells still in use of even a much earlier vintage. It is an interesting subject to pursue with the idea of finding (if not already known) which tower actually contains our oldest bell still in use which has not been recast.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS D. WINYARD.

Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

(To be continued)

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The family of the late W. H. Shaker wish to thank all ringers for their kind sympathy and floral tributes in their sad bereavement. 8531

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### MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, March 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. 8442

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting, East Grinstead, March 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 8435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Peter's, Weedon Bec, Northampton, March 10th, at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles, installed by John Taylor and Co., making ring of eight. 8432

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. 8487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage (6), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8485

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8484

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleve Prior, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. 8483

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, March 10th, p.m., at St. Gregory's. St. Peter's and All Saints' available at 6.30 on request. Tea 5 p.m. at Pimpernel Cafe, King Street, for those sending names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 8482



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th, St. Nicholas', Chiswick, 3. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. Service 6. Further ringing afterwards.—Hutchings (GERard 9351). 8504

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Annual Supper, Heston, March 10th, 6 p.m. A few tickets (8/6) available at door. Admittance to social only 2/6. 8513

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, March 10th. Good attendance essential please. Tea at the Brownlow Cafe (off car park) 5.15. Usual arrangements.—E. J. Rowe, 6, Church Street, Broseley. 8493

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, March 10th, Croydon. Parish Church bells (12) 3. Service 5, at which the Archdeacon will dedicate a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston. Business meeting at Croydon Bell Foundry.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 8425

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Youlgrave (8), Saturday, March 17th, 3 p.m. Tea and sandwiches for all at the Bull's Head.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8476

**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Joseph W. Parker Commemoration Meeting will be held at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, on Saturday, March 17th. Will members requiring tea (approximately 2s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than March 14th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8456

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Earls Colne, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, near Colchester. 8491

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, March 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Radford's Cafe, Bath Street. Names for tea, not later than March 14th, to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Lyncroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 8465

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by previous Tuesday, H. J. Cloxton, Holme, near Newark. 8469

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, March 17th at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Southwark, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 8526

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting on March 17th, Butcombe, 4 o'clock; Nempnett, Thrubwell, 6 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8507

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Hull on March 17th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4. Holy Trinity bells after tea. Names for tea, by March 14th, to Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull. 8525

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8), March 17th, 2.30. Tea, if names are received by 14th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8521

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting at Berkswell, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by March 14th, to F. E. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 8522

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting March 17th at Tetbury. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by March 15th.—E. Jefferies 24, Siddington, Cirencester, Glos. 8505

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, March 17th, 5.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8497

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Benenden, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th please, to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 8515

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, March 17th Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8523

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens (10) on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8514

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Eccles, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting in schoolroom after tea.—R. Benson, Sec. 8524

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, March 17th. No tea arrangements; tea shops nearby.—L. Walmsley. 8518

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Chisledon, March 17th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne Marlborough, Wilts. 8508

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Dedication of Cranborne bells by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. L. F. Addison Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Ring of eight recast by J. Taylor and Co., tenor 17 cwt. All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. Good bus service. Ringing for all after tea. A Grand Church, a Grand Tower and now a Grand Ring. 8510

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley, March 17th. Bells 3. Tea provided 5. Names essential, by 15th, to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8482

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, March 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 14th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8506

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. Names for tea, by March 15th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough. 8527

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal Parish Church, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Greengate, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8528

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—Ringers will be welcome at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18th, when the recast bell will be dedicated and the bells re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. 8509

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, March 17th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available:—Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George's, Colegate (6), 2.30 onwards. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president. Remittance for lunch to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, before March 17th. 8489

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Easter Monday, March 26th. Painswick (12) available 10 till 12 noon only; Stroud (10) available 11 till 12.15 and in evening. Lunch (4/6) 12.30. Tea 1/6. Meeting 1.30 sharp. Divine service 4.30. Will those who require lunch and/or tea please let me know (with remittance) not later than Monday, March 19th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol. 5. 8502

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names, with remittance, for lunch tickets, to F. Mitchell, 114 Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 3/-; non-members 4/6. Please apply early. Towers and reference to badges next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 8520

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Cardiff. St. John's bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea, at St. James' Hall, and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32 Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8519

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—District meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, Easter Monday, March 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Walton bells 11.30—12.30. Names for tea essential by March 22nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Subscriptions, 2/6, now due for 1951.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8517

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Worcester. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. Bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2/6 per head) arranged at 4.45 p.m. for those only who notify me before Wednesday, March 21st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m. and in afternoon; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) provisionally 5.45 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 8516

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Annual Festival, Newton Abbot, Easter Monday, March 26th. Service, St. Leonard's Church, 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Wolborough Parish Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open:—Wolborough (8), Highweek (8), 3.30—4.30 p.m.; and Kingskerswell (6). Admission to luncheon, by prepaid ticket only, 4s. each from the Gen. Sec., E. J. Taylor, Westbays, Post Hill, Tiverton. Before March 17th (Continued on next page)

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Wrington on Easter Monday. Bells at 10.30. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for lunch and tea essential as admission will be by ticket. Bells available, besides Wrington, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Yatton, Backwell, Long Ashton. Congresbury also open if scaffolding is removed in time. If car hire needed from Yatton, or bus routes, ring Wrington 297.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 8530

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Cambridge, Easter Monday, March 26th. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 8512

**HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and contest, Thornhill, Saturday, March 31st. For teas notify, by March 24th. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—In order to avoid the Festival of Britain dates, the annual tenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8516 general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 8500

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Preliminary notice. The summer meeting will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, June 9th. Names, please, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.—A. B. Peck. 8529

**BREDE, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Piper 1, C. H. Perry 2, W. H. Joiner 3, S. C. Driver 4, G. S. Piper (cond.) 5, N. Apps 6.

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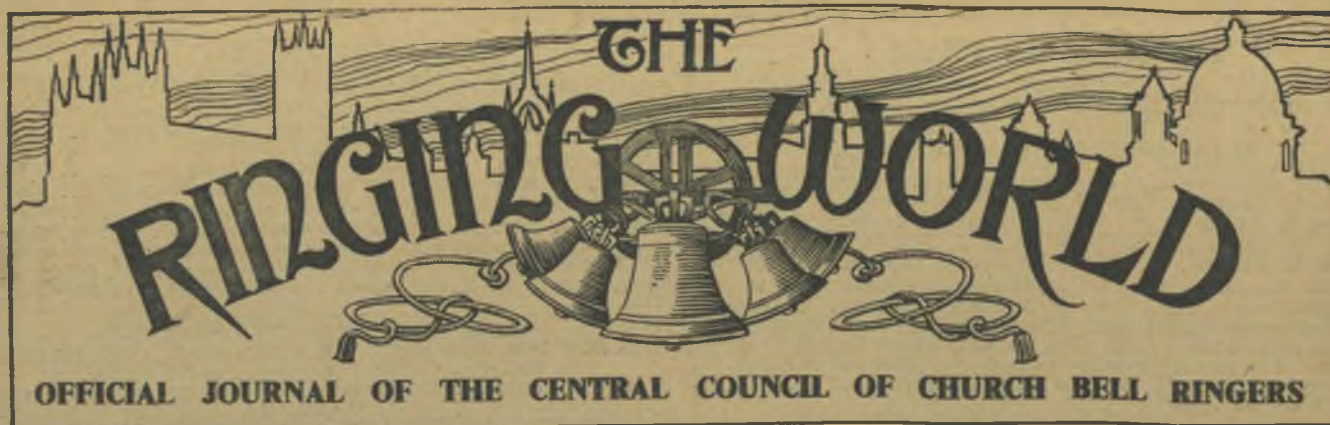
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## BIRMINGHAM

THERE is no other social gathering in the ringers' calendar with the same appeal as the Henry Johnson Dinner. The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is, in a sense, a closed shop, and the annual meeting of the Central Council, while having certain social qualities, is preoccupied with the immediate problems of the Exercise. The 'Henry Johnson' has its own peculiar magic spell and calls both young and old. Alas, seating accommodation restricts numbers, and while a company of 195 sat down to dinner this year, it was the regretted duty of the hon. secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, to send back some 70 remittances.

That the second city of the country, Birmingham, should have as its Lord Mayor a practical ringer, who since his youth has been closely associated with our art, is a compliment to the Exercise. In a personal letter to the Editor, one of our readers complained that ringers never made their mark in other walks of life or occupied eminent positions. Apparently he had not heard of Ald. A. Paddon Smith, who through his own personal initiative and business acumen rose to be the head of one of Birmingham's great industries and also made his mark in municipal work. For 20 years he was secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, and it was a real joy to see him in the Master's chair, displaying that wide knowledge of ringing and its personalities, coupled with a worldly commonsense. One of the greatest assets of a ringer is his style of handling, and one of the speakers recalled some 40 years ago how pretty it was to watch the Lord Mayor as a dapper young man turning in the eleventh of St. Martin's. These memories, we would remind the young generation, last. To youth and maid we would say that the old 'uns judge you more by your style and striking than by the methods you ring.

St. Martin's Guild is proud of its front-rank ringers; their reputation in the realm of achievement is undisputed, and for years the 12-bell ringing of Birmingham has been held in high esteem. It is gratifying, however, to find that the facility with which leading members call Stedman Cinques is equalled by their rhetoric in after-dinner speeches. Perhaps it is the inspiration of Henry Johnson and the commemoration dinners. The two schoolmasters, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, drew from their store of quotations to find apposite pointers

to their speeches—the former from the Archbishop of York and the poet Shelley, and the latter from the Book of Ecclesiastes. That great and beloved personality among Birmingham ringers, Mr. Albert Walker, was not to be outdone, but had a line of Tennyson available, appropriate for introducing 'The Visitors' toast—'Old faces press round us, and warm hearts close with warm hearts.' The old and the young replied—Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, of the other St. Martin's (in-the-Fields), which church was visited by Birmingham worthies last year, and Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of 'Belfrymanship' fame. Temporarily resident in Birmingham, Mr. Meadows has still the influence of Oxford and the University Society. He gave classical tone to his speech by references to Scylla and Charybdis, and, still with thoughts of lurking dangers, produced the gem of the evening from Dante's *Inferno*. The two brothers will not be permitted to forget the reference. To future speakers at the Henry Johnson dinner we would issue this caveat: come prepared with something choice, for amid the smoke of Birmingham there is an expectancy of scholarship, wit and brevity.

A special welcome was accorded Mr. J. Frank Smallwood—not that he is in need of a welcome to a city that for years nurtured him and taught him the art of ringing. It was because of the exalted position he holds this year as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He came not empty handed: his gift was costly and precious, a new peal book for the St. Martin's Guild. Peals worth ringing are worth recording properly. The peal books of this Guild are written and illuminated with loving care worthy of the performance. And the illuminator has no light task with the frequency with which peals are rung by the Guild. In two years' time another book will be needed and, shall we hopefully add, another benefactor required!

To the Editor the occasion was particularly memorable in meeting in the flesh correspondents who had written many a cheery letter or sent a greeting. While there are critics of every journal and an Editor is apt to be regarded as the whipping boy when things go awry, there are real friends in the Exercise—cordial, sincere and helpful. To those who feel disgruntled and unhappy about the future of ringing and its fellowship we would say: 'Go to Birmingham and capture the spirit of Henry Johnson.' There was, however, one disappointment for the Editor. The gracious lady who had promised her impressions of the Henry Johnson dinner has so far not bestowed her favours on the readers of this journal.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### BRISTOL.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

#### A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER .. .. Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 2	THOMAS W. KIMBER .. .. 8
SIDNEY G. RICHES .. .. 3	*ALAN A. HILLIAR .. .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. .. 10
JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 5	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. .. 11
*JEAN McDOWALL .. .. 6	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.  
 \* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. F. G. Leaker's first peal.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 9
†JILL POOLE .. .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 10
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 11
†SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNER.  
 \* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 75th peal together. † 75th peal. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

### WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

#### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

MRS. THOMAS H. FRANCIS Treble	THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 7
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 9
JOYCE ENGLAND .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 10
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. .. 11
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 6	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

## TEN BELL PEAL

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

#### AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JILL POOLE .. .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 8
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 9
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.  
 \* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of a daughter.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GRAHAM MARSH .. .. Treble	G. A. MOORE .. .. 5
ROBERT S. ANDERSON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY C. BEECH .. .. 6
*ARTHUR GAUNT .. .. 3	ANDREW THOMSON .. .. 7
*HAROLD BULLOUGH .. .. 4	JOHN BEARDMORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by G. A. MOORE.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells. A first birthday compliment to the son of the 2nd ringer and the daughter of the 3rd.

### NORWICH, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

#### A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDING .. .. Treble	RALPH SITCH .. .. 5
*SYDNEY A. BOAR .. .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 6
WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
 \* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney A. Boar, formerly of Ipswich, whose last peal was rung on May 20th, 1910.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

#### AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 2	*ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 6
*W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
*ERNEST WALLACE .. .. 4	*ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.  
 \* First peal in the method. In memoriam Janet Appleton, M.B.E., Durham Diocesan President of the G.F.S. and wife of Canon C. R. Appleton, Rector and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street, who died February 20th, 1951.

### FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Treble	FREDK. H. BIRKS .. .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 2	*†BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
JOHN W. BEST .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.  
 \* 25th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge. Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Canon Thomas Houghton on February 23rd.

### LIVERSIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

#### AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. .. Treble	ERNEST BETTS .. .. 5
*NORAH BICKERDIKE .. .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 6
FRED HODGSON .. .. 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.  
 \* First peal in the method.

### WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.  
 \* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 500th peal.

### BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

FREDA D. MURKITT .. .. Treble	JEAN M. BROOMFIELD .. .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 6
JOYCE HEARN .. .. 3	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. .. 7
MARY PEMBERTON .. .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.  
 Arranged and rung by the local band as a farewell to Jean's single blessedness, the wedding taking place on March 10th at 2 p.m. at Burnham.



## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,

## A PEAL OF 5152 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN N. LINDON .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Holt's Original.		
MARGARET TOMLIN .. .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5	
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6	
PETER CARTER .. .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7	
FREDK. S. MACEY .. .. 4	FREDK. W. MITCHELL .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 100th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to Mr. Charles H. Sone (father of the conductor).

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 6
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

\* 150th peal.

## MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,824 Rutland, 1,056 Bristol, 864 London, and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county. Rung in memory of W. H. Shaker, who learned to handle a bell at this church.

## PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 in F sharp.

JOHN N. LINDON .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

## CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 22 cwt.
WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SETTER .. .. 6
CLAUDE W. TARR .. .. 3	WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 7
GORDON WALFORD .. .. 4	GODFREY H. PIKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Birthday compliments to T. J. Setter and W. H. Poole.

## DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Variation of Carter's Twelve-part (5th observation).	Tenor 17 cwt.
NORMA HOWES .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
JEAN D. DUNN .. .. 2	DENNIS SCOTT .. .. 6
*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
EDWIN HOPKINSON .. 4	NORMAN HOTCHIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Jane Gregory, whose family have been connected with this belfry for upwards of 60 years. The ringers of the 6th and 7th are members of the family.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK .. .. 7
ERIC G. BENNETT .. .. 4	ERNEST WHITING .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to John David Lock on the eve of his christening.

## DORCHESTER, OXON.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DIANA M. PANTING .. Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 5
†W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 2	EWART H. EDGE .. .. 6
‡JOHN B. GUY .. .. 3	§PETER BORDER .. .. 7
N. GERARD MCCRUM .. 4	†FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise. § First peal of Surprise Major.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
*ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method.



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## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. Treble	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 5
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	*†PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	*†MARK J. BARKER .. 7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	JACK BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Yorkshire for the Association.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	†ERIC EDMONDSON .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2	ROY V. WEBB .. 6
*RODERICK J. LEES .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal of Surprise.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Holt's Original.	
*RONALD BAGNALL .. Treble	†CYRIL BYARD .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*ALFRED LOMAX .. 6
*HARRY SMETHILLS .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	*ROBERT SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 3	JOHN E. SPICE .. 7
WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 4	*FRANK VARTY .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 5
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 2	FRED LYNE .. 6
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. 3	HAROLD HUXLEY .. 7
*GEORGE E. INGRAM .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal.

## THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge and 1,312 of Bristol, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. In this composition all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. Treble	*IVOR R. NICHOL .. 4
*JEAN C. BROWN .. 2	*RONALD BARLOW .. 5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal in these methods. First peal in these methods as conductor.

## SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 4
COLIN B. GOLDING .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 3	*WILLIAM H. WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Tenor 9 cwt.

## WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 4
J. WILLIAM CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 5
*IVOR G. NICHOLS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Clarke.

## BLADON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

*DIANA PANTING .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 4
†DONALD NIBLETT .. 2	†ALISTAIR ELLIOT .. 5
FRANK WRIGHT .. 3	†JOHN GUY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GUY.

\* First peal on six tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells and in the method. First peal as conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOY WHITEHEAD (aged 8) Treble	ALAN CATTELL .. 4
E. WHITEHEAD .. 2	C. A. KIRK .. 5
M. WHITEHEAD .. 3	†A. COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by C. A. KIRK.

\* First peal on the treble. † First peal.

## GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 2	WALTER NICHOLS .. 5
JOHN WISEMAN .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

The first peal of Minor in the method by all and for the Guild.

## BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOHN WARDLE .. Treble	†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
*GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	*FRANK REED .. 5
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	†J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods. ‡ First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.



**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising twenty 120's of Grandsire and twenty-two 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt in G.

*ROBIN THOMPSON .. .. Treble	A. J. H. SCOTT .. .. 3
*HARRY ROWLANDS .. .. 2	†JOHN AMER .. .. 4
A. LENNARD SHEPHERD .. Tenor	
Conducted by A. J. H. SCOTT.	

\* First peal. † First peal in more than one method and away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect in the passing of the Rev. F. H. Cooke, M.A., Vicar of Hooton.

**GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. WARD .. Treble	*ALBERT E. PARKER .. .. 3
*JAMES WEBB .. .. 2	THOMAS EDWARD COOPER 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Tenor	
Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.	

\* First peal. † Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Mary Goodacre. Both she and her father, Mr. Wilfred L. Goodacre, are ringers at St. Swithun's.

**MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Wilfrid and Mary-the-Virgin,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal, and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
*MRS. D. KIDD .. .. 2	*SYDNEY SAGE .. .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTHEAD.	

\* First peal in these methods. The first peal on the bells for 40 years.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROY STEVENS .. .. Treble	†NORMAN KING .. .. 4
HARRY KING .. .. 2	†SAMUEL BLATCH .. .. 5
†SIDNEY STEVENS .. .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.	

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by the local band. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. V. E. L. Peacocke, M.A.

**OAKS-IN-CHARWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Greater,

**A PEAL OF 5160 MINOR**

Being seven 720's and 120 as follows: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Single Court; (6) Single Oxford; (7) Plain Bob and 120 Bastow Little Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD E. MANTON .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. .. 5
†C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in 12 methods on 'inside' bell. † 50th peal.

**PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 4
STANLEY A. GUPPY .. .. 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO .. .. 5
*EDMUND C. ATYEO .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

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## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 26 extents of Grandsire (eight callings) and 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. PAYNE .. .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. .. 4
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 5
SAMUEL FARMER .. .. 3	*DEREK A. WALSH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles in more than one method by all except the conductor.

## WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Rossendale, York, London, Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 2	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD .. .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	WALTER LEE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JEAN A. BROOKS .. .. Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 4
MARY A. CARPENTER .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A 16th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, C.C.C. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD STILLWELL .. .. Treble	†ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 4
*ENID LONNEN .. .. 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung in memory of William Denman.

## DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*ROY C. SPRING .. .. Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. 4
A. JAMES STUART .. .. 2	*LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. .. 5
RONALD W. GIBBONS .. .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for more than 50 years.

## BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 34 extents of Grandsire, four of Plain Bob, three of April Day and one of Stedman. Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DAVIES .. .. Treble	PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW .. .. 4
ERIC O. DAVIES .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. .. 5
ERNEST FOX .. .. 3	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

First peal in more than one method by all the band and on the bells. Last peal on the bells as a 'six.' Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the wedding of Miss Ruby J. Lloyd to Dr. Bruce Laing.

## ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. MARTIN PAGE .. .. Treble	†WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4
*D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 2	HARRY TIMMS .. .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising 3,144 Little Bob and 1,936 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Rung as a compliment to Francis S. Wilson on his 76th birthday. Mr. Wilson has rung in a handbell peal for the last seven years on his birthday, but was unable to do so this year as he is still indisposed.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

In St. NICHOLAS' BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris' Variation. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4	†HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.  
\* 75th peal. † 100th peal.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours,

In ROOM 35, THE UNIVERSITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARY I. KENNELLY .. .. 1-2	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 3-4
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.  
\* First peal on handbells. A farewell to B. Enid Lloyd Roberts.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2	*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3-4
JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.  
\* First peal 'in hand.'

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

In St. NICHOLAS' BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A thanksgiving peal for Mr. F. G. Ashmore, churchwarden, who has recently successfully undergone two serious operations.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

In the NAVE of the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

RONALD BARLOW .. .. 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 40. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

Michael J. E. Best .. .. 9-10  
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the witness, Arthur G. Janes, on his 75th birthday.



## EWELME

Dear Sir,—This delightful spot nestling in the valley of the Chilterns about 16 miles south of Oxford, is famed for its watercrress during the season. But this is nothing compared with the historical Church of St. Mary. Here the grand chestnut-panelled ceiling in the Lady Chapel dates from 1400 and it is deemed a spider never crossed it.

Oh, for the vanished hand of Bill Fussell or even Freddie Grisewood to tell of this village! Surely many a ringer heard Mr. Grisewood announce the 1949 harvest festival from his old home. Yet all we know is that the bells, that grand five by Rudhall, after being silent for 20 years, have been rehung and a treble added. On January 6th a peal was rung here with not even the weight of the tenor recorded or the fragrant perfume from that flower of five- and six-bell peals, 'The Pink.' We read that the Thame Branch held a meeting here on January 26th but not even the 'Thame Badger' stirred. —Yours, etc.,

O. W. PORTER.

Plowden Arms,  
Shiplake, Oxon.

P.S.—Re Bill Fussell's visit to Shiplake. On the inside of the seventh bell was chalked 'W. Fussell, 1881.' and tenor bell, 'H. Egby.'—O.W.P.

## A FALSE SPLICED SURPRISE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you, and the ringers concerned, that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Willesden on December 11th, 1948, is false.

The defect was due to the incorrect insertion by me of Rutland and Yorkshire in a composition intended for Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative only.

MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Harrow.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHURCH FESTIVALS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arno's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 23rd deals very fully with the subject of Church Festivals and Peals, so that I hesitate to add anything more.

I suggest, however, that the 'Note Book and Diary' might well provide more information regarding Saints' Days. In this year's edition all the 'Red-Letter' Saints' Days of the Prayer Book Kalender are noted (except that St. Mark's Day is April 25th and not 24th, as printed); but there is only mention of five 'lesser' Saints' Days, and of these there are three Patron Saints (SS. George, Patrick and David) while SS. Valentine and Swithun are more usually connected with occasions other than ringing. By contrast there is no mention of such names as SS. Lawrence or Nicholas, to whom Church dedications are very frequent. Perhaps, therefore, the editors of the 'Notebook and Diary' would fill in the gaps in the 1952 edition.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. MOZLEY.

Haslemere, Surrey.

## OLD BOYS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Bournemouth Boys' Grammar School celebrates its Jubilee during the first week in April. A peal will be attempted at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, to mark the occasion. Are there any Old Bournemouthians who would like to take a rope? So far I have six who are known Old Bournemouthian ringers. The date of the attempt is April 7th, at 2.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

16, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

## EVEN BELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I would not, and in fact did not, presume to dictate to Mr. F. R. Butler what his tastes, if any, in ringing, should be. I merely advanced what I considered were reasons for my preference of even bell-ringing. It was not my intention to evoke personalities but since this has happened I must reply.

I lay no claim to be a 'musical expert'—not even a 'budding' one—but I cannot agree that my supposed inability to whistle a six-score of Grandsire Doubles is in any way a disqualification from expressing my considered opinion, which was founded on observation.

Mr. Butler will notice that I made no mention of my ability to conduct touches or peals by ear alone and I would assure him that I would not attempt to do so. I don't suppose many people would, as there are far more precise methods available.

As for my 'inexperience regarding the sound of bells,' of the few that I have heard, those that sounded well in Triples could have been made to sound better to Double Norwich, etc.; in fact the latter method necessitates good striking if it is to be rung at all.

I am, therefore, still of the opinion that where one finds Major one usually finds enthusiasm, progress and good striking. The letter on this subject by Mr. B. D. Price says in a lucid way much of what I tried to say.

Finally, let it be understood that I do not 'despise' odd-bell ringing; in fact I enjoy ringing Stedman Triples.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. JACKSON.

Holmrook, Cumberland.

## 'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Oxenham's letter a recent 'Ringing World,' I consider 1900 was the last year of the 19th century and the five peals mentioned, therefore, would have been rung during that period.

Ipswich.

W. J. G. BROWN.

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The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. It  
is also important that quarterly subscribers  
should not overlook the date.

Because of Good Friday,  
postal subscribers will  
receive their 'Ringing  
World' next week on Thursday. For this issue  
notices cannot be inserted under any circum-  
stances unless they arrive by first post Monday.

Mr. W. C. Ward, who at the age of 65 has  
scored his first peal at Great Dalby, Leics, has  
been ringing since the age of 15.

There is every likelihood that the Jasper  
Snowdon dinner will be revived this year. The  
tentative date is September 29th, at York.

The bells of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row,  
Westminster, will be heard on Easter Sunday in  
the 'Bells Round Britain' broadcast, 9.15 a.m.  
approximately, Home Service.

The name of Mr. George Tembey, whose  
death was reported on page 155 of the issue  
of March 9th, was spelt wrongly. The error  
is regretted.

By ringing his 100th peal on Crayford bells,  
Mr. F. J. Cullum has joined the late Messrs. E.  
Barnett, sen., J. H. Cheesman and H. E. Audsley,  
in having completed a century both at Crayford  
and St. John's, Erith.

Miss Jean Broomfield ('Triplex Jean') was  
married at Burnham, Bucks, last Saturday. She  
is the first of the band, recruited 12 years ago,  
to get married. A farewell peal to her single  
state appears in our columns.

In the letter 'Bells as Time Signals' from Mr.  
Donald G. Clift, a regretted error appeared  
in our March 2nd issue. The line should have  
read 'There are many more majestic rings of  
bells such as Exeter, Wells, Buckfast, Bristol.'

The original ten bells of All Hallows', Lom-  
bard Street, have been installed at All Hallows'  
Church, Twickenham. The rededication ser-  
vice took place on March 11th, the Bishop of  
Kensington officiating. The Vicar (the Rev. J.  
H. A. Charles) has already recruited a number  
of ringers.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of  
the first peal of Mr. F. G.  
Leaker, chairman of the  
Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol  
Diocesan Association, was commemorated by a  
peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Redcliffe. The  
peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A.  
Tyler, and enabled Messrs. A. E. Reeves, S. G.  
Riches, A. M. Tyler, J. R. Worrall, Alan A.  
Hillier and Leonard Derrick to complete Grand-  
sire from Doubles to Cinques.

In the Round Britain Quiz on Sunday, Denis  
Brogan was stumped by a question, 'What  
comes after the treble?'

Radstock, Somerset, has lost, by death, Mr.  
T. M. Griffin, who has given over 50 years'  
service to the tower. On February 22nd the  
bells were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Doubles  
(Plain Bob and Grandsire) as a last token of  
respect by F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, H. Haw-  
kins 3, D. Hoare (conductor) 4, G. Pomeroy 5,  
E. Connock 6.

The local band of St. Helen's, Stapleford,  
Notts, wish to thank Miss Winifred M.  
Burton and Mr. Colin Kirk, of Leicester, for  
standing in the peal on March 3rd at very short  
notice. They took the places of Messrs. William  
Thornley sen. and William Houlth, who were  
indisposed. With this peal Mr. William Thorn-  
ley, jun., has circled the tower in six peals spread  
over 18 years.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. Cyril  
F. Johnston was unveiled by Mr. E. H. Lewis,  
president of the Central Council, and dedicated  
by the Ven. C. F. Tonks, Archdeacon of Croy-  
don, at Croydon Parish Church last Saturday.  
The service was attended by the Mayor and  
Mayoress of Croydon and Sir Herbert and  
Lady Williams. A report will appear in our  
next issue.

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## SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD FORMED

### Not a Peal-Ringing Organisation

A new Guild came into being on February 19th as the outcome of a meeting held in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Twenty-five ringers from Prittlewell, Thorpe Bay, Rayleigh, Leigh, Downham and Great Wakering attended and Mr. F. B. Lufkin was voted to the chair.

This action was prompted by a feeling that ringers in the Southend area felt rather remote and isolated from their fellow-members of the Essex South Western District, whose meetings may be held anything up to 50 miles away—too far to be of any help to the considerable number of young people who were taking up the art in and around Southend. The Guild is not antagonistic to the Essex Association and it is its desire, so the new secretary assures us, to help the Association in any way it can.

The chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to form a new Guild of Ringers in Southend and district and said it was hoped that the young people of the district would, to a large extent, take over the government of the Guild.

He then read out the objects of the Guild, as set out in the list of proposed rules, and, as the feeling of the meeting was favourable, it was agreed that the formation of the Guild be proceeded with. Subject to certain minor modifications, the rules were adopted in toto.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. B. Lufkin; Master, Mr. P. A. Sadler; Deputy Master, Mr. G. Blower; secretary, Mr. D. Coombes; assistant secretary, Mr. V. W. Grimwade; ladies' secretary, Miss A. Christmas; treasurer, Mr. B. Sadler.

Mr. H. J. Oliver (Downham) and Mrs. C. G. Woodgate (Wakering) were also elected as representatives of their towers, to serve on the committee and the secretary was instructed to write to the Rector of Leigh (St. Clement's) and Mr. Mabson, at South Benfleet, asking them to support the Guild by electing a representative from their local bands to serve as committee members.

The question of the election of vice-presidents was left over for further discussion at the next general meeting. On a question by Mrs. Woodgate it was pointed out that anybody would be welcomed at the Guild's meetings, whether members or not.

The chairman explained that it was not the intention of the Guild to undertake peal-ringing as all peals rung by members would be for the Essex Association. He also mentioned certain plans which members had in mind for a Festival of Britain Peals Week-end and a summer ringing tour of the West Midlands being organised by the secretary.

It was left to the committee to fix dates of ringing meetings and other suitable functions.

## RUSSIAN BELLS AT PINNER

In response to a reader's query concerning the five Russian bells at Pinner, Mr. Ernest Morris supplies us with the following details:—

'It is not generally known that there is a chime of Russian bells in England. This is at Pinner Hill House, Middlesex, and an inscription plate records: "These five bells of the respective weights of 281½, 159, 66½, 37 and 17 lbs., were made by Demetrius Samgin, bell-founder, Moscow, and purchased at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park by a Mr. A. Tooke, who placed them here a.d. MDCCCLXIX."

'These bells, which are very melodious, are attached to the clock and chime the hour and quarters.

'There is also a Russian bell in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle which was brought from Sebastopol as a war trophy after the Crimean War and presented to Queen Victoria. It was tolled at her funeral and those of King Edward VII. and King George V.'

## CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

At a general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Reading on March 10th, it was decided that a memorial fund be opened forthwith for the purpose of erecting a tablet in the cloisters and one in the belfry at Christ Church, Oxford, to recast the two trebles and other work as proposed by the committee and to form a permanent memorial fund for the general furtherance of the work of the Guild.

The Guild treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, will be glad to receive donations.

C. ELLIOT WIGG, Master.

## APPLETON RINGERS' DAY

March 4th is just as important to Appleton, with its great traditions of ringing, as the Johnson Dinner is to Birmingham or the Snowdon Dinner to Yorkshire, and once more a very happy day was had by a goodly company of ringers.

Amongst the company was the Master of the Oxford Guild, Walter Judge, and that grand old veteran from Swindon, Charlie Gardiner, and visitors from Swindon, Abingdon, Oxford, Hagbourne and Reading, and ringers from miles around the district.

Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal until 4.30 p.m. Then came tea in the Thatched Tavern (known to hundreds of ringers who have visited the village). Tunes on the handbells were played by the talented White family, ably, thank God, under the fatherly eye of old Dick White, and followed by songs of ringing prowess as sung by Appleton ringers long since departed but remembered by some of the old 'uns with affection.

One prominent local, George Holifield, was, unfortunately, absent, but the atmosphere of March 4th was kept alive by Mr. Fred Sharpe who is as great an authority on old songs as he is on old bells, and rendered one or two most delightfully.

Thank goodness young Frank White is following in his father's footsteps and as long as he has health and strength the writer is certain that March 4th will be a great day for Appleton and ringers generally for many years to come.

W. H.

## THE PEAL HAS BEEN RUNG

Here is the story of the peal that would never come.

Miss Ruby J. Lloyd, daughter of Mr. W. H. Lloyd, Master of the Ludlow District of the Hereford Guild and captain at Berrington, stood in an attempted farewell peal previous to her marriage to Dr. Bruce Laing. The attempt failed.

The Shropshire Association failed in a peal at Cound for her wedding and the Berrington band lost a peal on the night she was leaving the country through a rope breaking. Another attempt on February 24th of this year followed the same path before success was reached with the peal on February 28th.

Dr. and Mrs. Laing flew from Prestwick to Newfoundland on March 8th, 1950, where Dr. Laing took up a hospital appointment.

The two new trebles, for which Mrs. Bruce Laing worked so hard, are expected to be hung at Berrington by Easter.

## RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Additions to previous lists of those who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war:—

Survey Association.

COE., F. Reigate

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ALLEN, A. E., East Hagbourne.

## THE NEEDHAMS OF BARWELL

### Veteran With 65 Years' Service Honoured

Since 1793 the Needhams have been vergers of Barwell Parish Church. The present verger, Mr. Joseph Needham, succeeded his grandfather 42 years ago.

It was the present Mr. Needham's grandfather's grandfather, Thomas Needham, who began this remarkable family record of church service—probably the longest unbroken family association of its kind in the country. The name of Needham was first mentioned in Barwell's church registers at the turn of the 17th century.

On March 3rd, a dinner, arranged by the Barwell ringers, was given in recognition of Mr. Joseph Needham's outstanding service, not only as verger but as bellringer, for he has rung the bells of the 13th century church for 65 years.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were rung to various methods and then followed the dinner at which Mr. T. C. Belton welcomed the visitors to an event which was historical.

Mr. Ernest Morris, himself a verger, on presenting Mr. Needham with a cheque, said how honoured he felt at being invited to attend such a memorable gathering and spoke of the strong ties which bound his own church with Barwell. Mr. Needham, he said, was an example to this generation and he hoped that his life would be blessed with many more happy hours in the service of the Church.

Mr. Needham, replying, said that the presentation came as a complete surprise to him and he accepted the gift with deep gratitude. He remembered the days when there were more bells than ringers in Barwell but now the situation was reversed and no one appreciated more than he did the tremendous improvements in the belfry.

Mr. Morris amused the gathering with some well-chosen anecdotes of his life as a verger.

Replying to the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. George Newton said he could never feel a visitor at Barwell, because of the pioneer work the late Mr. Charles Belton had done in his own tower at Earl Shilton.

Mr. Dakin, of Tamworth, also expressed thanks for the opportunity of being able to be present at such a homely gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret supplied musical items on handbells in addition to taking part in a course of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob 'in hand.'

In addition to the 14 ringers from Barwell the company included Messrs. G. Peers jun., G. Dakin (Tamworth), G. Newton, H. Wright (Earl Shilton), N. Statham (Kirkby Mallory), M. Brown (Sapcote), H. Knights (Hinckley), E. Morris (Leicester) and Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish and Miss M. Beamish (Chilvers Coton).

## TOWER-SNATCHING BY TAXI

On February 17th, two of the young enthusiasts from Winchester College, together with three members of the St. Maurice's, Winchester, band, spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting three five-bell towers in the area.

Due to restriction of available time, the party chartered a taxi, which set off at 2 p.m. The tiny wooden tower at All Saints' Dummer was the first call (tenor 9 cwt.). These bells are, unfortunately, rarely rung but 'go' quite well. Then on to Ellisfield, where we were met by the Vicar and the local captain. Ringing on the five (tenor 8 cwt.) was much enjoyed although the pleasure of the visit was marred by the breaking of the fourth rope in the last touch!

The final tower was St. Mary's, Preston Candover, where the five bells are tuned to rather peculiar but quaint melodic interval. The treble hangs some ten feet above the back four and can hardly be heard while the five (tenor 6 cwt.) are going! The District Chairman, the Rev. Brinkworth, who is Vicar of Preston, joined in ringing Grandsire Doubles.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—12

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### 'SOME BOB CALLER'

In July, 1884, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples but lost after an hour owing to a 'shift.' Mr. Fussell says: 'It was my first time of ringing her. Meadows was calling the bobs so loud that a policeman heard him in the roadway and the charwoman asked Stoneman, the steeple-keeper, who he was calling for. Hopkins said he would set his bell if Meadows didn't call properly.'

### OF INTEREST TO LEICESTER

While playing the Crystal Palace chime and while going from place to place in London, he met many well-known personalities in the ringing world. One of particular interest to the present-day writer and to Leicester is when Mr. Fussell says: 'I went to St. Paul's Cathedral and saw the band ring a touch of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Pettitt absent, he being unwell. After leaving the tower, walked to St. James' Church with Mr. French, Mr. Cleal (who was a visitor from Worcester), Dan Newton, Rowbottom, J. Hayes and Laughlin. . . . Mr. Cleal, from Worcester, who is endeavouring to get work in London, is certainly a good ringer both in the tower and on handbells.' Mr. George Cleal later came to Leicester and, with his friend Samuel Cotton, helped to form a band at St. Martin's (now the Cathedral) which was—and still is—second to none in England. Their early exploits on handbells makes ringing history, and the silent peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were masterpieces in the art. Before the 1914-18 war Messrs. Cleal and Cotton taught me a great deal until I had to leave for the Army.'

On another occasion Mr. Fussell records going to Beaconsfield for a peal, in his own style, thus: 'Alf, Woodley and I went to the station and met Basden and Harvey Reeves with Darvill's wagonette in attendance, and rode to Farnham where J. Parker and C. Chapman joined us and we proceeded to Beaconsfield one short for a peal, so not in good spirits! However, the Rev. G. Coleridge met us in place of Egby, of Reading, and after refreshments we started for Holt's 10 part.' They did not succeed as, after two hours five minutes, a shift occurred. After giving further details including '4 blisters on my hands,' Mr. Fussell says: 'The Rev. Coleridge is a good ringer and a very sociable man in ringers' company,' a sentiment everyone who knew him will agree with.

### THE AWKWARD ROPE

Mr. Fussell met Mr. N. J. Pitstow at Southgate where they had difficulty in getting tea, but finally the wife of a milk vendor made them some. They then went and pulled the bells up 'to ring a good peal, but after 32 minutes of some splendid Treble Bob, a strand of the tenor rope came undone and flopped about so much we were compelled to stop. We mended it and started again but it came undone a second time and stopped us.' Mr. Pitstow was calling it and Newson ringing the tenor (24 cwt.).

After this Mr. Fussell rushed away to a meeting of St. James' Society, arriving just as the business finished. He says: 'Mr. Pettitt and other College Youths were present, I being the only Cumberland. Heard some tales during the evening, old Mr. Grice being well up at any time for talking. He mentioned G. Austin steeplekeeper of Bermondsey, having written out all the changes of a 6,000 Treble Bob he composed. Bermondsey bells never went so well after Austin ceased to attend to them.'

### A WINDSOR PEAL

Finding the train from Waterloo in time only stopped at Putney and Twickenham, for Windsor, Mr. Fussell set off for Putney Station 24 miles distant, and only 15 minutes to spare. 'By a long "dog trot" and several hard sprints (he says) I managed to get to the station just as the train was in, doing the distance in 13 minutes. I got a carriage to myself, took off my coat, waistcoat, hat and boots, and laid full length on the seat. Got to Windsor 5.55 and managed to get to the church at 6 p.m. Began the peal and got it! The two clergymen rang well, so did Mr. Perryman. Wilder stayed in the tower all the time. Someone tried to



THE LATE MR. HENRY DAINS

get in while we were ringing and I thought we were going to be stopped. Found out there was someone ill over the road. A whole swarm of local ringers came up as we stopped to congratulate us.'

Returning to the City after, he says: 'After a lot of delay and shunting, got to town after midnight and we were unable to get to the City, so started to walk to Finsbury Square but later got a cab and rode home singing, etc. At F.S. Gardom couldn't get a bed at his hotel so I made him walk to Whitechapel where we arrived—tired out—at 1 a.m.'

### A VISIT TO MARGATE

Later in the year Mr. Fussell was sent by the founders to Margate (St. John's) to inspect and report on the bells. On the way the train stopped at Ashford for 50 minutes so he went to the church and says: 'Made a sketch, and in the belfry 11 peal boards—a good little belfry and nicely arranged for comfort.' At Margate he reports: 'Found a stone—very small—tablet, up to the ceiling almost, bedded into the wall. It reads "In the year 1787 Matthias Mummery, Sexton, raised this Tenor bell in 12 pulls when he was 67 years of age." Also a tablet dated 1824 recording a peal of Grandsire Triples called by Wm. Shipway,' which he quotes in full. Mr. Fussell reports raking up a band to ring the bells. He stayed the night and returned to Whitechapel next day.

### RINGERS' WIVES

In the evening he went to Southgate for a peal of Treble Bob and to make sure of a band, 11 turned up! They got the peal and, among other things, he says: 'G. Grice, 69, an old College Youth for over 30 years, rang well as he had not touched a rope for five years. G. Harvey is an old Cumberland. When he first married, he met the Company regularly and rang several good peals. He married a second time, his wife this time "wearing the trousers" as the saying goes, and preventing him coming to ring. He has lost his second wife five weeks now, so I suppose we shall see more of him. After the peal at the "Cherry Tree" many tales were told after a glass of ale or two. . . . When Zachariah Slater, of Glemsford, got married, he—at the very church door—made his wife promise never to object to his going ringing, threatening to go back if she didn't, and, to use Slater's own words, "She never 'ave."'

Later he records: 'Perkins, Newson, Randall, Gillett and others were out Ringwood way and were running to catch a train—after going for a peal—with a set of handbells in a sack, most of them stayed to have a glass at a house near the station. A robbery of plate that same night caused the police to be on the alert and, seeing men running with a sack and hearing the bells clink, they were almost taken up and would have been had not the inspector known Perkins.'

During this time (1884) Mr. Fussell reports on several visits to inspect bells and an interesting note reads: 'Took a set of rough drawings of five old bells from Staplehurst, one dated 1594 by "Mot." Mr. Hughes (the foundry manager) spoke to me about learning to ring.' At the end of the year he writes: 'Thus ends another year after many changes and diversions: but, thank God, no illness. Frequently I think of my time in the architects' offices at Windsor and Reading and how I ought rightly to follow that profession after so many years at it, and four years under indentures, only I think this foundry will suit me better having a good master, Mr. A. S. Lawson, the owner of the foundry. My time with him has been already nine months, short though it seems to look back. W. Haley, our bell-tuner, was married at Hackney on Sunday week last, and A. Fells, blacksmith, was married on Christmas morning—both came to work no better in appearance, or stronger, on Monday. The girl who works in our offices, named Carry, is sister to Harry Binham, of Shoreditch, her mother being a native of Reading.' This year he rang 19 peals, mostly Grandsire and Stedman and Treble Bob and 48 different 720's of Minor.

(To be continued.)

### MR. RODENHURST'S 500 PEALS

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Whitchurch, Salop, who rang his first peal on December 14th, 1913, has rung peals in 134 towers in 20 counties and for 17 associations.

The following is his list:—

**Doubles.**—Grandsire 1, in two to six methods 17 (conducted 11).

**Minor.**—In one to eleven methods 60 (3).

**Triples.**—Grandsire 67 (23), Stedman 50, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1, Union 1, Erin 1.

**Major.**—Plain Bob 45 (3), Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob \*68 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 16, Kent and Oxford 2, Double Norwich 58, Double Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 21, New Cambridge 3, Superlative 3, Bristol (on treble) 1.

**Caters.**—Grandsire 20 (5), Stedman 18.

**Royal.**—Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 15, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Kent and Oxford 1.

**Cinques.**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 10.

**Maximus.**—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

**Handbells.**—Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 1.

**Total.**—500

\* Includes 7.488, 9.344, 10.400 (longest peal in Wales) and 17.280 (Kent record).



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. JAMES GEORGE

We regret to announce that Mr. James George passed peacefully away on March 10th at St. Mary's Hospital, Poole. Mr. George was 97 years of age and he celebrated his 95th birthday by ringing a handbell peal.

Mr. George rang 1,281 peals. He rang his last tower-bell peal at the age of 85 years and 9 months on August 24th, 1939, at Enderby, Leics.

Details of his ringing career will appear in our next issue.

### CANON W. A. CHALLACOMBE

The Exercise has lost a firm friend and staunch supporter by the death, at Farnborough, Hants, of Canon William Allen Challacombe, aged 89 years, Rector of the Parish Church for 28 years. He retired two years ago.

The Farnborough ringers used to receive frequent invitations to visit the Canon after their practices on Mondays and many enjoyable evenings were spent in his company.

He was not a ringer and would never attempt to pull a rope, but even so he loved to hear the bells and ringers were his friends.

For many years a quarter-peal had been rung at Farnborough on the anniversary of his birthday and the Canon was always delighted to share his birthday cake with the ringers.

The funeral service was held at Farnborough and the interment at Dover.

As a last tribute the Farnborough band rang a fully-muffled quarter-peal on Sunday evening, February 18th.

### MR T. W. UPSHALL

Farnham (Surrey) ringers have lost a member of their tower for 51 years by the death of Mr. Thomas William Upshall on February 28th. He was 73 years of age.

On Christmas Day, 1949, the Rector of Farnham (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes) presented him with an inscribed silver-mounted walking stick in recognition of his 50 years' service as ringer at the Parish church. Mr. Upshall was born at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, and learnt to ring in 1899 with his brother, the late Mr. George Upshall. He had many peals to his credit and had taught many recruits to ring. His keenness and reliability were an inspiration to his fellows. He leaves in bereavement a widow and son.

The funeral service was at Farnham on March 5th followed by interment in Farnham Cemetery. Mr. A. H. Pulling represented the Guildford Guild, Mr. A. C. Hazelden the Guildford District, Mr. G. S. Joyce the Farnham District and Mr. H. J. Chaffey, Chertsey District. Other ringers present were:—Mr. C. W. Denyer, Farnham District Ringing Master; Miss M. Mackman (Q.I.D.N.S.) and Messrs. C. Wells, S. Meadows, R. Hasted, F. Gardner and R. Collins (Farnham), J. W. Carter (Seale), W. Dimes and H. Harris (Crandall), E. Sherwood (Ash), W. Denyer, E. J. Bragg and W. Viggers (Aldershot), E. Payne (Rogate) and the Misses A. Butler (Frensham) and R. Raggett (Bentley). Among the many floral tributes were those from the Farnham tower, the Guildford Guild, Farnham District and the Bentley ringers.

As the cortege left the church, the bells were rung half-muffled and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by A. Hazelden 1-2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, A. H. Pulling 5-6, W. H. Viggers 7-8. In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung by Miss M. Mackman 1, J. Wells (conductor) 2, J. Read 3, E. Gardner 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Heath (first quarter of Triples) 6, R. Collins 7, C. Wells 8.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Jones 1, Miss A. Castle 2, J. Tomsett 3, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, H. Allen 5, S. Ball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. Alfred Miller.

### MR. H. G. BEAMS

Mr. Harry George Beams, a member of a ringing family with over 100 years' continuous connection with St. Mary's Church, Ewell, Surrey, died peacefully at his home at West Ewell on February 7th, aged 88.

With his two younger brothers, Jesse and John, he learnt to handle a bell-rope at an early age, his father being the parish beadle and a member of the call-change band of those times.

Mr. Harry Beams was not only an enthusiastic service ringer for about 50 years but he had also rung many peals, mostly in the locality, and he had 'circled' the Ewell tower. He took part in the first peal to be rung in the church, in 1892, and the first by a local band a year later. He also rang in the deeply-muffled peal on the funeral day of Queen Victoria. All were of Grandsire Triples. His health had not permitted him doing any ringing since before the war, but mentally he remained alert and intensely interested in ringing news.

A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the interment in Ewell Churchyard by F. Oakshott, E. Coward and J. Hoyle, the last-named having rung peals with him 50 years ago.

Later a half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,259 Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells as a last tribute by:—J. Whitehorn 1, E. J. Lindley (conductor) 2, J. Hoyle 3, Margaret Howard 4, M. Layton 5, H. E. Good 6, F. Oakshott 7, E. Coward 8.

### MR. GEORGE FISHER

On February 23rd, at the age of 81, Mr. George Fisher passed away at his home in Warren Avenue, Stapleford, Notts.

A member of St. Helen's Church all his life, he had held every lay office in the church except that of warden. When he retired, some four years ago, he had been a bellringer and steeple-keeper for 60 years.

Up to 1932 he had charge of the three old bells and often chimed all three himself for service. When they were augmented to six he could only manage to cover Doubles and rang his first and only peal covering Grandsire and Bob Doubles; that was at the age of 65.

As a tribute of esteem and respect, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Stapleford on March 3rd.

## CRANBORNE, DORSET

### Old Bell Retained in New Ring

To-morrow (March 17th) is an important day for this little Dorset village with only 550 inhabitants. The eight bells, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with metal added to the tenor to make it 17 cwt., are being rededicated.

The ancient fifth bell, cast at a mediæval foundry at Salisbury and placed in the tower in 1550, is being replaced by a new bell from Loughborough. The ancient bell has been hung by itself and is to be used for service chiming.

The contract price is about £1,500 and towards this the villagers have strained their resources to raise £1,000. Mr. W. Day (churchwarden), of Castle Street, Cranborne, near Wimborne, appeals for contributions.

Cranborne Church was once a Benedictine Monastery, then a Priory and finally the Parish Church. Its fine tower, completed in 1440, is the third largest in Dorset. There were four bells in the tower in 1550; later a tenor weighing one ton was added. Four of the five bells were recast by Thomas Mears in 1841 into five bells, leaving the old fourth bell as tenor. These six were augmented by two more trebles, cast by John Warner, in 1890. The bells are hung in a fine oak frame which is as good to-day as it was 60 years ago.

Cranborne Church well repays a visit and Mr. Day, in making his appeal, extends a cordial invitation to ringers during their summer outings.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS

### £2,000 For Recasting Bells

One of the principal rings in the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now sadly in need of restoration. It is imperative that something be done unless Hughenden bells are to become silent.

The ring of eight is not a musical one; the tenor bell was cast about 1420, the seventh (the worst bell in the tower) was cast in 1490 and the rest added at different times. The octave was completed in 1881 by a gift of two trebles as a memorial to the Earl of Beaconsfield.

Since that time nearly 300 peals have been rung on the bells, including the first peal of London Surprise Major for the Oxford Guild and first of Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich in the county. Hughenden was a favourite tower of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the peal book contains the names of a number of other notable ringers.

The old tenor is to be hung separately from the new ring and used as a service bell and a new tenor will be necessary. The rest need recasting and hanging in a new frame, all on one level. The cost is estimated to be nearly £2,000 and although the local ringers themselves are contributing weekly sums, it is certain that money must be forthcoming from other sources. Visitors have always been made welcome on Sundays and practice nights and undoubtedly numerous young ringers owe much to the efforts of this enthusiastic band.

If any ringing friends would like to make a contribution to this worthy object, the same will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Roland Biggs, tower captain, or Mr. Percy Newton, hon. secretary. Please forward all donations to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens (Bell Restoration Fund), Hughenden Vicarage, High Wycombe, Bucks.

## HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

The smooth-running ring of eight at Lindley was kept going from 2.30 to 7 p.m. in simple methods of Triples and Major at an open meeting on March 3rd; the striking on the whole was fairly good.

About 20 members from 11 towers then adjourned to the choir vestry to decide whether the Society should be re-formed after a lapse of several years. The proposal was strongly supported and officers were elected comprising president, secretary-treasurer, auditor, Ringing Master and three committee members.

The subscription was fixed at 1s. per year, this, paid on the spot by members present, plus a little cash brought forward and a small profit from tea and sandwiches, makes a reasonable working balance. A maximum of six meetings per year was considered to be the best number for smooth working, these to be held on the first Saturday of the particular month, the secretary to advertise same in 'The Ringing World'.

A vote of thanks to the local company for arranging the meeting closed the proceedings. A. W. B.

## SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

A successful meeting was held at Baglan on March 3rd, about 35 members representing nine towers being present. It was a pleasure to see so many young ringers there. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones.

Tea was served in the New Church Hall. At the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, the statement of accounts was discussed. The credit balance showed an increase, but there was room for improvement regarding membership. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gorseinon and failing this at Duffryn, Neath. Mr. D. Williams thanked the Vicar and also the officers for the work they had done.

At the conclusion, a committee of four was elected to arrange a day's ringing tour in June. The district secretary will be pleased to hear from all those interested in the proposal.

J. A. H.



# THEY RANG PEALS IN THE LAST CENTURY

## STILL RINGING AT 85

We publish this week the fifth instalment of those who rang their first peal in the last century.

Mr. Harry E. Hammond, of Braintree, rang his first peal on May 19th, 1883. It was seven Minor methods at Braintree and was the first peal of Minor for the Essex Association.

Mr. Hammond is now in his 86th year and is still capable of ringing Surprise Major methods. He also rang in the first 720 of London Surprise Minor for his Association. He is the only survivor of the band who rang his first peal.

Mr. A. W. Brighton, of Forest Gate, formerly of Norwich, rang his first peal at Norwich (Bob Minor on handbells) on February 23rd, 1892, and his first tower bell peal at Nethersett (Bob Minor) on February 29th, 1892. He rang 89 peals to December 2nd, 1899, and these included peals from Doubles to Maximus.

Mr. E. E. Pratchett, of Hendon, Middlesex, rang his first peal (Bob Major, 5.056 changes), at the residence of Mr. C. H. Martin, on handbells, on December 6th, 1894. The band was Henry J. Martin 1-2, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 3-4, Charles H. Martin 5-6, E. E. Pratchett 7-8. Umpire, Mr. Frank Turvey.

His first peal on tower bells (six bells) was the treble to seven different methods at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on December 8th, 1894, conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

On the 15th of the same month he rang his first peal of Major on tower bells—the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London (conducted by G. Newson).

## FIRST AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Christchurch Priory, on June 1st, 1895. Of the band only Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch, and Mr. Martin Stewart survive. The peal was for the wedding of Mr. E. Hinton, who is still alive, but, being the bridegroom, was unable to participate in the ringing.

Mr. John Hilling is the only surviving member of the band that rang the first three peals on Bunwell, Norwich, bells. His first was Minor (three methods) on April 30th 1892. Bunwell bells were rehung in 1884 and still go very well although they have had no repairs since that date.

Mr. George Henry Myers, of Plymouth, rang his first peal, Plain Bob Major, at Charles' Church, Plymouth, on April 15th, 1896. Later in the same year he took part in the first peal on the restored and augmented bells at Cardynham, Cornwall, conducted by Mr. T. Blackburn, who had carried out the job.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on December 10th, 1900, at Smethwick Old Church. It was also the first peal for Joseph Piggott, and was conducted by Samuel Reeves. Mr. Hughes concludes: I rang my 262nd peal in January, 1936, and have only been able to ring one (Grandsire Caters) since. But I still have hopes if health permits.

Mr. Walter Gorton, of the Saviour's, Bolton, Lancs, rang eight peals before 1900; the first, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1883. He rang a peal in the same method on December 19th, 1945, at the age of 85 years, both on the Saviour's bells. He says if he could ring from the ground level he would still be a service ringer. He hopes to hear a peal rung to celebrate his 90th birthday on June 24th next.

## A FARNHAM WORTHY

Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, who is 79, rang at the age of 18 a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 10 part) on November 26th, 1889, at Privett, Hampshire. He rang the sixth and it is believed to be the first peal rung by an entirely local company for the Winchester Guild. On November 30th, 1895, he rang at Winchester Cathedral a peal of Grandsire Caters—the first peal of Caters in Hampshire.

Mr. A. D. Cullum, of Reading, rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Caversham, on April 25th, 1896.

Mr. William G. Whitehead rang his first peal at St. James', Bushey, Herts, on November 7th, 1896. The method was Grandsire Triples.

## 'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—I venture to say Mr. Oxenham rang his peals in question in the last century. It is more than half a century since I left school, but I remember being taught a century was 100 years, not 99. The 20th century started on January 1st, 1901.

Radford, Coventry.

C. H. WEBB.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

### East Norfolk Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 24th, attended by 39 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Corbell (Vicar). Tea was provided at Matthes' Assembly Rooms and the business meeting followed. Mr. G. Fletcher inviting the Vicar to preside.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate (Mr. G. Fletcher resigning the office as he thought it was time that someone else held the position); Mr. J. Harwood, secretary; Messrs. G. Bussey, P. G. W. Newstead, G. Walpole, P. Kindred (branch committee); Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. P. Walpole (standing committee); Mr. G. Walpole, branch Ringing Master.

Loddon was selected for the next meeting on April 21st.

Mr. H. Tooke, secretary of North Norfolk, suggested a joint meeting of the East and North Norfolk Branches during the summer. This is to be decided at the next meeting.

Mr. G. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and service and also to the Rev. Robinson, who gave the address.

Ringing was resumed till 8.30, methods being selected to oblige everyone, with rounds for learners.

Ringers were present from Acle, Beccles, Caister-on-Sea, Fornett, Gorleston, Haddiscoe, Lowestoft, Loddon, Norton, Southwold, South Walsham, Pakefield, Winterton, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On February 10th the Society met on the eastern boundary of the District and enjoyed a good ring on the light ring of eight in St. Patrick's, Patrington.

Ringing in this miniature cathedral is always an enjoyable event as there is a lot for the ringer with archaeological interests to see, in between ringing touches, including the number and novel ways of entry into the ringing chamber.

The Rev. R. A. E. Jones conducted the service and gave an interesting sermon on the meaning of ringing customs and the calling of the people to service by bells.

Standard methods were rung in the afternoon and evening with touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Minor. A pleasing feature was the way several learners handled these light bells and took part in touches.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Eastern Division

The divisional annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 24th, 48 members being present, representing 15 affiliated towers. Some very good ringing preceded the service in which the Rev. R. Hare, curate and ringer, gave a very thoughtful address. An excellent tea was provided by local ringers and ladies in the Old Parsonage, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Master of the Association, Mr. George Cecil.

In a report, concern was expressed at a marked decline in attendance at all meetings during the year, and the secretary remarked that one cause for this might well be the high cost of travel to individual members. It was felt that the Division should be in a position to pay full travelling expenses to all members, at least to quarterly meetings. Resolutions of future financial policy were on the table for discussion by the general committee.

The divisional officers were re-elected and Mr. F. H. Dallaway was again nominated divisional representative on the Central Council. New members, numbering 23, were elected from Burwash, Eastbourne, Hellingly, Rye, Rotherfield and Wadhurst.

It was announced that the ringers of Southover tower, now in the Southern Division, were desirous of transferring to the Eastern Division. The meeting agreed that the Eastern Division would welcome this if agreement was reached at the annual general meeting of the Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the chairman, and the local ringers and ladies for the tea. The meeting closed and members returned to the tower where ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

P. H. R.

### Southern Division

At the annual meeting of the Southern Division held at Southover, Lewes, on February 10th, 48 members were present.

The ten bells were made good use of from 3 p.m. onwards, methods rung during the afternoon and evening being Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

After a very satisfying tea, the business meeting was held with the Master of the Association, Mr. G. W. Cecil, presiding. The general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was also present.

At the commencement of the meeting members stood in silence in respect of Messrs. Gander, Payne, Davy, Stenning and Tyler, who had passed away during the year.

The secretary's report for 1950 showed that enthusiasm had been maintained at the meetings and for Sunday service ringing. The condition of bells in the Division is satisfactory, but three ringers, Ringmer, Shoreham and Hurstpierpoint, are out of action. Ten new members were elected from the affiliated towers of The Good Shepherd, St. Peter and St. Nicholas, Brighton, Keymer and Shoreham.

Officers were re-elected and Mr. W. C. Hart was elected to fill a vacancy on the committee. For the next three meetings it was agreed that Uckfield, Twineham and Barcombe should be visited.

B. W. W.

Mr. Thomas Butler, sen., of Ellesmere, Shropshire, who is seriously ill with heart trouble, in Bl Ward, The Wrekin Hospital, Wellington, would welcome visitors at any time, especially ringing friends from the Wellington and Coalbrookdale corner of Salop.



# OLD BELLS IN PRESENT-DAY RINGS

## CUMBERLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following is an extract from an article which appeared in 'The West Cumberland Times,' dated March 7th, 1951. It is a report on a talk by Miss M. C. Fair, the Cumberland secretary of The Society of Antiquaries of London. The talk was entitled 'Medieval Bells in Cumberland.'

She (Miss Fair) stressed the difficulty of examining most of the bells owing to their inaccessibility, but said Egremont is fortunate in having an exceptionally fine bell hanging in front of the organ in Egremont Church, where its inscription can be read.

The date of the Egremont bell can be surmised as between 1390 and 1404 and was made by the same bell-founder as another bell at Edenhall.

The pre-Reformation bell at Lamplugh, recently available for inspection, from similarity in the letters of the inscription and other details may also be by this founder, though somewhat later in date. It commemorates Thomas Lamplugh, Knight, who was High Sheriff of Cumberland and died in 1471.

Perhaps the most notable bell in the West Cumberland district is one of the two hanging in the tower of Disington Church, which bears a dedication to St. Christopher, believed to be the only bell in Great Britain so dedicated. The other bell here, dedicated to St. Cuthbert, bears the initials V.C., standing for William Curwen, who was patron of the benefice and who died of the plague in 1403.

Other bells described were two at Waberthwaite, a pair at Whicham, another pair at St. Bridget's Beckermeth, St. Catherine's bell at Eskdale, Enerdale's bell dedicated to St. Bega, and the bell now at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick. The last-named was in use at Loweswater until the restoration of the church there in 1886 when the bell was acquired by Keswick. Formerly hanging in the Parish Room, it has been removed to a window-sill in the church, where it can be examined. It is of late 14th or early 15th century type, probably acquired by Loweswater when parochial status was granted in 1404.

I found it most encouraging that a county like Cumberland, which is not rich in ringers, is so rich in bells of historical interest. There are other bells of similar interest in Cumberland at Greystoke, Carlisle and many other places.

Keswick, Cumberland. H. S. GRISDALE.

## URCHFONT, WILTS

Dear Sir,—There is a 14th century bell in the ring of eight at Urchfont, Wilts, viz, the treble. Walters says: 'The antiquity of the treble and tenor at Urchfont suggests that this, like Bishops Cannings, is a very early ring of eight, although they are all now of different dates.' Incidentally, Yatton's bell is surely dated 1451.

Clevedon, Somerset. E. G. C.

## CHALK, KENT

Dear Sir,—The second of the three bells at Chalk, Kent, bears the words XPE : PIE : FLOS : MARIE and the mark of Thomas de Weston. It is ascribed by 'Church Bells of Kent' to 1348. If this is correct, its first job was tolling for the Black Death in 1349. The other two bells are dated 1625 and one bears its maker's name—JOHN WILNAR.

F. A. CLUETT.

## ARDLEIGH AND DEDHAM, ESSEX

Dear Sir,—The tenor of St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh, Essex, to a ring of eight, was cast by Robert Burford, circa 1415. The sixth at St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham, Essex, is approximately of the same year and was cast by Robert Burford.—Yours truly,

Colchester. PETER G. BARNES.

## BUCKERELL, DEVON

Mr. F. H. Parr, of Bucknell, near Honiton, Devon, writes that in his district there are a number of pre-Reformation bells in rings of bells restored and rehung in recent years.

At SS. Mary and Giles', Buckerell, there are two pre-Reformation bells, the fifth and tenor. These bells are believed to have been cast by Roger (or Robert) Norton, of Exeter, who was a travelling founder. They are recorded in a document in the Public Records Office 7th, Edward VI., 1553, which gives the number of bells in every parish in Devon. The fifth weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. and not, as stated in 'Church Bells of Britain,' 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

## LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS

Dear Sir,—At Little Missenden, Bucks, the third bell's approximate date is 1340 and the fourth's 1445. Both are still in good order and rung every week in this ring of six bells. My only information is that they were quarter-turned and rehung in a new frame together with the fifth, dated 1603, and tenor, dated 1663, in 1881 when a new treble was added. Another treble was added in 1948.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. ORCHARD.

Amersham, Bucks.

## BEARSTED, KENT

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, may be interested to learn that the second bell in the ring of six at Holy Cross, Bearsted, is considerably older than the seventh at Yatton. Investigation shows it to have been cast by Henry Jordan between 1442 and 1468, the exact year not being known. It bears the inscription 'Vox Augustine Sonet in Aure Dei,' weighs 5 cwt., is 30½ inches in diameter and the note is D.

Another old bell in the ring is the fourth, which was cast by Robert Mot in 1590.—Yours faithfully,

Maidstone, Kent. GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

## HAWKLEY

Dear Sir,—At Hawkley we can claim two bells still in use nearly a hundred years older than the seventh mentioned at Yatton. We have a ring of eight here now, the old six being retuned and turned and two new trebles added, the whole ring being hung in a new steel frame and ball-bearings in 1949 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

At the time of the restoration of the bells, the history of the old bells was enquired into, and Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxford, was sent for. He discovered two bells were cast in the year 1450, by Rogan Sanden. One of them is the fifth, which has no wording on it but four founder's stamps engraved on it; one of these stamps is a fleur-de-lis. The other bell is the sixth, which has the words Ave Maria engraved on it. Our seventh is also fairly ancient, being cast in the year 1624 by Brian Eldredge.

It may be interesting to state that the two very old bells blend very nicely in tone with the rest of the ring, making quite a nice octave.

I wonder how many towers can beat this for age—and still going strong.—Yours faithfully,

Hawley, near Liss. CHARLES POUND.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. H. Taffender 1, E. D. Smith 2, Miss J. Freer 3, C. A. Hughes 4, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 5, J. Bennett 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Bullock 8.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Ruth Paton 3, Hilary Eason 4, Janet Eason (first quarter as cond.) 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the conductor's 16th birthday.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY South and West District

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held on February 17th at St. Mary's, Acton, an excellent attendance being recorded.

The bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, were also available and some good ringing was enjoyed at both towers.

The well-attended service was conducted by Canon A. Rogers, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, who is an hon. life member of the Association, and was very much enjoyed. Mr. F. C. Price, of Feltham, was the organist, with the District secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch, reading the lesson. The business meeting held in the vestry was presided over by the president, the Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton, and the interest taken was a good sign for the future.

The secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of another successful year in every aspect. Peals had dropped slightly but service ringing had improved and membership was on the increase, particularly with young ringers, which was largely due to the efforts of Mr. T. Price. District Ringing Master. At the election of officers, Mr. F. A. Finch, district secretary, announced he would not be seeking re-election due to increased business obligations. A warm vote of thanks for his past services was recorded.

Officers elected were:—District secretary, Mr. G. Dodds; assistant district secretary, Mr. T. H. Blunt; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Price; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Finch, G. M. Kilby and W. W. Webb; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Six new members were elected and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to those who had worked to make the meeting such a success.

## YOUNG LEICESTER RINGER COMPLETES CENTURY

At the age of 17 years and 8 months Terence A. Thorner, of Leicester, has recorded what must be regarded as a very fine century of peals.

He is a member of the service band at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and gained his early ringing knowledge there and at other Leicester and district towers on the various practice nights. Since it has not been possible to ring St. John's bells, he has attached himself temporarily to the Leicester Cathedral Company and rings regularly for Sunday services.

## TOWER BELLS

**Doubles:**—Grandsire 2.

**Minor:**—Plain Bob 1. Three Methods 1, Four Methods 1, Five Methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

**Triples:**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2.

**Major:**—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 7, Yorkshire 7 (1). Superlative 1, Bristol 2, London 1, Dublin 1, Lincolnshire 2, Wigston 1, Premier 1, Treble to Spliced Surprise in four methods 2.

**Caters:**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 5.

**Royal:**—Cambridge Surprise 5, Yorkshire 3, Rutland 1, New Cambridge 1, Belgrave 1, Aldenham 2.

**Cinques:**—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

**Maximus:**—Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire 2, Superlative 1, Rutland 1, Aldenham 1, Spliced Belgrave, Cambridge and Yorkshire 1, Spliced Belgrave, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire 1.

## HANDBELLS

**Doubles:**—Grandsire 3.

**Triples:**—Stedman 2.

**Major:**—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire 1.

**Caters:**—Stedman 1.

**Royal:**—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1.

**Cinques:**—Stedman 4.

**Maximus:**—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1, Spliced Plain, Little, Reverse and Double Bob 1. Tower bells 67 (conducted 2); Handbells 37.



**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 each of Reverse

Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grand-sire): E. A. J. Gillam (first quarter) 1, W. G. Trevett 2, I. T. Read (15) 3, H. J. Ford 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, J. H. Hayne 6. First in three methods for 2, 4 and 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on his appointment as a non-residential Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.**—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, E. Lucas 2, Miss D. Hicks (age 13, first quarter) 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

**ASHTED, SURREY.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss B. Payne 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, J. T. Symonds 4, C. Smart 5, A. Harman 6, G. A. Cook (first quarter as cond.) 7, G. Marriner 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marshall 1, F. A. Barker 2, B. Willis 3, D. Searcy (first quarter) 4, C. W. Ward (cond.) 5, C. King 6, J. Bonney 7, W. Langley 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rector's wife, whose funeral took place that day.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion A. Udall (first of Major) 1, Betty Stephenson 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. Beale 4, J. V. Lonsbrough 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Nicholson 3, C. Mordue 4, S. C. Walker 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Janet Appleton, M.B.E., wife of Canon Appleton.

**COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kent (age 11) 1, I. Ireland 2, T. Mogg 3, Miss M. Parfitt 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5, B. Cox 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**COSSINGTON, LEICS.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Mary A. Carpenter 1, E. F. Payne 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Lowe 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5. Witnessed by Norman Rowlett.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. T. Clark 1, M. Bushell (first 'inside', age 18) 2, J. Hadley (first quarter, age 17) 3, J. Windram (first quarter, age 16) 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, C. Bushell 6. Believed to be the first quarter rung by a resident band.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's on Feb. 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, W. Bond 3, J. W. Grew 4, A. Mould 5, W. Steen 6, W. Lancaster 7, B. Barker 8. Birthday compliment for 'Little Bob' Bailey, son of the conductor.

**DULVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. S. Churchill 1, F. Norrish 2, L. May 3, W. Cockram 4, S. H. Green 5, J. Upton 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, W. H. Ware 8.

**EALING, LONDON.**—On Feb. 24th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss D. Luke 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Squire Croft 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 5, W. T. Cook 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers 8. A farewell compliment to Mr. Terence Bentley, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, who is leaving for Jamaica.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, L. Knowles 3, J. Michelson 4, E. Butler 5, J. Hessey (cond.) 6, M. Harbot 7, W. Peck 8.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On February 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Rablah 1, G. W. Ashdown 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, R. Laming 5, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 6, T. Easterby 7, P. Sherman 8. Rung on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Horn Park Settlement.

**ENFORD, WILTS.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, G. Deer 2, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 3, G. Vince 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 360 Bob Doubles and 960 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, R. E. Woods 2, A. G. Gasson (cond.) 3, G. S. Joyce 4, C. Turner 5, Pte. J. H. Davey 6. Rung fully muffled in memorial Canon W. A. Challacombe.

**GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney (first quarter Major) 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter Major 'inside') 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's on Jan. 21st, 1,356 Bob Major: H. W. Impey 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Turley 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Coles 6, A. R. G. Twinn (first quarter of Major as cond.) 7, W. N. Genna 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister (cond.) 1, E. Thurlow (first quarter of Caters) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. Blondell 5, A. R. Turley 6, H. Impey 7, W. N. Genna 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, W. H. Coles 10.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, F. Corke 4, T. G. Bannister 5, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 6, W. H. Coles 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, T. Sowman 2, A. Jordan 3, E. Vallance 4, G. Charleston 5, A. Ballard 6, W. H. Duncombe (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Mrs. Bertie Ridgeway, wife of Bertie Ridgeway, captain of the St. Mary's ringers, who died on Feb. 10th.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidgey 1, W. H. Tarr 2, G. Walford 3, C. Williams 4, G. Coles 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, H. Churchill 8.

**LAMBOURN, BERKS.**—On Feb. 24th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Richards 1, A. M. Tyler 2, A. R. Peake 3, B. Bladon 4, W. H. Truman 5, R. W. Rex 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: W. D. Prockson 1, L. F. Last 2, F. W. Housden 3, C. Wilmington 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. F. Grove 6, C. Dawson 7, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 2.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Wing 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, J. Rushton (first quarter on ten) 5, R. Kendall 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

**MIDDLEZEY, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Bob Doubles, 420 Grandsire Doubles): E. Bawden 1, R. Short 2, C. Clark 3, C. Davis 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, W. Keir 6. First in four methods for 1, 4 and 6, also first in four methods on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pearce on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

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**PEWSEY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, G. Deer 2, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 3, G. Vince 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Giles 1, M. Hooten 2, M. Underwood 3, W. Pether 4, G. Guess (cond.) 5, H. Eaton 6.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. K. Deacon (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, F. E. Wilson 3, S. Cox 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. Bodycote 6, J. J. Morris (cond.) 7, G. Deacon 8. In memorial Mrs. D. Riddington.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, Miss M. Shadrack 2, W. Glover 3, W. Barrett 4, E. J. Runter 5, R. Thrift (first as cond.) 6. To commemorate the enthronement of the Right Rev. S. F. Allison as Bishop of Chelmsford.

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**SWINTON, LANCs.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. Bagnall 2, H. Smethills 3, N. Tompkins (cond.) 4, A. Lomas 5, W. Thompson 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung for the christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,248 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, H. J. Maynard 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, C. Finch (cond.) 6, E. E. Holman 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the safe arrival of a daughter for the Rev. J. H. Rumens, son of the ringer of 1.

**MELLS, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Dyke (cond.) 1, J. Metcalfe 2, D. Burt 3, E. Knapton 4, F. Withey 5, A. Kingston 6, E. Nash 7, T. Smith 8. Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the death of the composer, A. P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Mitchell 1, M. Fuller 2, W. A. Hughes 3, Hildegard Bird 4, J. Cannell 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First quarter Treble Bob 'inside' for 2, 3 and 4.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Trevor Balls (first quarter) 1, J. H. Edwards 2, E. Leagett (cond.) 3, W. Gusterson 4, L. Mills 5, E. Hynard 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Carter 1, K. A. Roe 2, E. Lloyd 3, F. S. Cheney 4, R. F. Roe 5, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 6, C. A. Knight (first inside) 7, J. S. Carter 8.

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### MEETINGS

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Joint meeting with North Bucks Branch at Olney postponed.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., Northampton Branch, 8534

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Earls Colne, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, near Colchester. 8491

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, March 17th at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Southwark, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 8526

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, March 17th, 5.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8497

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting. Benenden, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8515

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Dedication of Cranborne bells by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. L. F. Addison Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Ring of eight recast by J. Taylor and Co., tenor 17 cwt. All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. Good bus service. Ringing for all after tea. A Grand Church, a Grand Tower and now a Grand Ring. 8510

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley, March 17th. Bells 3. Tea provided 5. 8482

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, March 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. 8506

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. 8527



**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—A special evening practice will be held at St. John's on Saturday, March 17th, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 8558

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District (Doncaster District Society).—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. Names for tea, by March 15th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough. 8537

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—Ringers will be welcome at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18th, when the recast bell will be dedicated and the bells re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. 8509

**BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—The two new trebles added to the ring of six at All Saints', Berrington, Shropshire, will be dedicated by Bishop Sara on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7.30 p.m. 8556

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The dedication of two new trebles to make a ring of eight at Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, will take place on Saturday, March 24th, at 6 p.m. Bells installed by John Taylor and Co. All visitors welcome. 8551

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn on Easter Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Tea at 5. Evensong at 6 (collection).—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8559

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, March 17th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available:—Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George's, Colegate (6), 2.30 onwards. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president. Remittance for lunch to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, before March 17th. 8489

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Easter Monday, March 26th. Painswick (12) available 10 till 12 noon only; Stroud (10) available 11 till 12.15 and in evening. Lunch (4/6) 12.30. Tea 1/6. Meeting 1.30 sharp. Divine service 4.30. Will those who require lunch and/or tea please let me know (with remittance) not later than Monday, March 19th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol. 5. 8502

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Annual Festival, Newton Abbot, Easter Monday, March 26th. Service, St. Leonard's Church, 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Wolborough Parish Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open:—Wolborough (8), Highweek (8), 3.30—4.30 p.m.; and Kingskerswell (6). Admission to luncheon, by prepaid ticket only, 4s. each from the Gen. Sec., E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, before March 17th. 8502

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—District meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, Easter Monday, March 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Walton bells 11.30—12.30. Names for tea essential by March 22nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Subscriptions, 2/6, now due for 1951.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8517

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Worcester. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. Bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2/6 per head) arranged at 4.45 p.m. for those only who notify

me before Wednesday, March 21st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m. and in afternoon; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) provisionally 5.45 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8516

**LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Cardiff. St. John's bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea, at St. James' Hall, and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32 Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8519

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Wrington on Easter Monday. Bells at 10.30. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for lunch and tea essential as admission will be by ticket. Bells available, besides Wrington, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Yatton, Backwell, Long Ashton. Congressbury also open if scaffolding is removed in time. If car hire needed from Yatton, or bus routes, ring Wrington 297.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 8530

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Bedford, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Paul's (10) 10.30—12.30 and 3.30—8; St. Peter's (8) 11—12.15 and 3.30—8; Biddenham (6) 10.30—11.30; Elstow (6) 4—6. Service in St. Paul's 12.45 p.m. Lunch in St. John's Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for lunch, by 21st, to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 8540

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at St. Bees on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available 1.30. Meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Lunch and/or tea for those who notify only, by March 19th, Mr. J. A. Haile, 1, Main Street, St. Bees.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8545

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, South Normanton (6) bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire. 8558

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Benedict's (6) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. and 2—3 p.m. R. C. (8) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. St. Andrew the Great (8) 1—2 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) 2—3.10 p.m. and after tea; Old Chesterton (6) after tea. Business meeting at St. Mary's 3.15 p.m., followed by service 4.20 and tea, Dorothy Cafe, 5.15 p.m.—W. W. Cousins Gen. Sec. 8542

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Particulars as last week's 'Ringing World.' Get your lunch tickets now. Morning ringing at Shipbourne, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's). After meeting, ringing at Leigh, Shipbourne, Penshurst, Spalding, Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) Edenbridge, Sevenoaks and Hadlow. Times later K.C.A. badges will be on sale at this meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 8552

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. Six towers. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service 12 noon at St. Lawrence. Lunch 12.45 (4s. each) at Nightingale's (50 only). Notification essential.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 8535

**HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and contest, Thornhill, Saturday, March 31st. For teas notify, by March 24th. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester and Merston Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, March 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 27th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 8550

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, March 31st. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 11—12.30, Cathedral and St. Peter's afternoon and evening. St. Peter's, committee 3.30. Tea 5.30. Service, Cathedral, 4.45. Names for tea by 28th to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden. 8549

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, March 31st. Service in the Abbey 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in The Water End Barn, St. Peter's St., 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by the morning of Monday, 26th, at the very latest to W. J. Arnold, 17, Watson's Avenue, St. Albans. Ringing arrangements:—Hatfield (10) 11 a.m.—12 noon; St. Peter's (10) in the afternoon; St. Stephen's (6) 2—3.45 p.m.; The Abbey (12) after the meeting; St. Michael's (6) in the evening.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec. 8554

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, March 31st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Loft-house, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12. Please make a special effort to attend.—E. D. Kelly. 8557

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by March 27th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 8553

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, March 31st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. If sufficient names are received, we are trying to arrange tea at the Co-op, so names, before the previous Wednesday, to Rev. B. D. Till, 35, Knowsley Street, Bury. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 8555

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Somerton (6), March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 8547

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting, Willenhall, March 31st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than March 27th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8546

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual meeting East Retford, Saturday, March 31st. Bells of St. Swithun (10) and Ordsall (6) available 2.30. Service. Business meeting. Cards for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Kenneth Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 8533

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by April 4th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 8548

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 7th.—Names for tea, by April 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8536

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wapenhams on April 7th. Names for tea, by the 3rd, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 8532

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Beryl White 2, Grace Burchall 3, F. Hooper (cond.) 4, C. Briggs 5, F. Vernon 6, A. Chilton 7, W. Midwinter 8. First in the method by 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Midwinter, churchwarden.

**YETMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Partridge (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Baker 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. G. Field (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. C. Lant (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. A. Baker.



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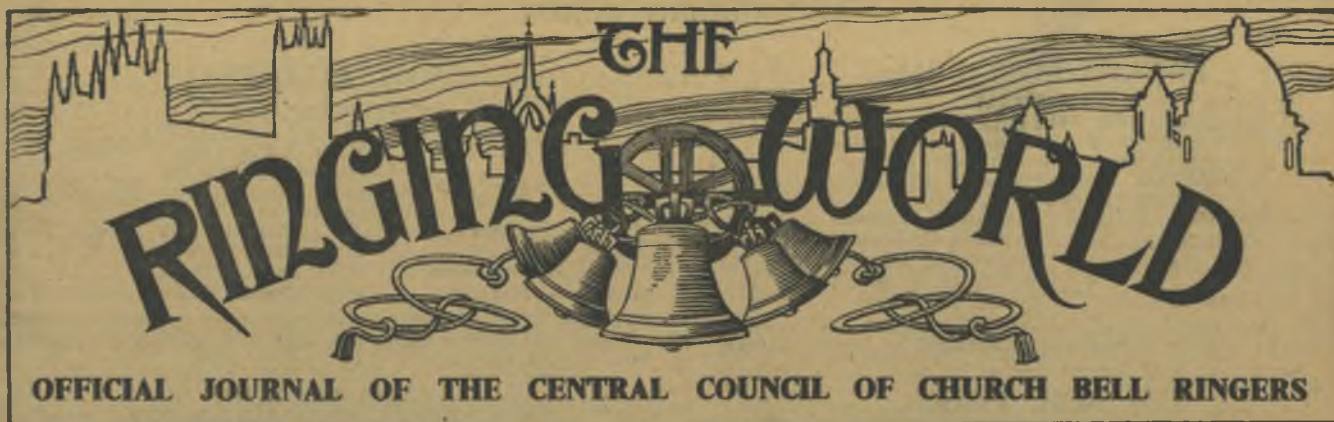
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## EASTER DAY THOUGHTS

**T**HERE will be very few of our readers who are not ringing next Sunday—Easter Day. Most ringers, we hope, are conscious of the purpose for which they are ringing and their minds are not solely occupied with the method and the mastery of their bells. This, we feel sure, is prevalent in half-muffled ringing, and the solemnity of the occasion does affix in the mind thoughts concerning the deceased person. And yet half-muffled ringing has a grandeur of its own, a majesty which in many ringers' minds is unsurpassed.

Such a thought is appropriate for Easter Day. We like to think that the grandeur that comes from half-muffled ringing is not merely a musical coincidence, but a symbolic indication of what is at the very root of the Christian faith—firm belief in the Resurrection and that as Christ rose again so shall we all. The consciousness of this great reunion is the prevailing thought at Eastertide; the conquest of death, through Christ, is no matter of wishful thinking; it is part of our very creed; a question on which there is absolute conviction. Without it our faith would be barren. Thus with glad hearts and open bells we ring.

The Early Church had no doubts—to them a risen Christ was factual. Friends greeted each other on Easter Day with the Easter kiss and the exclamation, 'Surrexit' ('He is risen'), to which the reply was 'Vere Surrexit' ('He is risen, indeed'). This custom is still retained in the Greek Church. Outwardly we are not so demonstrative to-day, but of late the vogue of the Easter card for friends who are near and dear has become prevalent.

Inwardly Easter Day still holds its place among all Christian people. The book of Common Prayer inserted in 1552 'that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter Day shall be one.' That is a direct command to all members of the Church of England. What has impressed the Editor is the little footnote that at times accompanies a quarter peal rung for one of the great festivals of the Church—'The band at the conclusion of ringing attended Holy Communion.' We have not paraded this fact in our columns, but it is one of those treasured thoughts that amid all the criticisms

of ringers there are companies who to a man fulfil their solemn obligation as a member of Christ's Church.

For more than 50 years the Central Council has been fighting for the recognition of ringers as servants of the Church. We might with confidence say we have won through and in practically every diocesan guild there is recognition of the fact. As servants of the Church there is more than one obligation—the faithful performance of ringing for service on Sundays and for other festivals. It entails corporate membership and that can only be achieved by attendance at Holy Communion. The command is explicit, 'All parishioners shall attend.'

We like to think, however, that on Easter Day ringers will communicate, not from a sense of duty, the mere fulfilling of their obligation of membership, but from a yearning desire to be joined with Christ in His Church. There can be no belief in the Resurrection without Christ, and it is at the Holy Table that this union is cemented and made real and the remission of sin obtained.

St. Paul speaks of bodies terrestrial and bodies celestial; of natural bodies and spiritual bodies. He also explains in that well-known chapter from Corinthians that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The material body must be superseded by a spiritual body. The creation of that spiritual body does not start after death; it is being created daily in each one of us who seeks that union with Christ and is prepared to accept Him in his daily life. But this union will not come with mere lip-service; there has to be a complete surrender.

From an unfamiliar source we close with a quotation from Kabir, the weaver mystic of Northern India, that might well be applied to our faith:—

O friend, hope in Him while thou livest,  
Know Him while thou livest,  
For in life is thy release.  
If thy bonds be not broken while thou livest,  
What hope of deliverance in death?  
It is but an empty dream that the soul must pass into  
union with Him,  
Because it hath passed from the body.  
If He is found now, He is found then:  
If not, we go but to dwell in the city of Death.  
If thou has union now, thou shalt have it hereafter.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. 10
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5	FRANK E. DARBY .. 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6	JOHN N. LINDON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

*On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH Treble	*A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 3	SQUIRE CROFT .. 8
WILFRED G. WILSON .. 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Enid Salvage, daughter of Mr. P. F. Salvage, Vicar's warden.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
*FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 8
*TERRY HAMPTON .. .. 4	*EDWARD JENKINS .. 9
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS**

Tenor 29 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
JOHN W. BEST .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	HARRY PYE .. .. 8
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 9
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal of Caters in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. Treble	FREDK. A. SALTER .. 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. 2	*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS .. 9
WILLIAM THORNTON, JUN. 5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Arranged by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DONALD COOMBS .. .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 2	COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 6
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 4	GERALD FROST .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Grimwade.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
FREDERICK R. WELLER .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
PERCY PAGE .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Michael Weller, son of the 2nd ringer.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. 6
TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Containing 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge and 1,312 of Bristol, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM GREEN .. .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY WOODCOCK .. .. Treble	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 7
BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 4	BRIAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.

First peal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge by all except the conductor. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and for the Association.

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## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	MARGARET FIDELL .. .. 5
*JOYCE LEWIS .. .. 2	HAROLD WALKER .. .. 6
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH (15) 3	*†THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 7
*ERIC N. HARRISON (14) .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First touch in the method. † 50th peal.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSON .. .. Treble	ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. .. 5
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. Robin W. Woods, M.A., on his appointment as Archdeacon of Singapore.

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's.	Tenor 22 cwt.
ALEX. WOODLEY .. .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
H. KEITH WHITE .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
*MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 3	HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 7
GEORGE BISHOP .. .. 4	†DENNIS NAPPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the first peal rung at this tower by a local band.

## GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	ROLAND PARK .. .. 5
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING .. .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

100th peal as conductor.

## LEWISHAM, LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*SYDNEY W. BALL .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 6
*HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. 3	JACK DAFTERS .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. In honour of the wedding this day, at St. John's, Penge, of Mr. W. Packer, a local ringer, and Miss B. E. Lee; for the 88th birthday of Harry Warnett, sen; and a welcome to Judith Mary Corby, born February 25th, 1951.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 ST. GILES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*DAPHNE M. WAIN .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal on eight bells. The first peal in this method.

## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HAROLD TAYLOR .. Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 2	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. 6
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. Treble	†MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7
*MICHAEL L. CALLOW .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal of Major.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM LOVE .. Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 4	ERNEST WHITING .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. A birthday compliment to George Poyntz. Composition contains 6th extent home and 16 of the 18 4-5-6 combinations.

## SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.
EDWARD T. LLOYD .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*SIDNEY A. ANSELL .. Treble	RICHARD WILSON .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING .. 6
*ANSLEY BOWERS .. .. 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* First peal on eight bells.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Norfolk Surprise; (2) Capel, Kingston, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Court and Single Court; (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Norwich. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD APPLEWHITE .. Treble	LOUIS W. WILLIERS .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2	MOSES BILLINGS .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band. Rung in memory of Canon Chard, former Vicar of Nocton.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALEX MERRILL .. Treble	HERBERT SUTTON .. 4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 5
J. DEREK SMITH .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\*First peal. 25th peal as conductor. J. E. Brough has now completed the circle. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

BROUGHTON, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE,  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. Treble	*JOHN JOLLEYS .. 4
JOHN JACKSON .. 2	E. ROGER MARTIN .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ALEC DIMMOCK.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor. Specially arranged for Mr. Jolleys, the local captain.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
*F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. 3	*J. LESLIE SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\*First peal. A birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FRANK W. LEWIS .. Treble	HENRY W. STOVOLD .. 4
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 2	GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 5
†MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	†NORMAN J. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. M. Sidebotham, recently instituted as Rector of this parish.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CECIL MATTHEWS .. Treble	GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. 3
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\*First peal of Doubles.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

JOHN F. PENFOLD (13) .. Treble	JANET R. WELLS (16) .. 4
ANN VINE (16) .. 2	DESMOND P. LADD (17) .. 5
GEORGE E. RUCK (15) .. 3	PETER J. RYE (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND P. LADD.

First peal by all. Rung as a farewell to Desmond P. Ladd, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of April Day and Canterbury, six of Plain Bob, thirty of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROGER G. W. SOARS (14) .. Treble	JOHN W. LOWE .. 3
F. KEVAN THOMPSON (15) .. 2	*GEOFFREY J. LOWE (17) .. 4
†ROY WILMORE .. 3	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LOWE.

Witness: JIM BURNHAM.

\*First peal in four methods. †First peal of Doubles.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE .. Treble	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 4
CATHARINE M. TRIST .. 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

First peal of Ipswich Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. Birthday compliment to Arthur Peake, of Stoke, and for 82nd birthday of Henry Carnwell, father of third ringer and for many years leader of the local band.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*HUGH LONGLAND .. Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\*First peal in five methods. A birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Parker.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*EILEEN M. MORSE .. Treble	ANTHONY PEAKE .. 4
†FLORENCE M. HOPE .. 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 5
*JOYCE MORSE .. 3	†WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal. ‡First peal of Bob Minor and first of Minor as conductor.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Wragby and Charlwood Delight, (2) St. Albans and Neasden Delight, (3) Capel Treble Bob, (4) Sandal Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (6) Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

DOROTHEA WAY .. Treble	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
JAMES A. MILNER .. 2	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung to commemorate the installation of the Vicar, Canon F. S. Spackman, M.A., as Canon of Chester Cathedral and his appointment as Rural Dean.



SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK BAILEY .. .. .Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. .4
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 3	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal 'inside.'

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*BRIAN COOKSON .. .. .Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 4
*GEORGE THORNLEY .. .. 2	WILFRED WALKER .. .. 5
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. .. 3	COLIN KIRK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Fisher.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST .. .. .Treble	*DOUGLAS F. DRIVER .. .. 4
LUTHER HONESS .. .. 2	REGINALD L. SILLS .. .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 3	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NOREOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being 16 methods: (1) College and Wavertree, (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward, Double Oxford, (3) Amersham and Little Bob, (4) Perivale and Little Bob, (5) Double Court and Single Court, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CECIL EBBERSON .. .. .Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5
JOHN E. FOX .. .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal in 16 methods for the Association and by all except treble ringer. Rung as a compliment to all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) Bennington, Butterwick, Freiston, Framp-ton, Langton, Tattershall, Candlesby, Alford, Denton, Poynton, Chel-ford, Elsham, Dunholme, Bassingham, Bigby and Bastow (16 methods by C. K. Lewis); (2) Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham Surprise; (3) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril (13 methods by A. G. Driver); (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury (13 methods by C. K. Lewis); (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (6) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knuts-ford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow (12 methods by A. G. Driver); (7) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden (19 methods by C. K. Lewis); 188 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ..Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY.. .. 5
*C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	†ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Witness: ERNEST H. BOWLEY

\* 25th peal on the bells. † 50th peal. First peal in 94 methods by all and for the Guild.

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## HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

R. CRITCHLEY .. .. .	Treble	MISS E. RICE .. .. .	4
W. CARE .. .. .	2	C. ACKERS .. .. .	5
J. POUNDS .. .. .	3	A. MAWDSLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by C. ACKERS.

First peal as conductor in five methods. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lady Lethbridge, who was buried here the same day.

## WALPOLE, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent, and Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. .	Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. .. .	4
*WALTER J. HAMMOND .. .. .	2	*W. ROBERT WISKIN .. .. .	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. .	3	*WILLIAM ROSE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. G. Cox, M.A., who was inducted to St. Peter's on March 3rd.

## WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 32 six-scores, ten callings, and five Morris' 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. .	Treble	*REV. J. KINGDON .. .. .	4
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. .	2	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. .	5
JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. .	3	†WILLIAM BRAMALL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

## GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT .. .. .	Treble	AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. .	4
W. ALAN RICHARDSON .. .. .	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. .	5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. .	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being extents of Ipswich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HARRY J. HALL .. .. .	Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. .	4
GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. .	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. .	5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	3	BERT GOGLE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all and on the bells.

## SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 55, 56, 34, 29, 28, 50, 48). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

*JOHN WHITNEY .. .. .	Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. .	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. .	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. .. .	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. .. .	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. A compliment to Michael J. Dyer, of Huntingdon, nephew of tenor ringer, on his 14th birthday.

## SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and the HUMPHREY PERKINS' SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, 30 extents of Grandsire, and three 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN CHAMBERS (15) .. .. .	Treble	†ROGER G. W. SOARS (14) .. .. .	3
F. KEVAN THOMPSON (15) .. .. .	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. .	4
KEITH E. LOVETT .. .. .			Tenor

Conducted by KEITH E. LOVETT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. .	1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. .	3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. .. .			5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At Room 58, HULME HALL, VICTORIA PARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. .	1-2	ERIC NIXON .. .. .	3-4
DEREK OGDEN .. .. .			5-6

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

The first peal in six methods for all the band and for the Guild. First handbell peal as conductor.

## TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 4, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8.

BRENDA FELS .. .. .	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON .. .. .	3-4
ROSEMARY SMITH .. .. .			5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

In the Cathedral Belfry,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. .. .	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. .	7-8

\*CAPT. EDW. F. M. SAMSON 9-10

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

\* First handbell peal on ten bells.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 7, 1951, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. .	1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. .	3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. .. .			5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. A. Knights, of Hinckley, Leicestershire.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 9, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

In St. NICOLAS' BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. .	1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. .	3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. .			5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN. Witness: LESLIE SAUNDERS.



**DEATH OF MR. J. DRONFIELD**

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Dronfield, of Wortley, near Sheffield, Yorks, who died on February 17th at the age of 79. He was the pioneer of ringing at Wortley and instructor of the original band which started ringing when the bells were installed in 1893.

Mr. Dronfield was also a member for a few years of the Bolsterstone band, and, with the late Thomas McKegg, regularly walked from Wortley to Bolsterstone for Sunday service ringing and practices. The service at Bolsterstone was in the afternoon and he rang with his own band for morning and evening services at Wortley. Those who know the location of the two towers will understand the enthusiasm behind that fact.

The band at Wortley progressed and in 1898 they rang 10,464 Bob Major, which was conducted by David Brearley and which was the longest length by the Yorkshire Association to that date. In 1899 Mr. Dronfield conducted Holt's Original, which was considered no mean feat at that time, and one that very few conductors had achieved. He had rung some 51 peals for the Yorkshire Association and conducted 11, and although of late years the band at Wortley had almost disappeared, owing to changes in the Earl of Wharnccliffe's estate, he continued to take a keen interest in everything appertaining to bells and ringers.

He was one of four brothers, all of whom were blacksmiths and ringers at Wortley. Of a kindly, genial disposition, he was always ready to give a helping hand to learners or to stand in a peal with visitors, for Wortley was a very popular place for visiting peal ringers at that time. To him Wortley owes practically all its local ringing. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association for 56 years.

He was interred at Wortley on February 21st, and on March 4th six of the Bolsterstone ringers attended and, with the local men, rang the bells half-muffled to his memory.

J. R.B.

**SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY**

Forty-four ringers and friends from twelve parishes attended the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society at the beautiful Church of St. John, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on March 3rd.

The musical light ring of ten was raised in peal and rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

After tea in the Parish Hall, tune ringing and change ringing on handbells was greatly appreciated. The business meeting was ably presided over by the Rev. E. A. Gundry, who commented on the good work of the Society's officers.

In his report the secretary noted the loss sustained by the recent deaths of Mr. J. Thorpe, Mr. G. Lewis and Mr. W. Biggin. He expressed thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of meetings during the past year, noting also that 29 peals had been rung.

Business included the adoption of the balance sheet, the election of 15 new members and the decision to apply for affiliation to the Central Council.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; secretary, Mr. J. E. Turley; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. E. Turley; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer; auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher; Ringing Master and C.C. representative, Mr. N. Chad-dock; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. G. C. Briggs.

The next meeting will be a joint one with the Chesterfield District of the Derby Association at Bolsover in April.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At St. Mary's on March 4th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: R. Peacock (first of Major) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young (first of Major) 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. F. Baker 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

**THEY RANG BELLS IN THE LAST CENTURY**

We append our sixth instalment of veterans who rang their first peals in the last century.

Mr. B. Fullwood, who has been tower master at Sedgley for 54 years, cannot remember the date of his first peal but his name appears on two peal boards in the belfry, dated 1893 and 1894.

Mr. Herbert T. Pye, of Colchester, rang his first peal at Kelvedon, Essex, on February 10th, 1896, the method being Bob Minor. This was the first peal on the recently augmented bells. Mr. Pye has been attached to St. Peter's, Colchester, for over 50 years. The occasion of Mr. Pye's first peal was also the first peal of Mr. William Keeble (see 'Ringing World,' February 23rd).

**BEESTON'S TRIO**

Beeston, Notts, has three residents who rang their first peal in the last century.

Mr. Harry Whittle rang his first peal at Stanford-on-Soar, 5,088 Bob Major, on November 27th, 1897.

Mr. Arthur Lowe's first peal was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone. This was at Beeston on May 28th, 1898, the method being Bob Major.

Mr. Louis Price rang his first peal, Bob Minor, on March 8th, 1900.

**KENDAL VETERANS**

A correspondent forwards to us particulars of two Kendal veterans—Mr. Richard Everson (86) and Mr. Thomas Haslam (76).

Mr. Everson rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1884 and took part in the third peal rung in Cumberland—Grandsire Triples in 1897—and the last peal of Caters on Kendal bells in 1898.

Mr. Haslam still rings regularly. His first peal was Grandsire Caters, at Kendal, in February, 1898.

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The next quarter of The Ringing World  
starts on April 6th. New subscribers should  
send 5s. 6d. for a quarter's or 10s. 6d. for a  
half-year's subscription to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher,  
The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. It  
is also important that quarterly subscribers  
should not overlook the date.

Ringers for Sunday even-  
ing service at Glodwick,  
Oldham, had some diffi-  
culty in 'making correct places' when a young  
lady ringer turned up wearing a jumper she  
had knitted herself. Incorporated in the pat-  
tern was a plain course of Grandsire Doubles,  
complete with two bells—'Bob' and 'Single.'  
Knitted work is supplanting pencil work in  
Lancashire!

Seventeen-year-old Ronald Christopher, who  
called his first quarter of Triples at Thatcham,  
Berks, impressed old hands with his ability.  
He 'called the bobs' in a faultless style.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of  
Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Kirby-le  
Soken, Essex, on February 17th, was Gordon  
F. Clarke.

Ringing friends of Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, of  
Lutterworth, Leics, well known as the com-  
poser of many new Surprise methods, will  
learn with regret that he is a patient in the  
Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, suffering from  
a fractured femur of the left leg. We hope that  
he will make a speedy and complete recovery.

It is frequently said that ringers do not take  
part in any other activities of the Church. In  
a peal at Dallington, Northampton, there was  
a parochial church councillor and sidesman,  
two choristers and servers, a scoutmaster and  
chorister and a sidesman and clock-winder.  
These are all members of the Sunday service  
band.

A familiar figure at all meetings of the South-  
ern District of the Surrey Association, Mr. W.  
Claydon, of Reigate, has been ill for some  
months and is very much missed both in his  
own tower and at meetings. Although on the  
sick list, he made the arrangements for the  
annual district meeting at Reigate in January  
and, as usual, they were perfect.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

We understand that Mr.  
James George, in his will,  
left his peal book to St.  
Martin's Guild, Birmingham, with a request  
that it should be placed on the table in St.  
Martin's belfry. His handbells were left to  
Mrs. F. J. Marshall and among the bene-  
ficiaries of his small estate was Mr. Frederick  
A. Milner.

Mr. Cecil Ebberson completed his circle of  
Terrington St. John, Norfolk, tower by a peal  
in 16 methods.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annua  
meeting of the Worcestershire Association will  
be held on Easter Monday in the Chapter  
House and not in College Hall, as advertised.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has been elected a  
member of the Central Council as representing  
the Surrey Association. The other two re-  
presentatives were Mr. D. D. Cooper and Mr.  
F. C. Collins.

The peal of 5,015 Grandsire Cinques at St.  
Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, reported in our  
last issue, was the 450th for Mr. Alfred E.  
Reeves. Bristol ringers, we are sure, will con-  
gratulate him on this milestone, in a life of  
service to the Exercise.

Three very promising young ringers from  
the Durham and Newcastle Association area  
are Miss Joyce Lewis, J. Alan Ainsworth and  
Eric N. Harrison. Only a few weeks ago they  
scored their first peal and now they have rung  
a peal of Superlative! In the old days such  
progress would have taken 15 years.

The quarter-peal at Leighton Bromswold,  
Hunts (tenor 2½ cwt.), is worthy of special  
mention. These bells have been five since 1720  
and were rather difficult to ring owing to about  
30 feet of rope without guides. Local ringers  
regarded the attempted quarter as a joke. The  
band intend to attempt a peal on the bells,  
which are the heaviest five in Huntingdon.

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# DEATH OF MR. JAMES GEORGE

## He Rang 1,281 Peals

ONE of the best-known figures in the Exercise, Mr. James George, died in hospital at Poole on March 10th in his 98th year. He was admitted to hospital with acute bronchitis, and, while he had weathered previous attacks, this proved fatal.

Mr. George maintained his mental faculties until the last two days when he lapsed into unconsciousness. He followed day-to-day events in change ringing very closely and, despite his great age, corresponded and criticised current events. He was determined to ring a handbell peal at 100, but fate ruled otherwise.

His pertinacity was the hall-mark of his ringing. There was a determination to succeed; it carried him through his peals, and it was a sad day for him when, over 80 years of age, he had his leg amputated. This ended his tower-bell activities, but he had still handbells to fall back upon. His 95th birthday was celebrated by a peal 'in hand.'

## FATHER RANG FOR WILLIAM IV'S DEATH

Born at Pinner on November 27th, 1853, Mr. George was the second son of Mr. James George, who was for many years the leader of the ringers in this Middlesex tower, and rang at the death of King William IV. and the accession of Queen Victoria. He learnt to handle a bell at an early age. In 1869 he entered the service of the London and North Western Railway Company, and from 1881, until his retirement, was on the staff of the estates department at Rugby. His duties took him to all parts of the country.

Mr. George's enthusiasm for change ringing did not start until he was well in his thirties. His first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on February 16th, 1889, at St. George's, Camberwell. Thereafter, peals followed in goodly number, and by 1894 he had scored his first century. These peals were rung in 63 towers from Newcastle to Brighton, and involved 11,000 miles of railway travel, without reckoning the distances involved in unsuccessful attempts. His 200th peal was a memorable one. It was conducted by him at Pinner on August 13th, 1899, and was in celebration of his parents' golden wedding. His brother, Mr. W. H. George, also participated.

In 1896, when a ring of eight was installed at St. Andrew's, Rugby, and a ringing society formed in that tower, Mr. George was elected Master and served in that capacity for a number of years. Under his guidance the company made good progress. In 1911 Mr. George was elected Master of the Warwickshire Guild.

## RATE OF PROGRESS

Compared with the leading ringers of the post war era, Mr. George's various centuries of peals did not denote exceptionally fast scoring, but it was continuous effort over a great many years. His progress is indicated as follows:—

100th peal, November 20th, 1894; 200th, December 31st, 1899; 300th, January 13th, 1906; 400th, September 22nd, 1908; 500th, October 19th, 1912; 600th, August 18th, 1917; 700th, October 8th, 1921; 800th, August 9th, 1924; 900th, July 3rd, 1926; 1,000th, October 6th, 1928.

His 1,000th peal was rung at Wolverhampton when he was nearly 75 years old. It was a very experienced band he gathered to ring this peal of Stedman Cinques, and between them they had aggregated 6,080 peals and no fewer than 966 peals of Stedman Cinques. The late Ald. J. S. Pritchett, the then presiding ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, climbed the 70 odd steps to the belfry to extend official and personal wishes for the success of the attempt.

Afterwards, at the Molineux Hotel, Mr. George entertained the band and a large num-

ber of friends to a meat tea. Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, presided, and Mr. Albert Walker (conductor of the peal), the late Messrs. C. T. Coles and J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and Mr. Herbert Knight all added a tribute to Mr. George's achievement.

## OCTOGENARIAN PEALS

Probably no man in his 80's accomplished what Mr. George did, which included ringing Bow tenor to a peal. In his 81st year he rang 20 peals on tower bells, at 82 another 22 peals, at 83 nine peals, and at 84 two peals. His last tower-bell peal, Plain Bob Major, was rung at Enderby, Leicestershire, on August 24th, 1939, and was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris. Mr. George was then 85 years and nine months. After the amputation of his left leg he attempted a peal but this, unfortunately, came to grief. Mr. George missed the 'sally and could not regain it.

He continued however ringing handbell peals, and at the age of 91 rang two peals. His last and 1,281st peal was rung at the residence of Mr. Martin Stewart at Ferndown, Dorset, on his 95th birthday. 'Jimmy arrived "full of beans,"' wrote the conductor, Mr. D. T. Matkin. He rang 7-8 to Grandsire Triples, the other two participants being Mr. A. H. Ward and Mrs. Marshallsay. The time taken was 2 hours and 30 minutes, and it was a truly remarkable performance. Among those who listened to the peal were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

## A LOVER OF HEAVY BELLS

Mr. George revelled in heavy metal, and his list of peals includes the following tenors: Bow tenor (53 cwt.), to Cinques and Maximus; Southwark (50 cwt.), Cinques and Maximus; Norwich old tenor (43 cwt.), to Royal and Maximus; Cornhill (41 cwt.), to Cinques; Sheffield (40 cwt.), to Caters, Cinques and Maximus; Shrewsbury (40 cwt.), Waltham Abbey (39½ cwt.), Birmingham (36 cwt.) and Cripplegate (36 cwt.), to Cinques.

Sometimes the man on the eleventh has an equally big share, and Mr. George's list on these bells included Southwark five times, Bow three times, Cripplegate twice, Birmingham twice, Ipswich twice, and the eleventh at Norwich, Dublin, Cornhill, Worcester, Waltham Abbey, Chelmsford, Newcastle and Winchester. He rang the ninth to ten-bell peals at St. Sepulchre's, London, Stepney, Loughborough, Nottingham and Wells, and the seventh to eight-bell peals at Sherborne Minster, Croydon Parish Church and St. Luke's, Derby.

He rang the tenor to the record length of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 17th, 1911, in 8 hours and 39 minutes. This peal eclipsed a record established in 1833 by the Painswick Youths of 10,224 changes in 6 hours and 50 minutes. Another notable feat by Mr. George was peals of 6,000 Bob Major and 6,336 Kent Treble Bob Major on the same day. Other long lengths were 6,720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8,009 Grandsire Caters and 7,280 Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Mr. George travelled far and wide for his peals, having rung them in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He also sought out the smallest bells and rang them—the 60lb. treble at Lye, Worcestershire, and the treble at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, weighing 80lb., which he rang to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

## WROTE WITH FIRM HAND

To the end Mr. George carried on an extensive correspondence with his ringing friends. He wrote with a firm, legible hand, and only ten days before his death the Editor received a letter from him, asking for a composition of Plain Bob Maximus to be published. The old gentleman delighted to while away his days composing peals—unfortunately they were not

always true. Nevertheless, he had a large number of compositions to his credit and started composing as far back as November 10th, 1894—which he reminded the Editor was before many people of to-day were born.

Mr. George took a keen interest in 'The Ringing World' and at the end of the First World War raised from among his friends a sum of nearly £300 to meet some of the heavy losses incurred by maintaining the publication during the war years.

Mr. George's greetings to the Ancient Society of College Youth's dinner were proverbial. He invariably signed himself as the oldest College Youth living, and recalled some of his memorable achievements.

At the Henry Johnson dinner at the beginning of this month his special greeting was read to the assembly, and he added that he should like to have the honour of proposing Ald. A. Paddon Smith as Lord Mayor of Birmingham for a second year. 'That is outside the power of Jimmy George,' commented the Lord Mayor, to the delight of the company.

## THE FUNERAL

The funeral service for Mr. James George was held at Longfleet Church, Poole, on March 15th. The Rev. J. Barratt officiated and the interment was at Poole Cemetery.

The following people attended:—Mr. and Mrs. W. Huddy, Mr. and Mrs. Frazer and Mr. Adam (friends); Messrs. Alfred H. Pulling (Guildford Guild); L. J. Lockyer (chairman) and I. V. Davis (hon. secretary) both of the Salisbury Guild; A. V. Davis (hon. secretary), Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. Fred Price (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild); Mr. D. T. Matkin (representing St. Martin's Guild for Birmingham).

After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the open grave by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2, D. T. Matkin 3-4, A. V. Davis 5-6, F. Price 7-8.

There were a number of floral tributes from various people and Ringing Guilds.

On the day of his funeral an 'In Memoriam' handbell peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at 26, Wellington Road, Bourne-mouth, by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 5-6, A. V. Davis 7-8, F. Price 9-10.

## ALAMEIN PLAQUE DEDICATED Ceremony in Lancashire Church

A plaque recording the broadcasting of the bells of St. Mary's, Prestwick, Lancashire, was dedicated in the church on Palm Sunday evening by the Rector (the Rev. F. Paton-Williams). An address was given by Prof. J. Copeman.

The ceremony was scheduled to take place last November on the anniversary of the original broadcast and it had been hoped that it would have been possible for the B.B.C. to broadcast both the bells and the service of dedication.

Unfortunately postponement was necessary, and it was not possible for the B.B.C. to include this event in the programme. A recording of the bells was taken, and this was introduced into the 'Events of the Week' programme on Sunday, March 18th.

Of the eight ringers who took part in this recording five rang in the original broadcast, two others were members of the band at the time but were away on Active Service, and one other was a member but was in London at the time. These eight therefore have had at least eight years of continuous service.

During this period seven members have been lost to the tower—three have passed away, three have gone to live elsewhere, and one has retired for health reasons. Six others have joined the band, and four youths who can now handle a bell will soon be joining the band, giving a strength of 18.

Seven of the band have rung in peals, and it is hoped that a peal by the local band will be rung for the Festival of Britain.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—13

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

**E**ARLY in 1885 Mr. Fussell reports: 'Mr. Hughes from the foundry went with me (to St. Giles', Bloomsbury) and rang in "rounds" for the first time. He seemed very pleased. Two days later—"I went to Spitalfields where he had an opportunity of practising to handle a bell properly." Mr. Fussell paid his first visit to St. Anne's, Wells Street, and says: 'I found that the few young ringers there were very gentlemanly and know a little of Grandsire. We rang two touches with three of them in. The belfry is a well-lighted room with gas, lavatory, Seages Dumb Bell Apparatus and a set of eight handbells in a case, complete. In fact, it seemed there was every convenience for change-ringing. Mr. Hughes rang very well in rounds; the bells are a fine peal.'

After an abortive attempt for a peal at Snow Hill, the company went 'to the usual place of call and during our stay here we had some interesting excitement with a man who would say nothing but "I'll play anyone at dominoes, five shillings a chalk." He had a lot to say to most and I had a lot to say to him, and to his discomfort, as he seemed anxious to pay for all for his "pals." He had a small basket of fish which he lost before going out by force, he being drunk by 11.'

### THE PASSING OF JOHN COX

About this time Mr. Fussell reports that John Rogers was accepted by the company to apply for the steeplekeeper's place at St. Bride's—old Johnny Cox being too ill for it. Shortly after this, John Cox died (Jan. 29th, 1885) and was buried in Nunhead Cemetery. Mr. Fussell went with R. Haworth and 'saw the coffin lowered into the grave. A great number of ringers present from all Societies and much respect shown for the old chap. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells over his grave. The grave was quite six inches too short for the coffin, it being lowered endways to get it down. The executors stayed and saw it replaced properly after all had gone. His wife was sadly cut up, the solemn tones of the 12 large handbells giving a most unusual effect in the hearers. At St. Bride's we rang half-muffled, some few members being anxious to ring in the touch by preference of seniority. Rang with Haley for first time (he called some Stedman Cinques). Returning via Aldgate, heard the bells here ringing half-muffled.'

Later Mr. Fussell took part in a peal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, near the Viaduct. Nelves being late, 'we did not start till 6.28. I rang 5th, a wretched bell—the worst I have ever managed in a peal, making my hands very sore and tender. However, by a good deal of labour, I managed to keep it going, but almost giving it up twice. Came into rounds 9.59 and a good coming home. Hopkins, being outside listening, said it was a very good peal indeed. W. H. George also outside, and made arrangements for a peal next evening at Pinner. This failed after 2½ hours: "Pinner George" rang the 7th very well. Had Jarman been there, as promised, we might have had a good peal. Was awake in the night by a fight and considerable noise in the street.'

About this time he visited St. Vedast, Foster Lane, and says: 'Rang 4th up for evening service. Here is a ring of six, tenor 20 cwt. A very handsome church interior. Inside the porch a quantity of oak carving. A very nice belfry—bells go well—but scarcely any ringing at any time.'

### MAD-HATTERS!

In February, 1885, there was a 'Royal Birth' at Windsor Castle and instructions were given for the bells to be rung. After rushing to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, where a peal was to have been on, some of the band got two

cabs and drove to Paddington as fast as possible to catch the 6.20 train. 'When we got there our consolation was to see the train just moving out, greatly to our disappointment. Had we caught it the peal would have been a "red-letter" event in the annals of change-ringing. For a peal to be rung on a Royal birth, at a Royal borough, by members of the Royal Cumberland Youth Society, more especially as the birth was at the Castle.'

'It was no use giving way to regret as "What is to be, will be," so we went to the "Load of Hay" till 7 o'clock. Someone proposed going to Willesden, it being their practice night. Started off on a walk—a very long way it seemed to me—over a number of dirty fields and passages and about an hour's tearing about. Arrived at the "Spotted Dog" at 8.40. Newson called on his brother and found we could not ring owing to a mission being held. Of all the games and antics human beings were capable of and all the laughable sayings and doings imaginable, none could excuse the tricks some got up to going to Willesden, I suppose to forget about our ill fortune, for I know we were all as wild as possible. Some people must have thought us mad.'

### 'HAMPSTEAD CHURCH BURGLARIES'

At Hampstead, while Newson fixed a peal board written by Alf Fussell, he rang some Triples and Cambridge Surprise. 'Some ingenious burglar had been going to all the Hampstead churches during the week and taking away all the could find of any use. They obtained the keys of the churches from the respective sextons by saying they had come to do some work in the church. At the old church, a charwoman, when going in to clean, frightened them so much that they left the plate and other articles in the vestry just being packed up for removal, and jumped out of the window. No tidings of them.'

Earlier this year (1885) Mr. Fussell records going to St. Paul's Cathedral and heard them ring Stedman Cinques—stayed to service—and then went to St. Gabriel's at 6 p.m. for the first time. Hayes, Winney, French, Rowbottom and others rang Double Norwich Court Bob and then he rang a 400 Stedman Triples (H. Langdon's first touch). They then went for refreshment till 9 o'clock. 'Hovered was there (he was once steeplekeeper of St. Gabriel's, but got dismissed for swearing at the Vicar—not that the parson didn't deserve it as he is a well-known old wretch and close-fisted).'

March 28th, went to Shoreditch and, after waiting about, the band arrived, Chapman, who is nicknamed 'Uncle Sam,' being slightly elevated. They made three false starts, then got going, but after 47 minutes the 8th broke down in the 'slow.' Later in the meeting house they rang handbells till midnight. The steeplekeeper's wife, Mrs. Benham, and the boy Harry Leonard were there keeping up the birthday and the 101st anniversary of the Cumberland's long peal of Treble Ten. 'The child seems a fine little fellow and is apparently none the worse for so much ringing that was going on when he came into the world. . . . Considering the late hour there was a number of people about (turning-out time of the pubs). Got to bed 12.40, not without thinking how the men went home after ringing the long peal at Shoreditch 101 years ago, and if the weather was so lovely as it was this night.'

The next day he went to Holy Trinity in the Borough for a quarter peal of Stedman, and says, 'This is a small tower (four peal boards), closely arranged ropes, difficult to hear properly inside. This is my first sight of the church, which is situated in a Square in a pleasant situation considering the locality. The

band: 1. Shade 1, Strange 2, Fussell 3, Jones 4, Murphy 5, Ed. Rogers 6, Hayward 7, Langdon 8. H. Shade and McLaughlin present.' At this time Mr. Fussell was out ringing almost daily, and frequent peal attempts were made at many city and suburban churches. Many were lost for various reasons, and some were successful. He made many sketches of churches for the 'Bell News,' and an item of interest is when he sent three volumes to be bound, which he says, 'nicely bound, 6s. 9d.' A little different from to-day's prices!

### THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

This is the way they rang on this occasion: St. Bride's, 8.30 to 9; St. Martin's, Charing Cross, 9.30 to 10 (then back to Whitechapel Foundry); St. Martin's, 1-2; St. Bride's, 2 to 3 (back to foundry); St. Bride's, 6 to 7; St. Martin's, 8 to 9. Received 4s. from each tower. 'This finished a hard day's ringing for 8s.'

On a Friday in June, 1885, Mr. Fussell left Whitechapel Foundry for the last time, and so ended his connection with the firm, 'which I was sorry to leave for many reasons.' In November he started work at Slough for the Conservative Committee on election work, and says, 'I remember last year being busy in London towers ringing most of the day.'

On the 21st of this month he records, 'was greatly surprised to hear J. W. Snowdon was dead, and a great loss to the exercise it will be, for I feel sure much valuable information will die with him in old ringing matters.' At the end of the year Mr. Fussell writes: 'This concludes another year, my health, thank God, being generally good. As usual plenty of good wishes were expressed to each other by brother ringers. I often feel inclined to let my diary go and write no more. I don't seem able to make my mind up even now to begin the New Year, as I find it a great task at times. Taking notice of my performances during the past year, the many towers I have been to, the many bells and changes I have rung, I feel very thankful for the health and strength I have enjoyed to enable me to do as I have; for the freedom from accidents I have experienced while going about climbing towers, stairs, bell frames and ladders, in many places dangerous. Altogether I feel much satisfied and can joyfully repeat the lines I arranged:—

'O all ye Bells and ye ringers thereof,  
Praise ye the Lord.  
Ring unto Him and Sing unto Him  
For ever and ever.'  
To be continued.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION Southern District

At the first quarterly meeting held this year, at Redhill, 38 ringers were present, and of these 24 were members of the Southern District.

All being willing to climb the ladder leading to the ringing chamber, ringing started at 3 p.m., and ranged from rounds to Surprise, Mr. A. P. Cannon successfully managing his first meeting as Ringing Master. Tea was taken at the Plough Inn, close by the church. At the short business meeting that followed, one new member was elected. The meeting was told of the illness of Mr. A. Gear, the treasurer, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the condolences and best wishes of all present.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be at Kingswood on April 21st. Votes of thanks were passed to the curate, the Rev. Phillips, who took the service, to the organist and the Vicar, and to Mr. C. Munt for so ably arranging the meeting.

The ringing that followed included a touch of Spliced Surprise, rung by the visitors, but further ringing was brought to an early close by the news of illness near the church. Those who stayed for a few minutes, however, were able to watch and listen to some handbell ringing before making their way home.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## EASTER BROADCASTS

## Liaison Established in West Region

Dear Sir,—I am writing you in connection with Easter broadcasts. We have established liaison with the B.B.C., West Region, and I sincerely hope that we shall all reap a great benefit by this co-operation.

They approached us on the matter, seeking advice, which we told them would be gladly forthcoming at all times, to ensure that the best possible was put over the air.

In this connection they got in touch with me with reference to Easter Sunday morning broadcast and informed me that they were broadcasting the service from St. James', Bristol, on Easter Sunday morning and that they were broadcasting the bells. A lovely ring of ten, but not in too good an order.

I got into touch with the captain of the band who assures me that they will have a first-class band there for the occasion and we sincerely hope that we shall be able to retrieve some of our lost medals over the Christmas 'do.'

I have heard that it is part of a National Link-up, similar to the Christmas one, but of that I am not too certain.—Yours very sincerely,

FRANK SKIDMORE.

Bristol, 5.

## EVERCREECH'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—During the past few weeks we have had many letters regarding the Christmas broadcast and ringing in general. Some have had an element of constructional value, many have been solely critical and destructive. When all is said and done, good ringing in all our towers will never be the rule unless all the people that are able make up their minds to do an awful lot of spade work of a very elementary character. One wonders how many village bands can ring, say, a solid five minutes of really good rounds, the real basis of all good ringing.

Might not the following humble record of what we have done in our village serve as an example of what can be done by lots of hard work and patience.

On March 12th, 1949, the grand ring of ten, of which we are so proud, was dedicated. The band consisted of a few old ringers and half a dozen boys, whose ages ranged from 8 to 14 years. It took us many weeks of practice to ring even passable rounds on the ten, but we stuck at it amid much criticism. The boys learnt to ring Doubles and, later, Minor on the front six, and still later we graduated to Triples, using 9.8.10 as cover bells. Some four months ago we rang our first course of Grandsire Caters, and on Sunday, March 11th, 1951, just two years after the dedication, we rang our first touch of 377 Grandsire Caters in the hand-stroke home position. Naturally there were a few mistakes and the striking could have been better, but with practice that will be remedied. The band that rang was as follows: D. Hill (12) 1, R. Crago (10) 2, A. Sanger (11) 3, R. March (13) 4, J. Nicholls (15) 5, J. Badman (16) 6, F. Reakes 7, R. Field 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, A. White 10. Incidentally, the ringer of the seventh is 76 years of age, and has only learnt to ring Caters in the last three months.

There are now 18 members in our band, mostly young boys, and we never miss ringing twice every Sunday. In addition to this, five of the boys, who are members of the Sunday School, ring Doubles for a short time before Children's Service on Sunday afternoons.

We are rather proud of our record of service to our church and of our progress as a band, but surely the moral of it is, 'If you set your target and work hard enough to achieve it, you will succeed.'—Sincerely yours,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

## OLD BELLS IN RINGS

## Examples in Northamptonshire

Dear Sir,—Re bells prior to 1541 incorporated in rings, there are several in Northants. The third of the five bells at Castle Ashley is circa 1510 bearing the stamp of Thomas Bullisdon, of London, who, it is believed, cast no bells after 1515.

The fourth of the five bells at Old is known to have been cast between 1442 and 1470 and is ascribed to Henry Jordon. The second of three at Tansor is also circa 1450 and reputed to be by Robert Crouch.

Grafton Regis, recently augmented from four to five, has one which records show was provided in 1490 from the sale of timber. Fawsley has four bells all ascribed to Henry Jordon—1442 to 1470.

The fine tenor (14 cwt.) of three bells at Great Billing bears the inscription of Johes Zorke in Gothic lettering—a shortening for Johannes de Yorke, a bellfounder, and Mayor of Leicester in 1370. The tenor of four in the leaning tower at Stowe-Nine-Churches bears the heads of Edward III. and his Queen and is said to have been cast between 1327 and 1377—this too is a bell of around 13 cwt.

A much better-known bell (referred to in some books as the second oldest dated bell in England) is the second of the four at Cold Ashby—1317—the date is in Roman figuring; it is reputed to be by William de Flint and bears the royal heads of Edward I. and his Queen. The tenor of the three at Winwick bears the same royal heads.

Prior to 1893, the fourth of five bells at Easton Maudit was believed a product of William Dawe, 1385-1418. It was, in the above year, recast.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

## THIRSK, YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, the tenor of the ring of eight at Thirsk Parish Church, Yorks, is dated 1410 and called the Jesus bell, being thus inscribed. It is reputed to have come from either Byland or Fountains Abbey. The tenor of the ring of three at All Saints', Terrington, York, is dated 1400 and inscribed 'Robertus Prior.' This bell is supposed to have come from Kirkham Abbey, four or five miles away. These three bells were rehung in 1914 by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co.

J. B. HUTCHINSON.

York.

## HAVE REGARD FOR THE OTHER'S FEELINGS

Dear Sir,—I feel I must, in all fairness, 'reply for' the Rev. Peter T. Robbins (Bury), after receiving from him a kind letter of fuller explanation in reply to the question in my letter as to his qualification to write his criticism of the correspondence relating to the Christmas broadcasting.

I think I have learned two certainties: the first that Mr. Robbins has quite sufficient experience of ringers and ringing and should have some knowledge of his subject. He is concerned that there should be any rancour, a bit of which does exist in the Exercise.

The second, he had not the slightest desire to provoke controversy; he, probably, will not reply; but rather that his remarks would be seen and have the desired effect on those concerned.

Once again—disagree, as we must, but don't be disagreeable; say what you like, exactly what you mean, but have regard for the other chap's feelings, if not for his opinions, and say it nicely.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

## THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Semmens cites the case of a Devon team—presumably call-change ringers—who misused a fine ring of bells. Method-ringing bands are also capable of musical anachronisms. There is a tower in Somerset containing an excellent modern octave where, if the local band meets one short, they regularly pull up seven in peal, leaving out the treble, and continue to ring Doubles on 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, with 6 and 8 covering until an eighth ringer turns up.

When I politely ventured to question this horrible procedure I found that none of the ringers present saw anything objectionable in the practice but consider it the lesser of two evils, the other being the necessity of one ringer sitting out and having nothing to do!—Yours truly,

HENRY MORETON.

Bristol.

## SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR IN 25 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through 'The Ringing World,' to offer my heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. F. Judge and his band on ringing the peal in 25 methods. I should also like to mention that I found Mr. Corrigan's 'Collection of Major Methods' of great assistance while choosing additional methods.

Referring to Mr. Croft's letter, on page 137, I may add that I frequently receive requests for various spliced compositions, but despite the fact that my time is rather limited nowadays, I do what I can to produce suitable and interesting compositions. Naturally it gives me much pleasure when I find my efforts are appreciated and to note the growing interest shown in spliced ringing.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot, Glam.

## MONKEN HADLEY

Dear Sir,—In the peal report of a peal of Cambridge Major rung at Monken Hadley and also in Dove's excellent guide book, the church is given as being in the county of Middlesex.

Monken Hadley and the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin are, according to information which I have, in the Administrative County of Hertford. Apparently Monken Hadley used to be in Middlesex but as a result of the 'Local Government Act, 1898,' the boundary was rearranged bringing it into Hertfordshire. Although the church is in Hertfordshire it is in the Diocese of London.—Yours faithfully,

Hatfield, Herts. ERIC EDMONDSON.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

## A Correction

Dear Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly make a correction as regards the footnote to the peal at Aberavon, Glamorgan, on page 148 of 'The Ringing World.' My name should not have been starred as, previous to this peal, I had rung Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major peals both on treble and inside bells.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot, Glam.

## MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to obtain some music prepared specially for handbells. Such music was formerly published by Wm. Gordon, of Stockport. It is in parts and in normal musical notation.

Should any readers have such music for disposal I should be pleased if they would communicate with me.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

33, Brecklands,  
Broom, Rotherham.



## BRISTOL CITY BRANCH AT DINNER

### Silent Bells of St. Nicholas' Deplored

THE second annual dinner of the Bristol City Branch was held on Saturday, February 24th, at the Community Centre, Redcliffe, when 75 people sat down to what was to be an excellent evening.

Mr. F. G. Leaker occupied the chair, ably supported by Mr. A. Bennett (hon. secretary) and Mr. E. J. Brown (Ringing Master). The guests for the evening were Canon J. M. D. Stancombe, R.D., and Mr. J. G. Jefferies (representing Bristol Rural Branch).

In these days of austerity and shortage of meat the caterers are to be congratulated upon serving up a really magnificent dinner, very prompt and hot.

Once past the cheese and biscuit stage—and thanks to stay and eat it, as the witty sub-title on the menu reminded us—the chairman proceeded to make good use of a gavel to call the house to order in toasting 'The King.'

Proposing 'The Church,' Mr. Leaker welcomed the many clergy present. This showed a real interest on their part, and he trusted we should all appreciate it. He had invited the Rev. Paterson, but had received a letter of apology for absence on account of his health. However, if he had been present (the letter continued) he would have urged upon the ringers that they were servants of the Church, and he would have impressed upon the clergy that they should visit their ringers more often and get to know them.

### BRISTOL'S DEAD BELLS

Mr. Leaker again made a plea for something to be done about the 'dead' bells of Bristol, especially those now lying silent at St. Nicholas' and Temple Church. The grand ten of St. Nicholas' were an irreplaceable loss to Bristol, and he himself hoped that something would be put in hand to find a tower for them. In conclusion, he welcomed Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Robert Drew, through whom he took up ringing.

Two courses of Bob Royal were then excellently struck on handbells by Miss A. Brown, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. R. Bryant and Mr. Thomas.

In reply to the toast, Canon Stancombe voiced the general feeling of the company with a word of praise for the handbell ringers. From their performance he drew three lessons which he passed on, viz.: (1) Keep an eye on everything that is going on around you; (2) be where you are wanted at the right moment; and (3) practice makes perfect. He was glad to see so many ladies present. Obviously a change had come over ringers since his earlier days.

He recalled his own attempts at learning to ring and particularly the thrill which came to every ringer but once, the moment when he could balance his bell perfectly for the first time. He thought that the letter from the Rev. Paterson really answered the toast.

The Canon paused for a moment to remind the gathering of the work which the Rev. Paterson had done for ringers. He thought choirs spent most time in church, but ringers certainly came second. There was nothing in the whole world which evoked the same memories and associations as church bells, and this he felt was a real encouragement. In wishing the Branch all success, he implored them to make recruits their first duty.

A sketch by the Redcliffe Guild produced much mirth and enjoyment. It consisted of a satire on the St. John's School of Ringing, and, although lacking in practice and having to use script, was very well performed. Tune ringing followed, given by Miss Annie Brown, Mr. E. J. Brown and Mr. T. W. Kimber. This was a delight to listen to and was very skilfully performed.

### NOW A G.O.M.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed the toast of 'The City Branch,' and congratulated Mr. Leaker on joining the ranks of the G.O.M.s by ringing in a peal of Grandsire Cinques, the 50th anniversary of his first peal. He went on to say that the division of the old Bristol Branch into City and Rural had turned out satisfactorily. The only trouble now was that the City Branch had so few towers left. He recalled his first ringing lessons in St. Thomas' under Mr. Leaker 40 years ago. 'You had to pull to be a ringer at St. Thomas,' he commented, and he supposed it was still the same.

Replying, Dr. Brocklehurst also congratulated Mr. Leaker. He mentioned the serious loss to Bristol ringing of Mr. Walter Rawlings, especially at the school where he put in such a lot of time. He thought a special word of praise was due to one who also had done so much to revive ringing in Bristol, Mr. Hancock. He was exceptionally good at organising outings, and he had also shown that he was very capable as a conductor of peals. He looked forward to more outings.

'Ringing Friends' was proposed by the Rev. T. P. Tindall (SS. Philip and Jacob), who impressed upon the assembly the virtue of faithfulness, which he had himself learned from his own ringers. The fellowship of ringers too, he said, was always to be remembered as part of the much wider fellowship of the whole Church.

Mr. Ivor Trueman (University Society) replied and reiterated what the proposer had said. In a few years he had made many friends in ringing and wondered how many Mr. Leaker must have. He particularly thanked the ringers of Bristol for their never-ending friendship and hospitality. The University Society owed its foundation to Bristol ringers, and its continued existence was dependent on them for towers in which to ring.

Songs excellently rendered by Miss Lilian Crooke and Mr. Reg Dove were much appreciated. The committee are to be congratulated on arranging so grand an evening. A. R.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Visit to Whitchurch

A successful meeting was held at Whitchurch, in the extreme north of the county, on March 10th, despite the freezing weather and icy conditions prevailing. It was the first held at this tower by the Association for nearly 20 years.

The eight bells were rung for the first time since the rehanging, as six only are rung by the local band owing to fears for the safety of the tower through oscillation. It had been feared that ringing on the octave would not be possible, but it had been arranged for the architect to be in attendance to inspect the tower during ringing, and on his advice the bells were rung.

There was some considerable delay at the beginning owing to the fourth rope slipping wheel, due to an awkwardly placed splice in the rope. Standard methods were rung up to service time, the service being conducted by the Rector.

Tea was served at the Brownlow Cafe. Mention was made of the Master (Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst) attaining his 500th peal.

The secretary appealed for information respecting little-known towers in the county, as he was composing a detailed report of ringing conditions throughout the area served by the Association. Upon returning to the tower the company was strengthened by members of the Market Drayton band, and methods, including Double Norwich, were rung. Colleagues from over the border, who had cycled from Nantwich, were cordially welcomed. The secretary thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the welcome accorded the Association. E. J. R.

## ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM

March 10th was a happy day for the ringers of St. Mary's, Lewisham. Three events coincided to provide a happy background for the first peal on the bells since they were rehung last year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells, generally considered one of the best eights in South London, now go very well.

Mr. William Parker first learned to handle a bell when evacuated to the country during the war. He returned to Lewisham at a time when Harry Warnett, sen., was taking the first steps to reconstitute a band and proved to be a most enthusiastic learner. He is most conscientious in his Sunday service ringing and it is gratifying that his marriage to Miss B. E. Lee, of Penge, was suitably honoured with a peal in his own town. On the previous Sunday evening, a presentation was made by the Lewisham ringers to the prospective bride and bridegroom who are enjoying a honeymoon in the Channel Islands.

The peal also honoured the veteran, Mr. Harry Warnett, who reached his 88th birthday on March 13th. He came along to greet the band before the peal but decided not to stand about because of the inclement weather. In contrast to Harry's great age, the peal also honoured the peal conductor's infant daughter, born in February.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

### Swindon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Rodbourne Cheney on March 10th and visitors were welcomed from Aldbourne, Birmingham, Buckland Newton and East Budleigh in addition to branch members. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hassett) and tea was provided by the local ringers.

It was proposed that meetings be held at Blunston, Stratton-St-Margaret (evening) and Bishopstone during the next three months and a collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £2 3s.

Rodbourn Cheney bells are ideal for a meeting being light and easy to handle and a wide variety of methods was rung including Cambridge, Beverley, York and London Surprise Minor. W. B. K.

## STAFFORD RINGER'S WEDDING

The Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, officiated at the wedding on March 7th at St. Mary's Church, Stafford, of Mr. Frank Eley and Miss Eileen Bunn. The bridegroom is a popular Sunday service ringer and secretary of the local branch of the C.E.M.S. His bride is a member of the local Amateur Operatic Society.

A touch of Bob Minor was rung as the happy couple left the church, and in the evening St. Mary's ringers rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples as a compliment to the happy couple. The ringers were A. B. Garbett (first quarter) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, H. Bayley 3, F. R. Wiggan 4, J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. J. Taylor 7, A. Page 8.

The honeymoon is being spent in London.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, S. Wade 6, S. G. Peck 7, H. Miller 8, J. G. Nash (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. A wedding compliment to F. Miller and a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 4.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (740 Grandsire and 520 Plain Bob): F. H. Crouchman 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, D. G. Mayell 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. W. James 6. First in two methods by 1 and 4.



## TOWER CORNER—25

LESSON XIV. (CONCLUDED)  
GRID NOTATION IN STEDMAN

Dear Improvers,—Space considerations prevented the completion, last time, of our discussion of the notation of the notation of columns of the grid. You will recall that as extension proceeds from stage to stage the added twin-column is to be found in an 'inside' position in the grid.

**The Extending Twin-Column.** A remarkable fact, to be discovered on testing methods in general, is that the nature of the grid-pattern, as arranged in the columns, is of two types only; and that the columns of the two types never become 'mixed.' They remain segregated: one type, which we called Initial columns, to the left of the grid, and the other type, which we called Terminal columns, to the right of the grid. In any extended stage, the newly-introduced twin-column, or 'extending' column, of the expended grid will always be found to be interposed between these two groups of twin-columns. The question remains, however, as to which group it will join. The answer depends upon the design of the basic stage; and the 'joining group' remains fixed, for the given method, throughout all its stages. The fascinating result of this is that one set of columns in the given method becomes established as the expanding group, while the other remains the 'constant group,' throughout stage variation. A later reference to this and to figure 12, below, should help to make this clear.

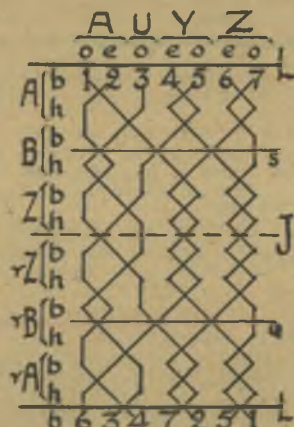


Fig. 12.—The Stedman Triples Division with its Grid Notation

**Stedman—Doubles to Triples and Higher.** The student should now do a bit of 'home-work.' Start a Stedman Doubles Division by writing down, say, the first three change-rows. Now put in the column notation. An odd-numbered stage, of course, it is easily done if the content of the 'Column Notation' paragraph of the previous instalment is followed. Reference should now be made to Instalment 20, where we gave the specification for the Stedman method for all stages. Now set out a Triples grid to accommodate a complete Division of Stedman Triples. Start by entering in first, your 'fixed' columns as for the Doubles grid. You will have 'A' to the left; 'U' inseparably linked to 'A' in the 3-bell front work; and 'Z' to the right of the grid. A gap appears to the right of column 'U.' This must accordingly be the new twin-column in the expended grid. How is it to be headed? Well, of what nature is its work? The specification tells us it is to be dodging work, i.e., akin to that of 'Z'; so it receives the next available terminal letter, i.e., 'Y.' (This is shown in the accompanying figure 12, where the complete grid notation of a Stedman Triples Division is

given.) From this we see that in the expanding Stedman Grid the new or 'extending' twin-column enters, at every stage, on the right of column 'U.' So in Caters it will be headed 'X,' and in Cinques 'W.' The complete Cinques column-heading is, of course, 'A.U.W.X.Y.Z.' The relationship of the twin-columns 'W.X.Y.Z.' may be clearly seen from the dodging in each; also that they constitute the expanding group in Stedman. The work in columns 'A' and 'U,' the three-bell front-work, is seen as distinct and undisturbed throughout, and these columns constitute the constant group. In Stedman, then, the initial columns are constant in number, while the terminal columns are expanding.

**Row Notation.** We have now dealt fairly fully with column notation. A similar notation is employed for the rows of a grid. The first twin-row (or section) of a grid is always marked 'A.' The last one, that just above the Junction, you may remember, is always marked 'Z.' The intervening sections are lettered according to the nature of the work in them. Fig. 12 shows how the row notation runs for a Stedman Division for all stages, since the rows in this method do not increase in number in extension. There are, of course, only six change-rows in this grid, and accordingly only three sections. Only the middle one remains to be lettered. Will it be 'B' or 'Y'? Now the work in it is seen to be forward hunting, similar to that in 'A' section; whereas the work in 'Z' section is backward hunting. (Test this as instructed in previous instalments.) Accordingly this middle section is 'Initial,' and receives the initial designation 'B.' Individual rows are distinguished by the small letters 'h' and 'b,' denoting, of course, handstroke and backstroke rows respectively. In treble-bob methods, where each section letter covers four change-rows, owing to the dodging-hunt path of the treble bell, the dodging rows of the section are distinguished by the addition of a dash to the small letters 'h' and 'b,' thus b, h, b', h'. In Figure 12, the part of the Division below the section 'Z' is, of course, the grid-reflect. The sections in are lettered reflectively with respect to those above the Junction line, J, i.e., in the reverse order. Each letter is prefixed by a small 'r,' however, to distinguish the sections of the grid-reflect from those of the grid proper.

**Hunt-controlled Grids.** The Notation for grids of methods of the hunt-controlled class is not quite so simple; but this will be discussed later. It should be noted, however, that whereas in grids of methods of the Stedman type, extension involves expansion of the columns only while rows remain constant in number; yet in grids of methods of the hunt-controlled type, extension involves expansion of rows also, and proportionately to the expansion of the columns.

**Square Identification.** It will be seen that we now have a ready means of identification, not only of any square in any one grid, but also of any correspondingly-positioned square in the grids of all the stages of any given method. Each square of the grid is named by its row and its column designation, and in that order. For example, the bells lying behind at the parting of the sixes do so in grid-squares Bh-Zo and rBh-Zo, from Doubles to Cinques throughout. The real utility of the system will become more apparent as we deal with further methods.

**Stedman Extension in Practice.** Applying our originally-derived Specification for Stedman, in extended stages, involves simply the addition of an extra twin-column of dodging work, interposed in each stage next to the three-bell work in front. Thus, in the next stage to Doubles, the new position of the final or 'Z' twin-column becomes 6-7, and the work of lying behind is removed from 4-5 to 6-7, the dodging proceeding, as before, in the newly-added 'extending' column ('Y') on the way both up

to and down from the newly-positioned 'Z' column. Applying this, of the Triples stage, again in the Caters and Cinques stages, we derive the full practised-range of extension of the Stedman method on odd numbers.

**Calls in Stedman Extensions.** We have seen that the Single is the only call needed to obtain the extent of change-rows in the basic stage of this method. Moreover we noted that this call is made at the orthodox place, namely, at the Link. Putting this into the general terms of grid notation we should say that the Single in the Doubles stage is made by the bells in twin-column 'Z' lying still across the Link. There appears to be no valid reason why this should not be followed throughout the extension of Stedman in all stages; and, furthermore, if another form of call be needed (since the orthodox form of Bob is not possible at the Link in this method) there appears no reason why a call of the form of a single made simultaneously in both the 'Z' column and in 4-5, and named possibly 'DOUBLE,' should not be employed at the Link throughout. Made thus, at the usual places in methods, the grid notation for Stedman calls would then be:—Single—Bells in 'Z' column lie for one whole pull. (At Link.) Double—Bells in 4-5 and 'Z' column lie for one whole pull. (At Link.) Here, incidentally is a new 'playing field' for composers.

Be this as it may, the forms of calls actually employed in all stages of this method above the basic are rather different from the call Stedman used in his Doubles. They are not made at the 'Links,' but inside the Divisions, at the junctions of the sixes. If made at only one of these two places, the Division is rendered asymmetrical in form, but if made at both positions the symmetry is retained. This is the case when 'twin-bobs' are employed. The Single requires bells in columns Yo, Ze and Zo to lie a whole pull, and the Bob requires the bell about to move up from Column 'Y' to lie a whole pull in Yo and become a dodging-down bell, while those in Column 'Z' continue dodging for another six. It is a useful exercise for the student, and within his capabilities if he has followed us thus far, to work out for himself just how these calls effect the re-entry of bells concerned, into the front work.—Cordially yours,

CORN: R. STONE.

P.S.—Correction.—In Article 21, in the issue dated December 15th, 1950, page 796, column one, in the paragraph entitled 'Position Sequence,' the word 'reversed' should follow the phrase 'Position Sequence' where this occurs, both in the middle and at the end of the paragraph.

C. R. S.

## MR. ARTHUR PEAKE'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Arthur Peake, of Stoke-on-Trent, who recently rang his 100th peal, is to be congratulated on the commendable variety:—

**Doubles.**—Stedman 1, Four methods 1.

**Minor.**—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob 1, Two methods 3, Four methods 4. Seven methods 1. London Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 2 (conducted 1).

**Triples.**—Grandsire 7 (1), Stedman 10 (8).

**Major.**—Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 1, Single Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 18 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 3, Kent and Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 6, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative 2, Lincolnshire Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 2 (1), Aldenham Surprise 1, Staffordshire Surprise 1, Ipswich Surprise 1, London Surprise 1, Bristol Surprise 1.

**Caters.**—Grandsire 2, Stedman 2.

**Royal.**—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

**Maximus.**—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total 100; conducted 12.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ADLINGTON, LANCS.**—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. R. Openshaw 1, Margaret Openshaw 2, T. Turner 3, E. Baldwin 4, I. Jones (first quarter as cond., age 15) 5, J. Blackburn 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 5. Rung for the mothers of the parish on Mothering Sunday.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arcott (first of Stedman) 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. L. Glyde 4, N. Mallett 5, A. J. Scott 6, W. Rogers 7, C. Lathey 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corby on the birth of their daughter, Judith Mary.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Mothering Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chambers 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. J. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, J. W. Lowe 6.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. Greenough 3, P. J. Blond 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 6.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: N. Nightingale 1, E. B. Webster 2, L. Peters 3, T. Bratby 4, A. E. Sandiford 5, V. Martin (first of Triples) 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Pendlebury (first quarter) 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Ed. B. Webster.

**CHALFORD, GLOS.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Latham 1, Doris Shepperd 2, T. Price 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, W. Dean 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Shepperd on her 88th birthday.

**CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.**—On March 4th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. S. Almond 1, T. W. Heskeith 2, J. W. Dennett 3, A. Williams 4, E. C. Birkett 5, F. S. Almond (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4. Rung for the ringer of the 3rd, who is emigrating to New Zealand.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. John the Baptist's on March 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Rev. A. C. Davies 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, P. Humphries 3, R. Abbott 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. Lodge 8. Rung on the light 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's on March 4th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: C. Walklate 1, George Freebrey (cond.) 2, A. Thompson 3, Rev. S. K. Reynolds (first of Major) 4, H. Letts 5, S. Walklate 6, F. Lowe 7, S. Merry 8.

**DODDERHILL, WORCS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Morgan 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, G. E. Large (cond.) 4, R. W. M. Clouston 5, R. W. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Stephen's on Feb. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. G. Wilson 1, Miss E. D. Farrell 2, W. T. Cook 3, Squire Croft 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, F. D. Bishop 6, N. G. Hollingworth 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Angold (late churchwarden) and his wife, both recently deceased.

**EDENHAM, Lincs.**—On March 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss G. D. Robinson 1, W. B. Dawson (first in method) 2, M. Bennett 3, S. E. Bennett 4, J. G. Ames 5, A. D. Mills 6, C. Wander (cond.) 7, F. Taylor 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Stella Masterson (one of the local band) to M. L. Hornigold.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming 2, T. White 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, F. W. Richardson 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, P. Rahlah 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Ainsworth (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Lewis (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. W. Crowe 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6, J. Hedley 7, J. Heal 8.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: J. Vinters 1, H. Thorpe 2, E. Nidd 3, S. Proctor (cond.) 4, C. Blakey 5, F. Parsons 6, T. A. Relf 7, H. Huxley 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hayes 1, Doreen Coker 2, E. Maskham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Baldwin (first quarter Stedman) 5, A. E. Cox 6, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 7, C. Wilkinson (first quarter) 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: June A. Creak (first quarter) 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, D. J. Charnley (cond.) 6, H. W. Rogers 7, S. Croft 8.

**KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. H. Cook (cond.) 1, A. Hinman (first quarter) 2, F. J. Williams 3, H. Clayton 4, G. H. Bailey 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Wheeler, for 39 years verger, and Mr. Charles Littlewood's 88th birthday. He is the oldest member of the Goscombe Society.

**LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. L. Brown (cond.) 1, Miss E. M. Peckett 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, M. G. Rutterford 4, C. Lawrence 5, G. Miller 6. A birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Peckett.

## LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

— On March 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Dawson 1, L. Last 2, F. Housden 3, D. Beard (first of Surprise as cond.) 4, A. Boyack 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampson 8.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden 7, R. Dadds 8. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a granddaughter for Mr. F. J. Gadsden, captain of the tower.

**MORECAMBE, LANCS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Braithwaite 1, F. Schofield 2, Miss D. Schofield 3, B. Seddon (first quarter) 4, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 5, R. Eccles (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Seddon.

**OXFORD.**—On March 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Beckett 1, Miss L. R. Pimm 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, E. G. Moore 5, J. Adams 6, H. P. Floyd 7, C. Coles 8. First quarter peal of Major for 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. Nutt.

**PORTHERRY, GLAM.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grand-sire): L. J. Malings 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams (first quarter) 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. W. Dimond 6.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung for Confirmation service. — On March 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung to commemorate Mothering Sunday. — On March 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, Miss S. Booth 5, H. F. Perry 6, B. C. Hines 7, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 8. 6-8 covering. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Kimber, Vicar's warden.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On March 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Collins 1, Mrs. W. White 2, L. A. Paice 3, C. W. Barlow 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Loader 1, W. Goldstone 2, E. R. Warner 3, G. Curtis 4, R. J. Andrews (cond.) 5, S. M. Studwick (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the visit of Bishop Golding-Bird to conduct the Confirmation service.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—At All Saints' Church on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Proctor 1, W. Holland 2, J. S. Woodhouse 3, E. A. Thorpe 4, R. Birch 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. Murray Penfold to the benefice by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob Minor): F. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, R. E. Mantion 3, H. P. Collin 4, H. Longland 5, J. Musson (cond.) 6.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cattell 1, F. A. H. Cattell 2, A. C. Wenban 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. Clark 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. Maisey 1, F. Tuffley 2, Joan Mathews 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. F. Crook 5, E. Curtis 6, R. Christopher (cond.) 7, J. Goddard 8. Rung in memory of Mr. J. Holmes, an old ringer and member of the tower for many years.

**TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—On March 1st, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. E. Jeffries 1, P. I. Chapman 2, C. H. Harding 3, S. Woodcock 4, R. J. Sharp 5, B. S. Cope 6, A. C. Sinfield 7, B. F. Sims 8. First in the method by 2, 4 and 6.

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**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Lumbers (first quarter) 1, L. G. Toseland 2, Miss M. J. Lawrence 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Lawrence.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. DREWETT 1, B. Taylor 2, K. Buckingham 3, K. Curtis 4, A. Wratten 5, F. Brooks 6, J. Glass 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and birthday compliment for 5th.

**WONSTON, HANTS.**—On March 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. M. Currie 1, J. A. C. King 2, R. C. Spittle 3, T. H. Toccock 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, P. N. Bond (cond.) 6. First quarter of Kent Minor by all. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. M. Kippin, Southampton.

**WOOLWICH, KENT.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. M. Morsley 1, Miss Shirley Harvey (first quarter) 2, A. Grove, sen. 3, R. Johnson 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6. Arranged to welcome the ringer of the 2nd during her short course at the Brook Hospital.

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## MEETINGS

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—District meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, Easter Monday, March 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Walton bells 11.30—12.30. Subscriptions, 2/6, now due for 1951.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8517

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Worcester. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. Bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2/6 per head) at 4.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m. and in afternoon; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) provisionally 5.45 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeborough, Evesham. 8516

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Benedict's (6) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. and 2—3 p.m. R. C. (8) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. St. Andrew the Great (8) 1—2 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) 2—3.10 p.m. and after tea: Old Chesterton (6) after tea. Business meeting at St. Mary's 3.15 p.m., followed by service 4.20 and tea. Dorothy Cafe, 5.15 p.m.—W. W. Cousins Gen. Sec. 8542

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. Six towers. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service 12 noon at St. Lawrence. Lunch 12.45 (4s. each) at Nightingale's (50 only). Notification essential.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 8535



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Bedford, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Paul's (10) 10.30—12.30 and 3.30—8; St. Peter's (8) 11—12.15 and 3.30—8; Biddenham (6) 10.30—11.30; Elstow (6) 4—6. Service in St. Paul's 12.45 p.m. 8541

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Election of Central Council representatives at this meeting—nine nominations. Morning ringing 10—11.15 at towers already advertised, also at Hadlow and Sevenoaks. After meeting, ringing as advertised (except read Speldhurst, not Spalding). Lunch tickets still obtainable.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 8588

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester and Merston Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, March 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 27th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 8550

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon (8), March 31st. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec., Sandford. 8581

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A welcome awaits all visitors (names please) at Turvey on March 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston 8539

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, New Mills, March 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise, by March 24th, Miss Perry, 11, Beard Crescent, New Mills.—C. K. Lewis. 8597

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, March 31st. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by March 26th.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 8574

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, March 31st. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 11—12.30. Cathedral and St. Peter's afternoon and evening. St. Peter's, committee 3.30. Tea 5.30. Service, Cathedral, 4.45. Names for tea by 28th to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden. 8549

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), on Saturday, March 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everton bells (5) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8586

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, March 31st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.15. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8585

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, March 31st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. Grain. 8575

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, March 31st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Loft-house, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12. Please make a special effort to attend.—E. D. Kelly. 8557

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by March 27th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 8553

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting, Saviour's, Bolton, not Walkden. Saturday, March 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Sec. 8569

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting, Burton-in-Kendal, March 31st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Allan Casson, Burton-in-Kendal, via Camforth.—J. Woods, Branch Sec. 8599

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Colne, on Saturday, March 31st. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8600

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, March 31st. Bells (6) 1. Tea, at Star Inn, 5. Please notify, by Wednesday, March 28th, Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Hinckley. 8576

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, March 31st. Bells 2.30. Tea, at Royal Oak, 4.30. Service 6. Names, by the 28th, to H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby. 8580

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Special meeting at Moulton on March 31st for opening of bells after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea at 4.45. Names for tea, before March 23rd, to Miss F. Oldershaw, Beech House, Moulton, Spalding. 8565

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Somerton (6), March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 8547

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday, March 31st. 3. Names for tea by 26th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8595

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, on Saturday, March 31st, at 6 p.m. Annual meeting at Benson, Saturday, April 14th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 8567

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Spring meeting, Saturday, March 31st, at Enstone. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, before Tuesday, 27th, to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 8563

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Corby (6), March 31st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 8571

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting, Willenhall, March 31st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than March 27th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8546

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual meeting East Retford, Saturday, March 31st. Bells of St. Swithun (10) and Ordsall (6) available 2.30. Service. Business meeting. Cards for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Kenneth Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 8533

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Saturday, March 31st. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 8587

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Goring, March 31st. 3.30. Names for tea, please (by 28th), to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8564

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover, Double Norwich practice, March 31st, 7—9 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Hill. 8590

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Fawley, March 31st. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by March 27th.—M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8592

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Chew Magna, April 1st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying, by March 28th, Mr. H. Babb, 9, Moorledge Road, Chew Magna. 8593

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 7th.—Names for tea, by April 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8536

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Talatton, April 7th. Service 4.15. Tea. Talatton Inn, 2s. Names by April 3rd.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 8562

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—Meeting at Thorrington, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Half-hourly bus service to Colchester. Numbers for tea to me by Tuesday, April 3rd.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. Hughesdale, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 8503

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rayleigh (8), April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to E. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8544

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas from 2.45. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and business meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by April 3rd please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Sec. 8577

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), April 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 5th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 8570

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting at Crayford (8) on Saturday, April 7th at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Liddbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8566

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Reepham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who let me know by Monday, April 2nd.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 8572

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winney and Woodstock and V.W.H. Branches.—Combined meeting, Bampton, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential by April 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks.—L. Pimm and R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Secs. 8573

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Bicester, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. In view of catering difficulties, names for tea by Monday morning, April 2nd, please.—C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8598

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Kintbury, April 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—Mr. W. G. Powell, Windrush, Inkpen, Newbury. 8589

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wapenham on April 7th. Names for tea, by the 3rd, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 8532

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by April 4th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 8548

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, Saturday, April 7th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Exning bells available in the evening.—D. M. Reeve. 8583

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hursley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, in King's Head Hotel. Business meeting follows. Names for tea, by Monday, April 2nd, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8561

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—Rededication of the ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, Wednesday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells rehung with new fittings and framework, tenor 19½ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston. 8578

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.**—April 14th. Bells (8) 2. Dedication of belfry screen 3. Tea, by kind invitation. 5. All ringers welcome. Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted. 8594

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival and general meeting will be held at Wimborne on April 24th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. 8582



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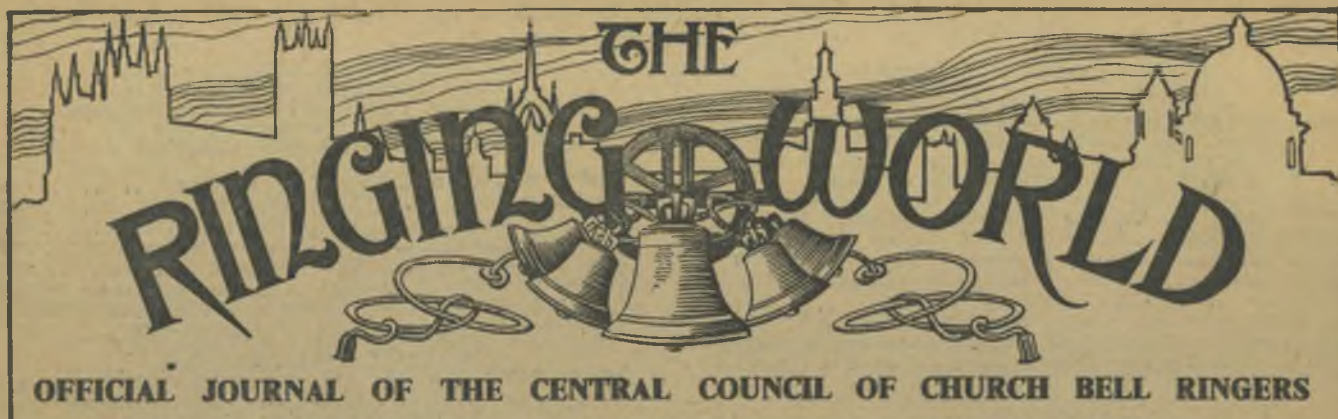
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## OXFORDSHIRE BELLS

**O**XFORDSHIRE is richly endowed with bells, and the second volume concerning the church bells of that county, by Frederick Sharpe, will, we are sure, strongly appeal to all ringers with an antiquarian strain in their make-up. This volume deals with bells in towers embraced alphabetically between Deddington and Oddington, some 104 towers.

From an antiquarian point of view the bells of Idbury are of special interest. The saunce, which hangs in its original bell-cote on the gable above the chancel arch, is of the 14th century. It was cast by an unknown founder, who is thought to have been a predecessor of the Ruffords of Toddington, circa 1320. The lettering on the bell is similar to that on the saunce at Dunstable and formerly on the second at Caversfield. The second and third bells are of a type known as 'Royal Head' bells from the use of the founders' marks, which represent the heads of King Edward III. and Queen Philippa. They were cast by an unknown founder who was working in or near Worcester between the years 1400 and 1420.

St. Mary's, Henley-on-Thames, bells are an octave well known to ringers, having been cast by Mears in 1813. The Commissioners' Inventory of 1552 gave five great bells and a sanctus bell in this tower. The cost of the new ring, with its tenor of 22½ cwt., in 1813 was £965 15s., and the following reference in 'The Globe' of March, 1813, is of particular interest:—

Last week a complete new ring of 8 bells were dug out of the pit at Mr. Thos. Mears' celebrated Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, which turned out superlatively fine in tone, and so near in tune that they may justly be called a maiden peal. The tenor bell, weighing 21 cwt. in the bold key of E, and are (sic) to ornament the Gothic Church tower of Henley-on-Thames.

Preserved in Goring Parish Church is a disused late 13th century bell, cast by Richard de Wymbish. It is a maiden casting, having the strike-note D natural. The date of the bell has been fixed by name of the Bishop in the inscription on the bell, Peter de Quivil, who held the See of Exeter from 1280 until his death in 1291. As the bell bears a prayer for the Bishop and not for his soul, it is surmised that it must have been cast during his lifetime.

On the sporting side of ringing, Great Milton bells had a reputation. The tenor of 1684 (recast again in 1772) was inscribed with the names of Christ. Pettie, Simon Neale, Thos. Prince and Sam Knight. According to 'The Gentleman's Magazine' of 1820, the family of Pettie had formerly very handsome property in the parish and, states the writer (Dr. Rawlinson), Christopher Pettie was much

addicted to bell-ringing, cudgel-playing, wrestling and the like; he carried about the country with him a set of silken bell ropes, with a party of dissolute companions, by whose assistance he was reduced to poverty and finally kept an alehouse at Thame.

Another sporting anecdote connected with this church is the following announcement that appeared in 'The Oxford Journal' of March 3rd, 1764:—

To be rung for. At the Red Lion in Great Milton on Holy Thursday next a Silver Cup of Two Guineas Value. A free gift. Each set of Ringers to bring their umpire with them to agree on articles before dinner which will be on the Table at one o'clock, and begin Ringing at two. No less than four sets of six each to ring for the above prize and no Great Milton men will be allowed to win.

St. Mary's, Kidlington, bells occupy an honoured place in the Exercise, as it was here on May 22nd, 1899, that a record length of 17,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung. The tablet on the west wall of the ringing chamber commemorating this feat is headed: 'Praise Him upon the Loud Cymbals.' The peal was rung in 11 hours and 15 minutes, by Harry G. Judge treble, Alfred F. Reeves 2, Charles R. Lilley 3, John Tucker 4, William Bennett 5, Frank Hopgood 6, Edwin Hims 7, James W. Washbrook (who composed and conducted the peal) tenor.

The bells of St. Giles', Horspath, at one time had a great reputation. They are mentioned by Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who quotes a Mr. Sacheverel, who was looked upon as the best judge of bells in England, saying, 'Horspath bells near Oxford, though but five in number and very small, were the prettiest, tunablest bells in England, and that there was not a fault in one except the third and that so small a fault, as it was not to be discerned but by a very good judge.' We would remind any of our enthusiastic 'tower snatchers' that that entry was made in a diary written in 1733. We feel certain that Horspath bells claim no such distinction to-day.

Hook Norton bells, which were recast by the Loughborough foundry in 1949, have had a ringing history. A tablet, dated 1731, in the tower reads as follows:—

Brave ringers (look here) before you begin,  
Let all the bells rest at Two, Six and Ten,  
When the Chimes go, Cuff a tale Boys! refrain  
Or two Crowns you forfeit, th' officers claim  
For when (without fault) you ring ye bells round  
Chimes (Britain strike home) much finer do sound.

These desultory notes do in no sense convey a sense of the completeness of this volume. No mention has been made in this review of the Abbey Church, Dorchester, the subject of a special article by Mr. Frederick Sharpe in 'The Ringing World' or of a number of other famous towers. The volume should be in every Guild library.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. .	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. .	2	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. .	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. .	3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. .	10
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	5	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. .	11
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. .	6	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
Rung half-muffled to the memory of James George, a vice-president of this Guild.

### LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JILL POOLE .. .. .	Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. .	7
*DOROTHY M. UDALE .. .. .	2	†JOHN HILL .. .. .	8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. .. .	9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. .	10
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. .	5	†TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. .. .	11
†SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. .	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ First peal of Maximus in the method. In memoriam George Straw, a respected member of the Cathedral band for many years, who passed away the previous day.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

HARRY F. HOLDING .. .. .	Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. .	6
*FRED PRICE .. .. .	2	*WILLIAM TYLER .. .. .	7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. .. .	3	JOHN WORTH .. .. .	8
WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. .	4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

### MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. .	Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. .	6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. .	2	*IVAN KAY .. .. .	7
MARY WALSHAW .. .. .	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. .	8
†FRANK REED .. .. .	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. .	9
*JACK CLEGG .. .. .	5	BURLEY WALSHAW .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Butler, wife of Insp. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool.

### PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. .	Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. .	6
DONALD COOMBS .. .. .	2	*ERNEST W. BRIGHT .. .. .	7
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. .. .	3	FRANK V. GANT .. .. .	8
*RODERICK W. CROUCHER .. .. .	4	GERALD FROST .. .. .	9
*SYDNEY C. EASTER .. .. .	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard Charles Sadler and Josephine Patricia Cox, both ringers at Prittlewell Church, married this day at Prittlewell Church.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. .. .	Treble	†JILL POOLE .. .. .	6
*†MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. .	2	†JOHN R. SMITH .. .. .	7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	3	*HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. .	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. .	4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. † 234th peal. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method.

### WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. .	Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .. .	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. .	2	†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. .	7
MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. .	3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. .	8
ERNEST STITCH .. .. .	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. .	9
*RICHARD C. INGRAM .. .. .	5	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Treble Ten 'inside.'  
First peal of Treble Ten as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BETTY SMITH .. .. .	Treble	DAVID HOARE .. .. .	5
PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. .	2	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. .	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. .	3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. .	7
ERIC SUTTON .. .. .	4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Elizabeth M. Hannam and Harold L. Parfrey, both ringers at Corston, Somerset.

### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. .	Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. .	5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. .. .	2	FRANK L. FISHER .. .. .	6
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. .	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. .	7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. .	4	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

Rung in memoriam to William Pye.

### KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. .	Treble	ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. .	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. .	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. .	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. .. .	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. .	7
*D. KAY ADKINS .. .. .	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung on the eve of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

### BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. .	Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. .	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. .	2	CHARLES COLES .. .. .	6
HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. .	3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. .	7
JOHN S. WALTON .. .. .	4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.



## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK WALKER .. .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 3
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* 900th peal.

## HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Treble	*DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	*ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	*JOHN R. YOUNG .. 7
*GORDON W. CRAINE .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. A farewell peal to Rev. R. Olsen, Vicar of Holland Fen.

## SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Mar. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	ERNEST THORPE .. 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
FRANK REED .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

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

## WRITTELE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY .. Treble	DENNIS A. SYMONDS .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. 2	GERALD FROST .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4	JOHN H. SITCH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Mar. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

\* 100th peal. In memoriam James George.

## WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.	
*DOUGLAS ELWICK (12) .. Treble	GEORGE W. WHITE .. 5
SIDNEY R. ELWICK .. 2	ALBERT V. COATES .. 6
JOHN R. WALLER .. 3	HARRY SHORT .. 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON .. 4	HUBERT WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SHORT.

\* First peal.

## POOLSTOCK, WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Taylor's Six-part.		
JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	*†WILFRED RILEY .. 5	
HARRY GRUNDY .. 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 6	
JAMES BURNS .. 3	PETER CROOK .. 7	
*HARRY BLACKBURN .. 4	W. O. FARRIMOND .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Blackburn.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.
HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5	
ALFRED BALLARD .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 6	
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	*JOHN HILL .. 7	
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS .. Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. In memoriam James George.

## BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 19 cwt.
ALEX. R. WOODLEY .. Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 5	
MICHAEL BISHOP .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 6	
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH .. 3	JAMES P. BLOND .. 7	
ERNEST J. GRACE .. 4	CECIL CORDEROY .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 18½ cwt.
*BRYAN K. TURNBULL .. Treble	†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5	
*MARY W. BROWN .. 2	†ROGER A. G. BEALE .. 6	
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3	HENRY STALHAM .. 7	
PETER F. ROMNEY .. 4	MAURICE O. THOMAS .. Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the conductor's 79th birthday.

## DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES GROUNDS .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. 6
THOMAS MARSHALL .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 7
JAMES WEBB .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mrs. Marshall, mother of the 3rd ringer and donor of the second bell.

## GREASLEY, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE TRIPLES

Reeves' Variation.		Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN D. NIBLETT .. Treble	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 5	
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6	
*FREDK. A. SALTER .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. 7	
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* 300th peal. First in the method by all, also on the bells and by the Guild.



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## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WILFRED L. RAYNER .. .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR .. .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 7
JOHN BURLLES .. .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ronald E. Constant and Miss June Chesson (ringers at this church), who were married that day.  
 Also a birthday compliment to Margaret Ann, daughter of conductor.

## MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 5
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 6
HAROLD L. PARREY .. 3	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 7
*MIRIAM R. JAMES .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.  
 \* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

THOMAS E. SONE .. .. Treble	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6
*ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 3	*FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 7
*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 4	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
 \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
 First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. M. Smith, a member of the local band for 43 years. Also in memoriam Mr. W. Turley, father-in-law of the tenor ringer.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. .. 6
*LESLIE WITTEN .. .. 3	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 7
†HERBERT GOAKES .. .. 4	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.  
 \* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. This peal contains 123 bobs.

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
*J. WALTER NEALE .. Treble	†MAUREEN PINDER .. .. 5
SAM PINDER .. .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
†WALTER WILLS .. .. 3	§GERALD ARMSTRONG .. .. 7
†WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4	FREDK. T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD ARMSTRONG.  
 \* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside' and first peal since 1892. ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal as conductor. In memoriam James George.

## WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Ilkerton Variation.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 2	CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 6
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. .. 7
HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. First peal in this variation by all except the conductor and the first for the Guild. Rung as a compliment to Canon C. Carew Cox, on his installation to the Prebendal Stall of Winterbourne Earls in Salisbury Cathedral on March 13th.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 59, 58).

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

LEONARD TOSELAND .. Treble	*ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 5
JOHN E. SKERRITT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

## HARTLIP, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single Reverse, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*BASIL A. EDWARDS .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 4
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 2	†ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 3	†GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal together.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5
†EDWARD CLEMENTS .. 3	*JOHN M. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. KIRK

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

## ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Rung on the front six.

*MRS. MARTHA SMITH .. Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN .. .. 4
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 2	HARRY GRUNDY .. .. 5
WILFRED RILEY .. .. 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

\* First peal. Rung in memory of Mr. James Hall, of Rainford.

## BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure, Treble Bob, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Fourth's Delight. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

JUNE M. HENSHAW .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 4
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
JEAN C. BROWN .. .. 3	RONALD BARLOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD BARLOW.

First peal in seven methods for al. the band.

## KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven 240's and twenty-eight 120's. Tenor 7 cwt.

MARY C. PAYNE .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3
*GEORGE PICKERING .. 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 4

\*FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* 25th peal together. Mr. F. Watson has now rung a peal on each bell in the tower.

## LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SEDGEWICK .. Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 4
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal in four Treble Bob methods on the bells and by all the band.



**MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
FRED INGALL .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the conductor.

**NORTHAMPTON, NORTHANTS.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Northampton Branch.)

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JACK HADLEY (17) .. .. Treble	*JOHN G. CHAPMAN .. .. 4
*MICHAEL J. BUSHELL (18) 2	ERIC NOBLES .. .. 5
*CHARLES T. WINDRAM (17) 3	CHARLES H. BUSHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal. Rung by a Sunday service band. First peal on the bells with a resident band. A farewell compliment to the 2nd ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

TONY OWEN .. .. Treble	EDWARD GREENACRE .. 4
MRS. V. OVENS .. .. 2	VINCENT OVENS .. .. 5
JACK WILLIAMSON .. .. 3	*CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* 350th peal.

**SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBERGH,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven true extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK BAILEY .. .. Treble	*RODNEY HARRISON .. 4
RICHARD GRICE .. .. 2	†JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 5
DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. 3	MAURICE BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

**ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

IAN D. CAMPBELL .. Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN .. 4
A. RONALD POCKLINGTON.. 2	WILFRED RILEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 3	WILLIAM E. COURT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

First peal of Minor in two methods by all except the conductor. First peal of Minor in two methods as conductor. A compliment to the Rev. H. Bradshaw, who has recently come to this parish.

**UPLYME, DEVON.**  
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent of London Surprise and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. Treble	†CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 4
*†ROGER KEELEY .. .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 5
*NORMAN MALLETT .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † 25th peal together. First of Minor as conductor. A fourth birthday compliment for Christopher Powell, son of C. W. Powell.

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### HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being six different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.  
LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble | FREDK. J. CRAPNELL .. .. 4  
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 2 | ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 5  
GEORGE V. BUXTON .. .. 3 | CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick J. Crapnell.

### WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
\*PATRICIA SNAREY (15) .. Treble | \*ALFRED LYNALL .. .. 4  
LESLIE BARRY .. .. 2 | \*GEOFFREY NORMAN .. .. 5  
\*PETER CLARKSON .. .. 3 | JOAN BUSSEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\*First peal. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Taylor, who was unable to stand in owing to illness.

### BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's of April Day, sixteen 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.  
\*M. JENNIFER LEE .. .. Treble | JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. 4  
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. 2 | BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5  
†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 3 | †BRIAN R. KENNY (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\*First peal in three methods. †First peal of Doubles. ‡First peal. First peal as conductor in three methods. A birthday peal for John W. Griffiths, of Handbridge.

### SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.  
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble | HORACE BENNETT .. .. 4  
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 2 | C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. 5  
FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

### BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Bourne and Cambridge and one each of Hull, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4  
MOSES BILLINGS .. .. 2 | \*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 5  
\*BETTIE BEE .. .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\*First Surprise peal in five methods.

### BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Brentford, Double Court, Hereward, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
ERIC DODDS .. .. Treble | BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 4  
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5  
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

First peal in seven plain Minor methods by all. Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

### CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.  
\*BETTY NATION .. .. Treble | \*JOHN COX .. .. 4  
CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 2 | \*MERVYN WILTSHIRE .. .. 5  
MARY DREW .. .. 3 | LESLIE BARRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\*First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5148 SPICED MAJOR

Being 8 methods: 1,520 Plain, 1,428 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 400 Reverse, 368 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 200 Crayford Little Bob, with 405 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | \*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JONES.

\*First attempt for a peal in eight methods. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. T. Matkins, the conductor's wife.

### BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED MAJOR

Being 50 methods: Tiverton, Hastings, Wymondham, Debenham, Gonville, Trinity, Loughborough, Cambridge Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Montgomery, Ellesmere, Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 347 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6  
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

### COVENTRY.

#### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in C.

\*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 1-2 | \*HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 5-6  
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 3-4 | \*H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. .. 7-8  
Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
IN ALL SAINTS' RINGING ROOM,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 15 in C sharp.  
\*COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3-4

\*MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\*First peal 'in hand.' First peal on the bells.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

\*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6  
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major on handbells away from the tenors.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 17 in A.  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 3-4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 7-8  
FRED PRICE .. .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Rung in memoriam Mr. James George.

### ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,  
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
CHRIS. G. W. WOODHEAD .. 1-2 | MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

Rung for St. Patrick's Day.



## THEY RANG PEALS IN THE LAST CENTURY

### RINGING AND WORKING AT 83

Mr. William John Walker, of Rainham, Kent, who was 83 last December, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Sittingbourne, in 1893. He has 317 peals to his credit.

Mr. Walker started handling bells at Lynsted, Kent, at the age of 13, and rings twice on Sundays, cycling one mile each way. At the time of writing he was 'hors de combat,' suffering from cracked ribs which he did at work, but he is keenly looking forward to resuming his accustomed place in the belfry when his ribs have mended.

Mr. Frank Bennett rang his first peal early in 1889 and up to the end of 1899 he had rung 223 and 246 up to the end of 1900.

This wonderful achievement was beaten by Mr. W. A. L. Buckingham, who to the end of 1899 rang 271 peals and 293 to the end of 1900. Mr. Buckingham, we believe, can claim to have the most peals in the last century of ringers living to-day.

### NORTH NOTTS VETERANS

Looking through the peal book of the old North Notts Association, Mr. H. Denman has discovered a number of veterans of the last century. He writes:—

Mr. W. Metcalfe, of Retford, rang his first peal, 5,003 Grandsire Caters, at Retford, on October 20th, 1894, it being the first ten-bell peal by a Retford band and for the North Notts Association.

Mr. G. R. Winter, of Retford, rang his first peal, 5,057 Grandsire Caters, at Retford, on December 29th, 1894.

Mr. H. Turner, of Anston, rang his first peal, seven Treble Bob methods of Minor, at Anston, on February 18th, 1896.

Mr. H. Blagg, of Retford, rang his first peal, Minor in three methods, at Ordsall, on

November 9th, 1898, it being the first peal on bells.

Mr. A. B. Crawford, of Rampton, rang his first peal, Bob Minor, at East Markham, on June 17th, 1899.

Mr. E. Collingburn, of Retford, rang his first peal, 5,183 Grandsire Caters, at Retford, on November 9th, 1898.

Mr. A. T. Winter, of Retford, rang his first peal, 5,040 Grandsire Caters, at Retford, on November 9th, 1899.

Mr. D. Blagg, of Retford, rang his first peal, Minor in two methods, at Ordsall, on November 13th, 1900.

Messrs. D. Blagg, A. B. Crawford and H. Turner are still ringing but the others have retired.

Messrs. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, E. Collingburn, H. Blagg and H. Turner rang other peals before the end of 1900.

### HANTS WORTHY HOPES FOR ANOTHER PEAL

Mr. W. Read, who has been a ringer at Blackmoor, Hants, for 45 years and captain of the band for 40 years, rang his first peal at Holy Trinity, Privett, Hants, on August 24th, 1893. Now 79 years of age, he writes that he joined the Winchester Guild at the age of 22 and hopes to ring another peal shortly.

### A DEVON MAN

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Wootton Bassett, in 1899. It was conducted by Mr. T. Ricketts, of Swindon. His last peal was rung in 1950, conducted by Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

In his long ringing career, a peal in which Mr. Wilson takes a special pride was one at St. Mary's, Putney, on November 25th, 1901, by a band of all Devon men. This band consisted of Mr. S. H. Godfrey (Ottery St. Mary)

1, F. G. Shepherd (Exeter) 2, F. Gover (Ottery St. Mary) 3, L. A. Wilson (Ottery St. Mary) 4, J. E. Baker (Ottery St. Mary) 5, W. Shepherd (Exeter) 6, E. H. Oxenham (Bampton) 7, Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Cadbury) 8. Of this band only Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. Wilson are survivors. Mr. Wilson enquires whether any other peals have been rung by an all-Devon band in London.

Mr. G. E. Chappell, of Wickham, Hants, who is now 86, is still ringing and tutoring. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Fareham, Hants, on July 6th, 1895. He has rung about 50 peals, of which 19 were before 1900. His last peal was in 1914. Mr. Chappell has kept a diary in which he has recorded all his 720's. These total about 1,900, the last being rung at Titchfield, Hants, on March 2nd, 1951.

### THE LAST PEAL IN THE 19th CENTURY

Dear Sir,—In connection with the 19th century peal ringers, I would like to bring to your notice the following, as recorded on a peal board in my home belfry:—

North Notts Association. December 31st, 1900. A peal of Grandsire Caters (5,021). In 3 hours 24 minutes. At St. Swithun's Church, Retford. 1 E. Collingburn. 2 G. Swannack, 3 A. T. Winter, 4 T. H. Denman, 5 F. W. Abbott, 6 H. Warburton, 7 T. Spurr, 8 G. R. Winter, 9 J. B. Joynes, 10 J. W. D. Metcalfe. Comp. J. Carter: cond. J. B. Joynes.

The board was presented by Mr. W. Oakden to commemorate the last peal rung in England in the 19th century.

Several of the above ringers are still living (although not now ringing) including the tenor ringer who holds the 'honour' of ringing the last bell in a peal to be rung in the 19th century.

Surely the 'last word' in 19th century peal ringing!—Yours faithfully,

WALTER C. COATES.

NOTE.—We feel certain that there are other claimants.—Ed.

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The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. It  
is also important that quarterly subscribers  
should not overlook the date.

Mr. John R. Smith (17)  
rang his first quarter peal  
on tower bells at Steep,  
Hants, on March 21st, sitting down. He had  
injured his knee and the doctor would only  
allow him to ring if he could do so in that posi-  
tion. The quarter was a farewell to him be-  
fore joining the Navy and in recognition of his  
services as steeplekeeper. Details:—1.260  
Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. D. M. Jones (first  
quarter, age 17) 1, J. R. Smith (first quarter) 2,  
Miss C. C. Roberts 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4,  
A. H. Fisher (first quarter as cond.) 5, N. A.  
Smith (first quarter, age 16) 6.

In the Ringers' Roll of Honour we have re-  
ceived the following correction from the Surrey  
Association: Coe, E. J., Reigate, not Coe, F.  
On the light eight at Shirley, Birmingham,  
(tenor 6½ cwt. in A), a peal of 5.056 Cambridge  
Surprise Major was rung in two hours and  
four minutes. This is believed by the band to  
be the quickest Major on tower bells and pos-  
sibly the quickest on eight tower bells. The  
peal was rung on March 10th.

Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester, calls atten-  
tion to three other long lengths of the late Mr.  
James George:—February 15th, 1930, 9.261  
Grandsire Cinques; April 21st, 1930, 12.231  
Grandsire Cinques, both on the 7th bell at Pains-  
wick; and also the tenor to 17.687 in 11 hours  
35 minutes on November 8th, 1930, which after-  
wards was proved false.

From joy to sadness was the occasion of a  
peal at Rotherfield on March 17th. The origi-  
nal intention was a peal as a fourth birthday  
compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of Mr.  
W. Rogers and also as a compliment to Mr.  
and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of a daugh-  
ter. Owing to the sudden death of Mr. H. M.  
Smith, a member of the local band for 43  
years, the bells were rung half-muffled to his  
memory.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Mary's Cathedral  
Society, Sydney, have been  
bereaved by the death of  
their captain, Mr. Edward B. McDonald, who  
was fatally injured by a car near his home. He  
was 63 years of age and had been a member of  
the St. Mary's Society for 52 years and was  
captain for 18 years. We extend our sym-  
pathy to N.S.W. ringers in their great loss.

Mr. Walter Wills, who rang in an in-  
memorial peal to Mr. James George at Thur-  
caston, Leicestershire, rang his last peal in  
1892.

Mr. Arthur Morris hopes that his new book,  
'Bells of All Nations,' will be published in  
about three weeks' time. The Lord Bishop of  
Liverpool has written a foreword.

Mr. Leslie Barry has been doing some good  
work for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan  
Association. In two peals recorded in this  
issue there were seven first peals.

'Congratulations to all for the Easter ringing.  
I trust the critics of Christmas broadcast ring-  
ing will voice their praise of the Easter broad-  
cast ringing.'—E. Stich, Biddisham, Somerset.  
This is typical of first reports to hand on this  
broadcast. It was a good performance.

Despite the heavy rain during Bank Holiday  
afternoon the large company attending the  
annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan  
Association at Wrington enjoyed the full pro-  
gramme arranged. Mr. J. Dyke was able to re-  
port a paid-up membership of 1,516.

The peal of Albanian Surprise Royal at  
Loughborough Foundry on March 13th was of  
particular local interest inasmuch as Miss Jill  
Poole and her mother reached the same total  
number of peals. It was their 234th peal. Jill  
has accomplished in about nine years the same  
total as Mrs. Poole reached in—now be careful  
—well, very much longer.

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# MEMORIAL TO MR. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON

At the service for the Surrey Association at Croydon Parish Church on March 10th, a large number of ringers and friends joined the late Mr. Johnston's family in a memorial service to him during which the Vicar (the Ven. C. F. Tonks), assisted by the curates and Canon G. Rawlings, of Shirley, dedicated a tablet which was unveiled by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council.

Among those present at the service were the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. M. R. Stacey), Sir Herbert and Lady Williams and the Town Clerk (Mr. E. Taberner).

In his address the Ven. Tonks offered a warm welcome to the ringers and remarked that very few thanks were accorded ringers. He would, however, like to assure them that clergy and congregations very greatly appreciated the services of ringers. The Ven. Tonks said the pre-

sent days of austerity caused us to dispense with towers to new churches and consequently caused records to be used to give forth the sound of bells from churches having no bells. He held out hope, however, that in the near future it would again be possible to build towers and hang rings of bells in them to maintain the art of change-ringing.

He continued: 'And it is to-day, I think you will agree, a fitting opportunity to remember one who has spent his life in hanging and tuning bells and dedicate a memorial tablet to him. Cyril Frederick Johnston, whose sudden death occurred on March 30th, 1950, was known and honoured by us all. The tablet, placed above the door of the tower in which he spent so many happy hours, is cast of the same metal as the bells he made and loved. Cyril Johnston should be remembered as an artist, a craftsman and a musician.'



[Photo: 'Croydon Times']

## SURREY ASSOCIATION A Successful Year Reviewed

The annual general meeting was held at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry on March 10th, attended by more than 100 ringers, including ringers from Birmingham, Crewe and Whittlesey. The 12 bells of the Parish Church were kept going from 3 o'clock to five o'clock, when the Archdeacon of Croydon conducted a service during which the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) unveiled a tablet in memory of the late Cyril F. Johnston.

Following the service the ringers were entertained to tea by Mrs. C. F. Johnston and the directors of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Ltd. and, before commencing the meeting, were shown over the foundry by Mr. A. M. Howard, managing director.

The meeting opened with those present standing in remembrance of Mr. A. Miller, of Mitcham, who had died since the previous meeting.

The committee's report indicated a successful year and showed that 111 members took part in 22 peals, while seven members took part in their first peal.

The treasurer's report showed an increased balance on the year's working and the Belfry Repair Fund, inaugurated last March, had been well supported.

The retiring officers were all re-elected and warmly thanked for their services during the past year. Mr. A. D. Mann was added to the list of vice-presidents. Five names were submitted for three representatives to the Central Council, a ballot resulting in Messrs. D. D. Cooper, F. E. Collins and A. P. Cannon being elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Reigate on March 8th, 1952.

The Master reported to the meeting that Mr. A. Harman had made and given a library cupboard to the Association which was installed in Croydon Parish Church tower and the meeting very warmly thanked the donor and then proceeded to discuss and adopt rules for the library.

The meeting was also advised that Mr. R. F. Layton had kindly undertaken to write up the peal books, which unfortunately had fallen behind, and he received very warm thanks for his offer.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mrs. Johnston, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and their canteen staff for the tea and the tour of the foundry and to the Vicar of Croydon for the use of the bells.

## A NEW RECORD 50 Methods of Spliced Major

A new handbell record was established by Mr. George E. Feirn and his band at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on March 11th, by the ringing of a peal of 5,088 Spliced Major consisting of 50 different methods and involving 347 changes of method. This is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal.

The ringers were Mrs. J. Bray 1-2, George E. Feirn (conductor) 3-4, Jack Bray 5-6, Philip Barnes 7-8. We feel certain that the Exercise will congratulate them on a very fine performance. Following is the composition:—

ARRANGED BY G. E. FEIRN.

23456	W. M. H.	
45236	—	De. Ni. Ri. Ga. Lb. Pb.
24536	—	Hi. Ti.
52436	—	Sp. Lu.
43526	—	We. Ni. Ri. Ed. Lb. Pb.
54326	—	El. Bl. Kl. Lb.
35426	—	Ty. Db. So. Lb. Pb.
42356	—	Sn. Rb. Db. Wy. Lb. Lo.
63254	—	We. Rb. Db. Wn. Mo. Lo.
26354	—	Ca. As.
32654	—	Cl. Bl. Mh.
46253	—	Sh. Ni. Ri. So. Lb. Lo.
25463	—	Ha. Db. Ga. Lx. Pb.
42563	—	Ma. Cd.
35264	—	La. Ni. Ri. Ed. Lb. Lo.
23564	—	Cl. Bl. Gn.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives:—  
32456 M. W. H.

43256	—	Pa. Pe. Ki. Pu. St.
65234	—	Pa. He. Ki. Pu. Do.
26534	—	St. He. Cr. Pu. Do.
52634	—	Dn. Ki. Pu. St.
63524	—	Pa. Ro. Ki. Co. Do.
56324	—	Vi. Ki. Pu. St.
35624	—	Pa. Av. Cr. Pu. Do.
62354	—	St. Ro. Ki. Co. St.
36254	—	Dn. Ki. Pu. Do.
25364	—	St. Le. Ki. Ch. Do.
32564	—	St. Le. Ki. Ch. Do.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives 23456.  
Ti. Tiverton; Ha. Hastings; Wy. Wymondham; De. Debenham; Gn. Gonville; Ty. Trinity; Lu. Loughborough; Ca. Cambridge; Mh. Marlborough; Hi. Highbury; Mo. Montgomery; El. Ellesmere; So. Single Oxford; Sn. Single Norwich; Lo. Longney; Wn. Winchester; Sh. Shipway's; Ed. Edmonton; La. Lavenham; Cd. Chesterfield; Ma. Maidstone; As. Ashbourne; Sp. Spalding; Ri. Richmond; Ni. New London; Db. Double Bob; Rb. Reverse Bob; Pb. Plain Bob; Ga. Gainsborough; We. Wellington; Lb. Little Bob; Cl. Crayford Little Court; Bl. Bastow Little Court; Kl. Kent Little Court; Lx. Little Oxford; Vi. Victoria; Co. Colville; Ro. Romsey; Ch. Cheltenham; Le. Leamington; Pu. Pulford; Av. Avalon; Pa. Painswick; Ki. Kidlington; Do. Double Oxford; Pe. Pershore; He. Hereward; Dn. Double Norwich; St. St. Clement's; Cr. Crayford College.

## 5,088 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, YORKSHIRE AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

ARRANGED BY E. A. BARNETT.

23456 B. W. H.

45236	—	CCSCPYC
24536	—	YSPCCSS
52436	—	SPYPSCP
43526	—	YPPYPSC
54326	—	YSCCYCY
35426	—	CYP(P)SSP
35264	x	PYYY
23564	—	CSSY(Y)PS

Twice repeated, ringing S for (P) and (Y) in one part. Contains 1,312 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, 1,248 Cambridge and 1,216 Pudsey, with 120 changes of method, and all the work of the four methods. As all the methods produce the same lead-head, it is suggested that those attempting this peal should have an umpire.



# ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL

## 50th Anniversary of First 12-Bell Peal

[BY DONALD G. CLIFT.]

The recent peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by my former colleagues at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, reminds me that it is almost 50 years since the first 12-bell peal was rung in this town. The 50th anniversary will fall on December 26th next, and the peal rung in 1901 was also Grandsire Cinques, and was conducted by Henry Porch. This latter peal was rung on the old 12, which had a tenor of 39 cwt., the present glorious ring, with its 50½ cwt. tenor, being installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1903.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PRAISE.

During a visit to the city in 1574 Queen Elizabeth is reputed to have remarked that it was 'the Fairest, Goodliest and most Famous Parish Church in England.' It is therefore perhaps fitting that this undoubtedly beautiful church should house the heaviest ring of bells in a parish church in Great Britain, and the following notes on the bells may be of interest to readers.

There were six bells in 1480 and in 1553. In 1622 Thomas Purdue cast or recast two new bells, perhaps more, which were later recast. On July 1st, 1636, articles of agreement were drawn up between John Roome, carpenter, and James Wathen and John Read, churchwardens. Roome agreed before the following April to unhang the bells and pull down and take up the frames of the six bells 'and the loft wherupon the frame of the said bells and the two great beams whereon the left lyeth and make a new frame to hang the six bells and new stocks and new wheels with well seasoned oak and set up two new great beams of oak like the ones there and set up a loft with boards and planks and new hang the six bells.' The cost was to be £60. Apparently a plate was fixed on the cage: 'J. (or T.) Roome of this Cittie, Carpenter, Anno Domini (sic) 1636, James Wathing, John Read, Churchwardens.' This plate was on the cage in 1881.

In 1698 two new bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall, making a ring of eight.

### PAYMENT BY WEIGHT

On June 23rd, 1763, articles of agreement were drawn up between the churchwardens of Redcliffe and Thomas Bilbie of Chew Stoke, Bellfounder. Bilbie agreed to recast the four middle bells, as they were either cracked or out of tune with the other bells, and to deliver the four new bells before October 16th next following to the churchwardens at the churchyard gate. If the bells were lighter than the old ones Bilbie was to pay 1s. a lb. to the churchwardens. A twelve months' guarantee was given, and payment was by weight.

In 1823 T. Mears, bellfounder, London, made two new bells and so ten bells in all. In 1872 Mears and Stainbank made another two bells, bringing the ring up to twelve.

In 1888, Taylors, of Loughborough, were asked to inspect the bells. They reported that the fittings, i.e., wheels, headstocks, gudgeons, bearings, clappers, smith's work, etc., of the tenth and tenor bells were in a bad state and worn out, and should be entirely renewed. These bells were worn out by the clappers and should be turned round in the headstocks so that the clapper would strike in a fresh place. The timbers of the framework were sound, though not strong, and massive enough for a heavy ring of bells, but they thought that by bolting some heavy cast-iron angle brackets in the corner of the frame round the three tenor bells it could be made firm and rigid. They condemned the framework of the three smallest bells as badly designed and too weak, and

that it was impossible for such a frame to bear the swing of the bells. They recommended two strong rolled-iron girders to be fixed across the tower from east to west, and on these could be bolted a good and substantial framework, and then the bells could be rung with the greatest of ease. The middle bells were in fair order and no immediate work was necessary. The cost would be £149 6s., not including the two girders, which could be obtained locally. The architect, Sir A. W. Blomfield, approved, and the work was arranged to be carried out.

### FRAME STEADIED BY WEDGES

On December 12th, 1902, the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. F. Robberds) called the attention of the vestry to the state of the bells and the belfry. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were asked to make an inspection. They reported that the framework was a most complicated and clumsy structure. One set of timbers was piled on top of another, with wedges of varying size driven in between to obtain a bearing. Also there were upright props from the floor to the main beams, and again this floor was supported by trusses, so that it was difficult to tell where the strain was carried. Many timbers are showing signs of decay, and it is clear that about 100 years ago the frame must have settled, as two very large beams were then fixed under old main beams. Since then wedges have had to be fixed in between the frame and the walls on all sides.

There is no doubt that if these wedges were taken out the frame would be so rickety that it would be impossible to ring the bells. With such a fine tower, we do not suppose that the wedges have as yet done any harm to the masonry, but they certainly are not good things.

They advised that the bells should be rehung in a new frame of the most approved style, like that in St. Nicholas (Bristol). With new frames, all 12 bells would be hung on one level instead of three being hoisted as at present, and the clock weights could pass through one corner of the bell chamber instead of being suspended from below the bell frame and passing down through the centre of the ringing room, where they cause much obstruction. They recommended building up the window places, i.e., inside the louvres.

They estimated that new fittings for the 12 bells—oak wheels, iron headstocks bored and fitted with steel gudgeons, gunmetal bearings in iron pedestals, rollers, stays, sliders, wrought-iron clappers with independent centre bolts and necessary smith work, and also very strong and massive iron H-shaped framework of similar design to that at St. Nicholas' and Exeter Cathedral, standing upon and bolted to heavy rolled-steel girders, with all requisite stays, plats and nuts, would cost £709.

The architect, Sir A. W. Blomfield, over-looked the report and endorsed it, adding: 'Up to then no damage to the tower from the condition of the bells, but the movements of the framework might in time damage it. Bell framework should not depend on support from tower walls. Wedges had been inserted and they were not satisfactory. He advised steel frames, saying they were comparatively modern, but that there was no doubt that they were a great advance on timber framing. He agreed to the closing of the windows.'

### FINE ENGINEERING.

Taylors were asked to send a plan of the new framework, and the work was carried out in 1903. Of the bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 12 were recast; 8, 10 and 11, being three of the 1622 bells, were untouched and incorporated in the present ring. The 11th is in-

deed a glorious bell and, although only 25 cwt., is not one bit inferior to the grand 50 cwt. tenor. The present ring is hung on roller bearings, and the design and lay-out, from an engineering point of view, compare with anything modern and best at the present time.

The first peal, one of Stedman Cinques, was rung on them on December 31st, 1903, conducted by the late W. A. Cave. In all 49 peals have been rung in the tower to date, nine on the old ring and 40 on the present ring.

### THE PEALS.

The peals are in the following methods:—

Old Ring.		Grandsire Caters 2	
Grandsire Triples	2	Grandsire Cinques	1
Grandsire Caters	3	Kent Maximus	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	(Granta Var.)	1
Stedman Caters..	1	Plain Bob Royal	2
Stedman Cinques	1	Cambridge Sur-	
Bob Maximus ..	1	prise Major ..	2
Total ..	9	Cambridge Sur-	
	—	prise Royal ..	2
		Cambridge Sur-	
		prise Maximus	4
Present Ring.			
Stedman Triples..	1		
Stedman Caters..	7	Total ..	40
Stedman Cinques	18		

The conducting has been shared by 24 conductors as follows: W. A. Cave 15, D. G. Clift 14, J. T. Dyke 3, E. F. Hancock 3, J. A. Burford, W. J. Hinton, H. Porch and W. Williams 2 each, and E. J. Brown, G. T. Daltry, A. Jones, J. E. Groves, F. E. Haynes, W. Pye, A. E. Reeves, A. M. Taylor, F. G. Newman, F. Price, F. G. May, J. Thomas, W. Smith, C. Glenn, H. J. Poole and W. F. Judge, 1 each.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible to arrange a peal to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first 12-bell peal in this historical church.

## LECTURE TO CONVALESCENT PATIENTS

With an appeal to get to know more about bells and the art of ringing them and to encourage their children to become ringers, patients of the Freeland Convalescent Hospital, Freeland, Oxon. listened to a lecture recently from a fellow-patient—Mr. P. Amos, of Weston Favell, Northampton.

Mr. Amos dealt at length with bells from the time of St. Paulinus coming to this country, in A.D. 601, to the present. Sketches of the stamps of various mediæval foundries, especially those of Hugh Watts, showing three bells and a crown with foliage in a shield; of Thomas Bullisdon, showing a capital T, the downstroke coming out to the shane of a bell with TD on either side; of William Dawe, showing daws perched on a tree-branch, encircled with the words 'William flounder,' aroused interest. The Cross Potent. The Cross Fleury, the Cross Voided, the Greek Cross and others used by William Dawe. Henry Jordan, John Sanders, Thomas, Robert and Edward Newcombe and by the Mellors, of Nottingham, as stops, together with translations of several Latin inscriptions, followed.

Slides kindly loaned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, showing the Freedom Bell, the Bell of Moscow, a bell being tuned, the core, the casting of a bell, the works, old bells as compared with those of modern design, bells in a frame, and especially those of Croydon Parish Church, where it was afterwards learned that one of the nurses came from, all helped to build up an interesting talk.

The value of team spirit and the 'freemasonry' associated with bellringers was emphasised as a modern pattern upon which other Church organisations might with advantage make good use. Prayers and the singing of hymns 223 and 308 A. and M. concluded the lecture.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EWELME

Dear Sir,—I was rather interested and somewhat amused at Mr. Porter's letter, not only at his 'play on words' on Mr. Alan Pink and myself, but at a few facts which are hardly correct.

I have before me an account of the peal which was rung at Ewelme on January 6th and which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 26th, and there it is clearly stated that the weight of the tenor is 19 cwt.

Further, the Thame Branch doesn't exist but the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks held a meeting at Ewelme on January 20th (not January 26th, as stated by Mr. Porter), and it was most unfortunate that I was unable to be present, but I understand that a good number of members and visitors were present and enjoyed ringing on this grand ring of six. I should certainly be pleased to see 'Mine Host' at any of our meetings and perhaps have a glass of 'Porter' with him.—Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Thame, Oxon

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your correspondent's (O. W. Porter) letter in which he refers to the ring of five by Rudhall in the above tower. Twenty years, at least, must have elapsed since I was last in Ewelme tower and either Mr. Porter's memory or mine is at fault.

Writing from memory, I have no recollection of any of the five bells being by the Rudhalls of Gloucester and am open to correction when I state that the bells are as follows:—

Treble: By William and Robert Cor, of Aldbourne, Wilts, early 18th century.

Second: An unknown founder's product; the inscription is weird and indecipherable. The late A. H. Cocks says: 'It may be by William Haselwood, of the mediæval Reading foundry.' This assumption cannot, I think, be substantiated.

Third: By Taylors; immediately before or after the firm's departure from Oxford to Loughborough.

Fourth: Ellis Knight, of Reading.

Tenor: Thomas Janaway; possibly one of the largest productions of the Chelsea foundry; in the region of four feet diameter.

At the time to which I refer, the gear was in a most chaotic and dilapidated condition and ringing was obviously an utter impossibility. The bell frame was sound and good and bore much evidence that Alfred White had worked thereon before the White family moved from Besselsleigh to Appleton.—Yours faithfully,

Saunderton. F. WEST.

NOTE.—Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' writes that he visited the tower on September 29th, 1948, and records a ring of five and a sanctus bell. The oak frame and fittings were not in good repair and the bells are about to be rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Mr. West's memory as to the founders of the bells coincides with Mr. Sharpe's investigation. There are now six bells.—ED.

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—Through your columns, I should like to express the thanks and appreciation of the Lincoln Cathedral ringers to all those members of the Universities Association of Change Ringers who subscribed towards the visitors' book for the Cathedral belfry.

This book will not only provide a handsome record of all those ringers who will visit our tower in the future, but will serve to remind us at Lincoln of the visit of the Universities Association touring party when, both in the tower and at a number of social gatherings, we were able to renew old friendships and form new ones.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. FREEMAN, Master.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

## Change in Central Council Representation

The 24th annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 10th, and although the attendance this year was rather disappointing both in numbers and in skill, the preponderance of youth and inexperience present made it abundantly clear that the Guild is still serving the purpose for which it was formed.

Ring up to Double Norwich preceded the service, conducted by the president of the Guild, the Rev. A. Golding-Bird, D.D., with an address by the Rev. W. W. Reeve.

The president then entertained the company to tea in the small Parish Hall and afterwards took the chair to conduct the business in his own inimitable way. Two new members were elected, Brian Cole, of Tunbridge Wells, and Malcolm S. Cloke, now at London University.

The balance sheet showed that income and expenditure had been about equal, leaving the Guild financially sound with a balance in hand of £56 15s. 3d. One item in the statement, balance due to treasurer, 8d., caused quite a bit of fun between the chairman and Mr. W. Morland.

Then followed a succession of praise and speeches as the officers were elected or, rather, with one exception, re-elected. The president as usual offered to stand down, but Mr. Wellington said that the Guild regarded him as an institution, and Mr. E. J. Oliver said that coming to the meetings made him (the president) young. In reply, Dr. Golding-Bird said that he was pleased to do all that he could for the ringers, as theirs was a work for God that was not always remembered. He also expressed a wish that extra ringing should be done at East Grinstead on St. Swithin's Day, the patronal festival.

In re-electing the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, tribute was paid to the way they had conducted the Guild's affairs, and Mr. E. J. Oliver explained why the accounts had been audited by the old auditor and not the new. Mr. A. Relfe intimated that he did not wish to be re-elected as Central Council representative, as he had held office since the Guild was affiliated in 1939. He thanked the Guild for the honour they had done him, and proposed that Mr. C. A. Bassett be his successor. In seconding, Mr. E. J. Oliver said that as secretary Mr. Bassett did a lot of work, and thought that he should enjoy some fun as well. This was carried.

Two proposals by the committee were carried, i.e., that in future those persons taking part in peals for the Guild should pay 1s. each towards the cost of entering same in the peal book, and secondly, that a collection be made at each monthly meeting towards the cost of new ropes, etc., in the tower visited.

Mr. Wellington was a keen supporter of both proposals, and at his suggestion a collection was made on the spot and realised £1 7s. 6d.

The next two meetings were announced as Buxted and Hever, while for the summer outing a route via Croydon, Kingston, Windsor and Guildford was chosen and the date fixed for August 18th.

The meeting then closed with votes of thanks to all who had contributed to its success, the Vicar, the organist, the local band and Miss K. Shepherd. The company then made their way back to the tower to enjoy the fine octave which, with recent attention, ran beautifully.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on March 18th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. T. Beauchamp 4, C. A. Hushes 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer 7, C. E. Williamson 8, J. Bullock 9, C. W. Otley 10. A birthday compliment to A. F. Udall.

## OBITUARY

## MR. H. M. SMITH, ROTHERFIELD

Rotherfield, Sussex, Guild of Ringers have lost a member of their band by the sudden death of Mr. H. M. Smith after an operation in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Mr. Smith learnt to ring at Rotherfield in 1908 after the bells had been augmented from five to eight, and was a very valuable member of the Sunday service band. He had not been a prolific peal ringer, having only rung five peals—one of Stedman, two of Grandsire and one of Bob Major, and also the first peal by the local band, one of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering.

He was a member of the choir for many years, and his favourite remark after having rung for services was, 'Well, Captain, I've helped the ringers; now I must go and help the singers'—a remark which endeared him to all.

Always of a cheerful disposition, he was ever ready to help, especially in the splicing of the ropes, etc. His presence will be sadly missed.

The funeral took place at St. Denys' Church, Rotherfield, on March 17th, and as a last token of respect a peal of Pudsey Surprise Major was rung half-muffled after the interment.

## MR. REUBEN BALDWIN

Ringers who visited Eynsford during the early years of the century will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Reuben Baldwin. He was born and lived all his life of 83 years in Eynsford, Kent. He learned to ring there as a youth and was for many years leader of the local ringers.

A good ringer in the Plain Methods, Mr. Baldwin once called Holt's Original, in which the writer took part, in capital style. He was of a genial and obliging disposition and greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact. He had not taken part in any ringing of late years owing to a crippling infirmity. May he rest in peace. I. E.

## MR. WILLIAM DYE

By the death of Mr. Wm. Dye, of Grundisburgh, at the age of 91, Suffolk has lost its oldest ringer.

At an early age Mr. Dye commenced ringing at Helmingham and became a member of the Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association in 1879. He was the first man to conduct Holt's Original in the Eastern Counties, and one of his peals was Day's 10,080 Treble Bob, which he conducted at Coddensham.

Up to the time of his death he was probably the oldest member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, having joined in 1879, when Henry Dains was Master.

## BATH &amp; WELLS ASSOCIATION

## Chew Deanery Branch

The monthly practice meeting of the above branch was held on March 17th, from 20 to 30 ringers attending.

Activities commenced on the light six (tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.) at Butcombe, a village situated on the edge of Blagdon Lake. The church here is very small, the chancel being about the same size as the nave and the two being divided by an old finely carved screen.

Later in the evening, having successfully negotiated Butcombe Hill (one or two cars needing assistance from the rear), a move was made to Nempnett Thrubwell. The six bells here (tenor 10 cwt.) go very well, operations being watched very critically by a large gargoyle at the apex of the tower window arch.

Ring up during the evening ranged from rounds to Kent and Cambridge Minor and was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.—M. J. H.



## TOWER CORNER — 26

## Review and Test Paper

Dear Improvers.—Assuming you were able, last time, to work out the re-entry into the front work of bells affected by Calls in the Stedman method, there is little more to be said about it, at this stage. As an addition to our bibliography, however, we may usefully mention the 'Ringer's Notebook and Diary' by Viggers and Hodgson. On pages 12 and 16 are given plain courses of Stedman Doubles and Triples, with the bell paths marked in each stage, and, more interesting in relation to our series, the actual positions of the Stedman Division Heads, the importance of which we have emphasised. At each of these Division-Head rows is a ringed number indicating not only the 'go-off' but also another factor we have emphasised—the Position Sequence. So, for Doubles, this is seen to be: 5-1-4-3-2, and for Triples the same with the two extra bells interpolated: 5-6-1-7-4-3-2. Our concluding remarks in Article 25 as to Calls in Stedman Triples are usefully illustrated on page 16 of this valuable little nocket book, where the calling positions, which have become standard practice, are defined and marked by the sixes. However, as the art of calling is a subject for discussion later in the course, we now pass on to a review and 'quiz.'

**Review.** At the close of Article 23 we promised a quiz or test paper on the points of method study so far introduced. We now recall, particularly, that on completion of our first three Sections of the course—1, Bell Control; 2, Striking; 3, Tone-telling and Rope-sight, we passed to our beginnings of change-ringing; but with no attempt to teach any particular method. Our first exercises at that stage dealt simply with learning to hunt on the smallest practicable number (three bells), followed by learning to dodge (two bells). These workings, combined in a certain way, gave us we found, a method—Stedman. The logical step from this point was to examine the structure of that method. Although we found it belonged to the lesser of the two main groups of methods, that is, to the 'Omni-working' group as distinct from the 'Hunt-controlled' group, yet its form and content were found to show the basis of all method structure.

**Principles Precede Particularities.** The next and natural step in learning method ringing is to take the simplest form of a hunt-controlled method, preferably one with the tenor turned in, since we have met a tenor-behind method in Stedman. This will bring us to the simple method known as 'Plain Bob.' Before its examination, however, there should come your test-paper, for the following good reason. Many ringers have learned the methods they know as though they were independent forms of change-production, albeit with some features of similarity. Later on, with the discovery of the relationship of features common to all methods, they have realised how much mental labour they might have saved, and how much more resourceful ringers they could have become, at any rate in a shorter time, by a prior appreciation of these common characteristics. An indication of this truth lies in the proved utility of the helpful publication of the Central Council—'Four Way Table of Minor Methods'—as advertised on the back page of this journal. So the main object of this Fourth Section of our course is to examine progressively a few representative methods, in the light of the principles we should now have grasped, and to discover a systematic and correlated way of learning them for practical ringing.

**Test of Method Study.** The questions are based on Articles 18 to 25 inclusive. Write your answers as briefly, yet precisely, as you can before turning to column 3 where typical answers are given. More than ten incomplete or incorrect answers will indicate your

need to revise those articles before you can pursue the course with full advantage.

1. Distinguish between a 'ring of bells' and a 'method stage.'

2. What, in actual practice, is understood by 'change-ringing'?

3. What precisely are the different orders or arrangements of bells called?

4. How is any one change-row derived?

5. In a ringing method what is understood by (a) a 'permutation' and (b) a 'transit'?

6. How many transits are there in a change-row?

7. Since a permutation may or may not require all bells to make transits and some bells may accordingly remain unshifted in the succeeding row, what three well-known terms are used to describe the recurring positions?

8. If several change-rows are written down successively below one another, in what way other than in their rows may the units (bells) be viewed?

9. If the rows and columns of units are neatly set out in this way, each unit may be viewed as occupying a small square space in a 'nest' or rectangle of squares. What simple, and in theoretic discussions, essential term is given to a group of such squares?

10. We have seen that to show the result of a single transit two successive change-rows are required. How many columns are also involved in it?

11. While the two adjacent columns may be considered as a 'twin-column' what are the two adjacent rows called?

12. What is a 'Unit column'?

13. We have seen that a method is defined by the succession of its permutations. In simple practice this boils down to identification by its place-makings; which, in turn, occur in specific squares of the method's stage-grid. How may these squares be particularly indicated?

14. Name the group of change-rows containing just the design or pattern of a particular method?

15. What is the fundamental feature of a Division which its grid-pattern reveals at a glance?

16. Does a Division completely define a method?

17. What exactly is a 'Link' in any method? Is it the same as a 'Lead'?

18. How many links may be employed successively?

19. By what well-known phrase is the series of Divisions called?

20. How many Divisions are there in a plain course?

21. Do all bells work to the method pattern?

22. Explain why, in hunt-controlled methods, a Division is often spoken of by the ambiguous term 'lead.'

23. For any given method how many forms of link are there?

24. Is the Call part of the method?

25. What do you understand by: Blue Line; Front and Back Pivots; Front path and Back path?

26. What do you understand by 'Basic Coursing Order'?

27. Explain, and show the importance of knowing, 'Position Sequence.'

28. For what purpose are 'Initial Letters' and 'Terminal Letters' employed?

29. Into how many groups each do the Twin-columns and the Sections of a Grid fall?

30. Distinguish between the constant and the expanding sectors of a method undergoing extension.

Well, Improvers, see what you can make of it! Remember that while some may say 'What's in a name?', intelligent reasoning and appreciation cannot proceed without precise names and clear conceptions.—Cordially yours,

CORN: R. STONE.

## ANSWERS TO THE TOWER CORNER TEST PAPER

1. By 'ring of bells' we understand the number actually hanging in the tower for ringing; but by 'method stage' we understand the number of units engaged in a method performed on a particular 'ring.' The latter, i.e., 'stage,' is the theoretical counterpart of the former, and has specific names, e.g. Minimus; Doubles; Cinques; etc.

2. The repeated sounding of all bells in a ring, in turn; but in a different order each time.

3. (a) As sounded—'Changes.' (b) On paper—'Change-rows.'

4. By a 'permutation' of its preceding row.

5. (a) The effect in a change-row of one or more 'transits.' (b) The cross-over of a pair of neighbouring units in a change-row.

6. None at all. Transits occur in the permutation taking place between any two change-rows; and their number and arrangement in each successive permutation vary according to the particular method.

7. 'Full leading' (front) and 'Full Lying' (back) for the ultimate or end positions, but 'Place-making' for internal positions.

8. In columns.

9. The Grid.

10. Two—called a 'Twin-column.'

11. A 'Section' of the Grid. In treble-bob methods, a Section extends to four rows.

12. In grids for odd-numbered stages the twin-columns leave this odd column over.

13. By the system of Grid Notation, similar to that for map-squares, in which the Sections and Twin-columns of any Grid are given identifying letters, according to general principles of method structure.

14. The 'Division.'

15. That it is 'reflective' about a mid-line, called the 'Junction.'

16. No. Complete definition requires also the form of Link to be used.

17. No. 'Lead' has at least three meanings. 'Link' has one only, none of those three. It is the form of permutation which occurs between the end-row of one Division and the head-row of the succeeding Division.

18. Only a limited number, depending on the nature of the method; because eventually the series of change-rows turns up its starting row, again.

19. The Plain Course.

20. As many as there are bells working to the pattern of the method.

21. In omni-working methods, such as Stedman, yes; but in hunt-controlled methods all **except** those doing the hunt (or hunts).

22. Due to the fact that the hunt-bell comes to the leading position at the end and beginning of the Divisions. But as this is only in methods of the hunt-controlled class and also because 'lead' has at least two other meanings, the C.C. term 'Division' is preferable.

23. One only for the given method—often called the 'plain link.' But this form of Link may be varied by a 'Call,' when the plain link becomes a 'bob link' or a 'single link.'

24. Strictly speaking—No. It is merely a variation of the plain link and such variations are common to all methods, though they may vary slightly in form. (Note.—The Methods Committee and the C.C. have more recently given their blessing to this contention.)

25. The Blue Line is the method-path of a working bell. Front and back pivots are two places where the path pattern reflects upon itself. Front path is pivoted about the front pivot (in hunt-controlled methods about the

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## HOW IRELAND ATTRACTS RINGERS

### Reunion at Rostrevor

A bellringers' reunion was held in Rostrevor, Co. Down, on March 6th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. R. C. Olden, and the sermon was preached by Canon T. W. E. Drury, M.A., former Rector and ringer at Rostrevor. His address was based on the famous picture 'The Angelus.' Before this service a touch of Spliced Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by visiting ringers, viz. J. Savage 1, W. Pratt 2, J. Edgar 3, J. T. Dunwoody 4, H. Brown 5 and F. E. Dukes 6.

After the service over 100 persons assembled in the Lecture Hall for tea kindly provided by the Rector (Canon M. G. Gardiner).

Tea over, Archdeacon Shirley, who presided, welcomed the guests and visiting bellringers. He apologised for the absence of the Rector, due to illness. Exhibitions of change-ringing on handbells then followed.

Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, then presented certificates of life membership to Mr. Edward W. Evans who, out of his own pocket, paid for the entire cost of restoring Rostrevor bells, and to Mr. H. S. Lightbody, for over 50 years a ringer at Rostrevor. Mr. Evans thanked the members of the Irish Association for electing him to be one of their number. He said that he regarded it as great an honour as the day he was elected to the Freedom of London and the Stationers' Hall.

'That the Rostrevor Bellringing Association is worthy of support' was proposed by Canon Drury and seconded by Mr. Jas. Purdy. The motion was supported by Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody who gave some sound advice in the raising of a band of ringers. They said that the bells of Rostrevor should not be permitted to remain unringed for want of ringers and that the work of the late James Cunningham, J.P., should not be allowed to lapse. Mr. Cunningham was the donor of a silver cup for competition and was for over 70 years a bellringer at Rostrevor. He died last year at the age of 92. His two daughters were now taking the interest in the bells and were rendering valuable assistance to maintain the local ringing and supporting Mr. Lightbody, the conductor.

At the conclusion of the evening, votes of thanks were passed to Canon Gardiner, Canon Drury, the visiting bellringers and ladies who helped with the tea. As a result of the event, 15 persons handed in their names to become bellringers.

### Tower Corner Answers—Cont.

hunt's leading), and Back path is pivoted about the back pivot (in h-c methods about the hunt's lying).

26. The order in which units course or follow each other in cyclic order in the basic arrangement of change-rows. The C.O. is varied by the introduction of calls.

27. The position order in which any given unit turns up at each succeeding Division-head row. The importance of knowing this is seen in checking position from division to division, and particularly, when ringing in spliced methods.

28. For twin-columns and for sections. Initials to the left and above. Terminals to the right and below, in the simple grid.

29. Two each. One group known as constant, the other as expanding.

30. In expanding from stage to stage the grid acquires an extra twin-column each time; and, if a hunt-controlled method, an extra section. These 'extras' appear, at each expanded stage, between the two groups mentioned in the previous answer. And the 'extra' is always found to be attached to one particular group for the given method. This is known as the expanding sector of columns and sections, while the other is known as the constant sector.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

### Sudbury District

The annual meeting of the Sudbury District took place at Sudbury on March 10th, with ringing in the afternoon at St. Gregory's and in the evening at All Saints' and St. Peter's towers.

A good company gathered from Sudbury, Bures, Clare, Stoke-by-Clare, Cavendish, Bury St. Edmunds, Chevington, Horringer, Thorington, Mistley, Colchester, Wickham St. Paul, Sible Hedingham, Castle Hedingham, Stebbing, Great Bromley, Ely and Sutton.

Mr. Leslie Mills presided at the business meeting, and from the chair extended a welcome to all on the occasion of the dedication of the augmented ring at Bures on April 28th, at the same time making interesting observations on the recent visit of the Bures Fraternity to see their bells cast at Croydon.

New members were elected from Bures (5) and Clare (2), and Stoke-by-Clare was chosen for the next meeting, with Clare available in the evening.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### Meeting at Holloway

The North and East District meeting, held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 10th, was attended by approximately 35 ringers, coming from towers in London and towers miles away in the country. A good variety of methods was rung and touches were duly brought round, but the spell was a long one before the special method for the meeting, Yorkshire Surprise Major, was called for.

At the gathering for business, which followed tea, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Rev. A. W. Goodwin Hudson, was elected an hon. member of the Association, and the provisional elections as non-resident life members of G. J. Hawkins (Bath) and T. J. Southam (St. Albans) were duly ratified.

Further ringing took place during the evening and closing time came all too quickly for those enjoying some agreeable mental and physical exercise on a very nice and handy ring of bells. Thanks were accorded Mr. R. H. Begrie, local captain, for ensuring a successful meeting.

T. J. L.

## BELLRINGER'S GUIDE to the CHURCH BELLS of BRITAIN

The following more important inaccuracies in the above publication are regretted. In compensation and to permit of all copies being brought up to date, a list of augmentations and new rings up to 31st December, 1950, is also appended.

### TOWERS OMITTED

England  
Bredon, Worcs, S. Giles 5, 17 cwt.  
Harby, Notts, All Saints 5, 7-0-21 in B flat.  
Silsoe, Beds, S. James Gt. 5.  
Stanstead, Herts, S. Margaret 8, 11 cwt.  
Wales  
Llanarth, Mon., S. Teilo 6.  
Llanbadarn Fawr, Radnor, S. Paternus 5.  
Ireland  
Cork, Cathedral and Parish Church of S. Fin Barre (C.I.) 8, 27-0-20.

### TOWERS TO BE DELETED

England  
Annesley, Notts (destroyed by fire).  
Bristol, S. Matt. (Moorfields).  
Buntingford, Herts (duplicates with Layston).  
Little Chart, Kent (demolished by enemy action).  
Claverton, Somerset.  
Coombe, Oxon (duplicated with Combe-Longa).  
Devonport, Dockyard Chapel (destroyed by enemy action).  
Highbridge, Somerset (church demolished).  
Hockley Heath (duplicated with Salter Street).  
Stanton Fitzwarren, Glos.  
Stoke, Kent (duplicated with Stone, Kent).  
Stonehouse, East, Devon (destroyed by enemy action).  
Winterbourne Bassett, Wilts.  
Wales, Pontypool, Mon.

### CORRECTIONS TO NUMBER OF BELLS, Etc.

Aston Tirrold, Berks 6, not 5.  
Bottisham, Cambs 6, not 5.  
Claydon, Steeple, Bucks 6, not 5.  
Clun, Salop 8, not 6.  
Cramlington, Northants, should read Northumb.  
Croughton, Northants 5, not 6.  
Dauntsey, Wilts 5, not 8.  
Dawley Magna, Salop 6, not 5.  
Doddington, Cambs 6, not 5.  
Dullingham, Cambs 5, not 6.  
Erdington, Warwick 8, not 10.  
Forthampton, Glos 6, not 5.  
Gorleston, Suffolk 8, not 6.  
Grafton, Underwood, Northants 5, not 6.  
Holcot, Northants only 4 bells.  
Wales  
Dinas Powis, Glam. St. Peter should read S. Andrew's Major Glam., S. Andrew.  
Wentloog, Mon, should read S. Bride's, Wentloog, Mon, S. Bridget.  
Australia  
Tass. Australia, should read Yass, and tenor bell is only 7 cwt. (weight shown—26½ cwt. is total weight of the five bells).

### RINGS WHICH SHOULD BE CHIMES

Aylesbury, Bucks. Waterstock, Oxon.  
Clifton Hampden, Oxon. William, Herts.  
Ipswich, Suffolk, S. Peter. Mountain Ash, Glamorgan.  
Ollerton, Notts, should read 6 hemispherical bells and Cape Town, S. George's Cathedral.  
single ringing bell.

### CHIMES WHICH SHOULD BE RINGS

Bradwell, Oxon (but unringable at present).  
Guernsey, S. Michael du Valle.  
Penylan, Glam. Hour and 4 quarter bells hung for ringing.

### CORRECTIONS OF APPENDICES

#### Church in Scotland

P. 172. Delete Dunkeld (not a cathedral).

#### Rings of Twelve

Newcastle Cathedral, weight should read 37-2-17.  
Oldham Parish Church, weight should read 35-0-4.

#### Rings of Ten

Delete Erdington and reduce total to 177.  
Crewe, weight of tenor 20-0-19.

#### Rings of Six

Lightest is Wormhill, Derbys. Tenor 1-1-14.

#### Nonconformist Churches

Add Christ Church, Port Sunlight (undenominational).

#### Secular Towers

Morpeth, Co. Durham, should read Northumberland.

#### War Losses

Stonehouse, Glos, should read Stonehouse, Plymouth.  
Add: The Dockyard Chapel, Devonport (eight bells) and Little Chart, Kent (six bells).

### AUGMENTATIONS

The following augmentations have been carried out since the book was published:—

#### To eight bells

Bradley, North, Wilts.  
Essex, Surrey.  
Hadham, Much, Herts.  
Maulden, Beds.  
Hawley, Hants.  
Easingwold, Yorks.  
Stevenage, Herts.  
Maresfield, Sussex.  
Yardley, Warwick.  
Hamilton, N.Z., now hung.

#### To six bells

Aston Ingham, Hereford.  
Norwich, S. George.  
Blythburgh, Suffolk.  
Fyfield, Essex.  
Colgate.

#### Church Stanton, Devon.

Meldreth, Cambs.  
Oakley, Suffolk.  
Porthkerry, Glam.  
Rewe, Devon.  
Sandford, Devon.  
Yass, N.S.W.

#### To five bells

Halford, Somerset.  
Camel, West, Somerset.  
Hedgerley, Bucks, bells have been increased to six but hung "dead."  
The six steel bells at S. James, Dover, were presumably lost when the tower collapsed recently.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Rowe (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Cunliffe (first 'inside') 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, J. T. Symonds 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Harman 6, G. A. Cook (cond.) 7, A. Horwood 8.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On March 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Laker (first in method) 1, R. Squire 2, R. V. Johnson 3, L. Jupp 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, C. G. Stoner 6, E. H. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. G. H. Provost, churchwarden for the past eight years.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On March 17th, at St. Mark's Church, 720 Single Court, 720 Double Court: Mrs. D. Evans 1, L. Coles 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, M. Helps 4, W. G. Brown (cond.) 5, C. S. Knott 6. Rung for the reopening of St. Bartholomew's Church, which was destroyed by German bombers in April, 1942.

**BILTON, RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burnell 1, D. G. Thrush 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Toke 4, J. Stuart (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First quarter by all except conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. H. Pulham, a former ringer and choirboy.

**BLACKPOOL, LANCs.**—On March 16th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Priest (first quarter) 1, A. Haguc 2, W. K. Boville 3, J. H. Foster (cond.) 4, C. Shargles 5, L. Green 6, E. C. Baldwin (first quarter) 7, W. T. Walker (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Todd, of Batu Gajah, Malaya. Both were members of the St. John's Church band before leaving England.

**BLEWURY, BERKS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, J. P. Blond 4, F. James 5, C. Aldridge (first in method) 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8.

**BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.**—On March 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Bob Minor): W. Watkins 1, T. Bedford 2, A. Tomkins 3, W. Mantel 4, G. Corbett 5, T. Clements (cond.) 6. A farewell to the conductor, who has now joined the Forces.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On March 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Townsend 1, Miss K. Mary Cowley 2, H. Ridgway 3, C. Gough (first in method) 4, F. C. Case 5, F. Vickers 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles, 1,2 leading (360 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob and 240 Canterbury Pleasure): Susan Maybanks (15) 1, Ghida Downes (15) 2, Audrey Webb (15) 3, G. Gilbert (cond.) 4, Joyce Hearn 5, Mary Jaycock 6, G. Burgess 7, Millie Weekes (14) 8. First endurance test for 1, 2, 3 and 8. A 65th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**CHELTONHAM, GLOS.**—On March 18th, at the Parish Church, 1,272 Stedman Caters: E. Evans 1, I. Goulter 2, C. Martin 3, F. Nurdan 4, W. Dyer (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6, G. Kilminster 7, T. Boreham 8, T. Newbury 9, W. Newman 10.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Stannard 1, C. E. Wright 2, S. Meadows (first in method) 3, J. Carrott 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, W. E. Vale 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

**CHINNOR, OXON.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Lovell (first quarter) 1, W. Clarke (cond.) 2, A. Seymour 3, M. Clarke (first quarter) 4, P. Harman (first 'inside') 5, T. Watlington (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of M. A. Benham and Miss Janet Croxford.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Carver 1, A. Wear 2, R. Gardiner 3, V. G. Roberts 4, F. Sandy 5, G. Salmon (first as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's on March 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Waldron 1, W. Bond 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, E. Williams 4, W. Steen 5, P. Dudley 6, C. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' on March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. S. Hunt 1, P. Hunt 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, R. Neate (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar and Mrs. Witcomb.

**EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Delve 1, D. Gale 2, G. Watt 3, L. Allen 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, E. Light (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Pansion Sunday.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Butler 1, W. Parker 2, F. Fairhead 3, Mrs. Hiscok 4, I. Knowles 5, M. Harbot 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Harling 8.

**FREISTON, Lincs.**—On March 6th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Pearson 1, W. Bradley 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Mawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and for the gift of a son to the treble ringer.

**GLADWICK, OLDHAM, LANCs.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, A. P. Taylor 3, Miss Jagger 4, G. Taylor 5, F. Pritchard (cond.) 6, P. A. Wells 7, E. Causton 8.

## HARROW WEALD, MDLX.

—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. A. Warwick (first in method) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, C. C. Mayne 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On March 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: Peter Croft (first quarter Treble Bob, age 12) 1, W. F. Todd 2, L. Fidler 3, G. Cherry 4, A. E. Symonds 5, C. V. Hare 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On March 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury (first in method) 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, S. Meadows 3, C. E. Wright (cond.) 4, C. Brown 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.—Also on March 13th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, R. W. Stannard 2, S. Meadows 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. Brown 5, A. Salisbury 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung in honour of the visitation of the Bishop of Barking.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Cornwall 1, K. F. Biggs (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Newton 4, I. S. Biggs 5, J. Kape (cond.) 6, F. D. Boreham 7, F. Cox 8.

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Basford (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. First quarter 'inside' 2, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of the wife of Rev. N. P. Frost, former Vicar 1934-1948. First quarter on the bells by a Sunday service band.

**LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Cope 1, P. I. Chapman 2, H. Wooding 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On March 14th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, P. A. Reeder 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5. Longest touch by 1, 3 and 4. Rung for Confirmation service, five young ringers being confirmed by the Bishop of Grantham.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. J. Jefferies 1, Miss Betty Poole 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, E. Palmer 5, P. C. W. F. Scudamore 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cookley 8.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. N. Genna 1, Miss B. Beeson (first 'inside') 2, F. Robbins 3, Miss V. Willard 4, H. Punt 5, E. W. Thurlow 6, R. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. A tribute to Mr. A. Townsend on his retirement from office after 33 years as churchwarden.

**SALTWOOD, KENT.**—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fielder 1, P. Newing 2, C. E. Wratten 3, P. Small 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Feb. 11th, 1,280 Spiced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire): T. G. Fox 1, D. W. Beard 2, W. Williams (cond.) 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, R. F. B. Speed 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. E. Wilmington 7, J. G. A. Prior 8. First quarter of Spiced for 2 and 7. First in six methods for 6 and 8.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss E. M. Fadden (first of Triples) 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. F. Goodall 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, J. G. Nash 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On March 18th, at St. Peter's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. G. Clift (cond.) 1, H. V. Frost 2, A. D. Dale 3, C. F. Sayer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, F. J. Spicer 6, T. J. Southam 7, W. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, F. J. Bailey 10.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Reeve 1, Miss J. Hills 2, A. Hammond (first in method) 3, Miss C. Chinnery 4, J. Carrott 5, C. E. Wright (cond.) 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. D. Howell 8. Rung for Palm Sunday.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Taylor 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, W. G. Gigg 3, G. Walford 4, E. M. Atkins 5, S. H. Green 6, J. Upton (first in method) 7, W. H. Ware 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. The first quarter peal of Stedman since 1925 in which members of the local band have taken part.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on March 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Weddell (first of Major) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, B. A. Richards 4, C. W. Otley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

**WOOKEY, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and 240 Reverse Canterbury): F. Hall 1, A. Wear 2 (first quarter) 2, R. Gardiner 3, G. Salmon 4, V. G. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. E. Carver 6. In honour of Mr. Sanderson-Welles' 80th birthday.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart 1, F. Symonds (first of Triples) 2, F. Crudge 3, J. W. Rose (cond.) 4, G. J. Abbott 5, J. Rose 6, F. Stedman 7, G. Monks 8.

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## MEETINGS

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, New Mills, March 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 8597

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), on Saturday, March 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everton bells (5) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8586

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, March 31st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45 Tea 4.15. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8585

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, March 31st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—M. Grain. 8575

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, March 31st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Loft-house, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12. Please make a special effort to attend.—E. D. Kelly. 8557

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Special meeting at Moulton on March 31st for opening of bells after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea at 4.45. 8565

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Somerton (6), March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 8547

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday, March 31st, 3.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8595

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Spring meeting, Saturday, March 31st, at Enstone. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. 8563

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtion, Birkenhead, Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 8604



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston (8), March 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m.—Noel Denson. 8606

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting of the Western Division and the Leeds and District Society at Christ Church, Armley, Saturday, March 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Apply:—Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Secs. 8601

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, St. Albans, March 31st. The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, will not be available.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec. 8634

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, April 2nd, 7 p.m.—T J Lock. 8584

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket Saturday, April 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening bells available in the evening.—D. M. Reeve. 8583

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hursley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, in King's Head Hotel. Business meeting follows. Names for tea, by Monday, April 2nd, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8561

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—April 7th, Emmanuel, Clifton (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Mrs. Bowles' Cafe, 5.15 p.m.—A. Bennett. 8621

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Burlescombe, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Dymond, Silverton, near Exeter. 8623

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Correction.—The meeting will take place at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, April 7th, not March 31st as advertised. Other details correct as previously announced.—J. Woods, Branch Secretary. 8633

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 7th, Emmanuel, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify, by April 2nd, Mrs. B. Arnold, 8a, Threlfalls Lane, Southport.—J. Burns. 8612

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 7th.—Names for tea, by April 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8536

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Talatol, April 7th. Service 4.15. Tea, Talatol Inn, 2s. Names by April 3rd.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 8562

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8). April 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 5th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 8750

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rayleigh (8). April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to E. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8544

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas from 2.45. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and business meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by April 3rd please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Sec. 8577

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting at Crayford (8) on Saturday, April 7th at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8566

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—Meeting at Thorington, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Half-hourly bus service to Colchester. Numbers for tea to me by Tuesday, April 3rd.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. Hughesdale, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 8503

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Reepham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who let me know by Monday, April 2nd.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 8572

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock and V.W.H. Branches.—Combined meeting, Bampton, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential by April 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks.—L. Pimm and R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Secs. 8573

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Bicester, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. In view of catering difficulties, names for tea by Monday morning, April 2nd, please.—C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8598

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Kintbury, April 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—Mr. W. G. Powell, Windrush, Inkpen, Newbury. 8589

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by April 4th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 8548

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Aylestone, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by April 4th, to F. E. Wilson, 98, Evesham Road, Leicester.—J. R. Smith. 8629

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Nettleham, April 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Flat 11, Wellingore Hall, near Lincoln. 8602

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Winhill, April 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea for those notifying F. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent.—J. Cotton. 8622

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, April 7th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8617

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Saturday, April 7th. Names for tea before April 3rd, please, to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8631

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop Cannings (8). April 7th. Names for tea by April 2nd.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8632

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Cranborne, Saturday, April 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, for those who notify, by April 3rd, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. St. Giles' bells available in evening. 8620

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, April 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, April 4th.—S. Patricia M. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 8615

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, April 7th, 3 p.m. Tea, for those who notify by April 4th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8611

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Tilehurst, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 6 p.m.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 8596

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst (6) on Saturday, April 7th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8603

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 8614

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Penny Stratford, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 8624

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.**—April 14th. Bells (8) 2. Dedication of belfry screen 3. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. All ringers welcome. Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted. 8594

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Weston, April 14th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Notifications for tea by 11th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 8628

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Ilminster Saturday, April 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 10th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 8626

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Creech St. Michael, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8608

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8610

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, before April 7th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 8619

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8618

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Clerkenwell, 3; Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORDSWORTH 5109). 8607

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, April 14th. Names for tea to me not later than April 7th.—E. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8630

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly. Cotterstock (5), April 14th. 3 Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Transport, Oundle—Cotterstock, can be arranged. Apply Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8625

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks (6), Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea, by April 10th, to Mr. H. Hall, Measham House, Shireoaks, Worksop.—H. Denman. 8627

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—Will all members note that the annual meeting will take place at St. John's, Blackpool, on April 21st. 8613

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—N.W. District will be holding a district meeting with the Saffron Walden Guild on the occasion of the Great Ringing Day (June 30th). Book this date and help to make it a great day. Lunch and tea will be arranged. Further details later.—G. Bake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8609



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**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At the Church of St. Mary on March 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. C. Williams (cond.) 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, E. Brown 3, W. Glasspool 4, Miss J. Cox 5, O. N. Curtis 6, R. Brown 7, M. J. Butler 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Cox and also as a welcome to Ernest Brown.

**STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Shouler 1, L. Wesley 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, O. Warren (cond.) 5. Rang for Palm Sunday.

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## DOWN SOMERSET WAY

FOR a big Association like the Bath and Wells, the second largest in the country as far as performing members are concerned, to meet at Wrington, which is off the map in the matter of railway communication and is approached from Bath by a series of narrow lanes, strikes the stranger as a little unusual. It was not to do honour to the birthplace of that 17th century philosopher John Locke or that humanitarian Hannah More, who is buried in the churchyard, that the Bath and Wells Association selected Wrington for its annual meeting this year. Throughout the Exercise its bells are noted for their magnificent tone and they are placed in what has been described as 'possibly the finest square western tower in the whole world.' There were, doubtless, other reasons; the village has a reputation for a keen band of ringers, and what, as far as Guild Festivals are concerned, is of equal importance, can produce for its visitors as tasty a slice of 'home-cured' as the heart could wish for in these days, washed down with a glass of 'home brewed.' To town dwellers this truly rural and homely atmosphere came as a welcome relief to the meetings in big towns and cities. And the warm welcome dispelled the gloom of a cold March rain during the afternoon.

Who are the policy makers of British ringing to-day? Probably some would answer the Standing Committee of the Central Council, others would regard the small groups of experts who foregather and correspond together on the pressing points of the moment, but for interpretation we would unhesitatingly say it is those Guild officers and ringing masters who by unremitting attention to meetings endeavour by precept to set the standard. A pleasing thing is the loyalty of these executives to the Central Council; what is codified at the hub is interpreted on the circumference of the wheel, which alone comes in contact with the earth. At times rocks are encountered which cause splinters, but by and large the wheel revolves smoothly.

We do not suggest that the Bath and Wells Association is the policy maker of the Exercise; its members in no sense claim such a distinction. They do say, however, that they conscientiously perform their primary duty to the Church in the matter of Sunday ringing, and by a steady flow of young ringers into the belfries they are insuring against the future. There is one question that is engaging their immediate attention and that is that there should be

no peal ringing in Lent—service ringing and practices, yes, but not peal ringing. On this subject the Master (Preb. A. J. Hook) has a staunch ally in the general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, whose name has added lustre to the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' since its inception.

We are conscious that this is a burning question. The Exercise as a whole has accepted the principle that there should be no tower-bell peal ringing in Holy Week, although a Bishop with a clear conscience can umpire one of the nation's biggest sporting events on Holy Saturday. There has, however, been no acceptance by the Exercise that there should be no peals in Lent. We think on this particular subject it would be unwise for the Central Council to give a ruling. It is a matter more for 'the circumference of the wheel.' If the Bath and Wells regard this abstinence as conducive to the best interests of ringing in their territory, then their viewpoint should be accepted by the Exercise and visiting peal ringers would not attempt to dissuade them or impede them in their ideal by asking for towers or inviting their members to stand in peals in their own area territory during the 40 days in question. The treatment of peal ringing in Lent is a matter of 'local option.'

Where the Bath and Wells can take special credit is in their success in fostering a good relationship with the B.B.C. in the Western Region. The report of Mr. Dyke on this matter we give in extenso. A programme of six recordings of different towers in the West Country has been arranged through friendly co-operation. What has been accomplished in the Western Region should be possible in other regions. It seems to us that where those in authority are prepared to show initiative there will be a co-operative response from the programme builders of the B.B.C. This new series, which starts about April 24th—Evercrech tower is to be the second on the list—should give ringers a real chance. In the matter of broadcasts the B.B.C. are influenced by public opinion. If you enjoy the programme, let the B.B.C. know—a postcard will suffice—but do write. It is the voice of the many that counts. We hope that at Chester Mr. Dyke will give the Council the benefit of his advice and experience on this important subject. There are, we feel sure, influences at work. The marked improvement in the Easter Day broadcast, to our mind, was not a matter of chance. If we are wrong then all we can say is that the columns of letters on the subject that appeared in 'The Ringing World' were not in vain. The ringers in question were on their mettle and they performed with great credit.



**TEN BELL PEALS**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 28 cwt.

*GEOFFREY SMITH .. .. Treble	†HAROLD F. BROWN .. .. 6
†PERCY H. PIGG .. .. 2	CHARLES W. SMITH .. .. 7
†CYRIL A. HURST .. .. 3	†HARRY L. MARTIN .. .. 8
JOHN GIPSON .. .. 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. .. 9
†WILLIAM J. RIDGEMAN .. 5	†PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Rung in honour of Cambridge becoming a city and a birthday compliment to Anthony Martin.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

HAROLD WALKER .. .. Treble	†BERT SUTTON .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKEN .. .. 2	*SIDNEY ELWICK .. .. 7
*STEDMAN STEEL .. .. 3	†DESMOND FORTH .. .. 8
†EDWARD HUDSON .. .. 4	*HARRY SHORT .. .. 9
†EDWARD RICKITT .. .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by S. MARCH.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal. ‡First peal on ten bells and first of Treble Bob. First peal on the new ten bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 2	†WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. .. 7
*EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. 3	*EDWARD L. A. HUDSON .. 8
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 4	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. 5	*JOHN B. FORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire as conductor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to ten.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*EDGAR BUXTON .. .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
†GERALD ARMSTRONG .. 2	ARTHUR LYGO .. .. 6
SAM PINDER .. .. 3	†JOHN HOUGH .. .. 7
MAUREEN PINDER .. .. 4	CECIL KNAPP .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ..	<i>Treble</i>	CHARLES BROWNLOW ..	5
JACK KAY .. .. .	2	ALBERT HEYWOOD ..	6
EVEREST FORD .. ..	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	7
ARNOLD CRITCHLEY ..	4	JOHN F. WOOD .. ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT HEYWOOD.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Richards, also a 74th birthday compliment to Edward B. Webster.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**

No. 23, C.C.C.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

VERNON SYKES .. .. Treble	JACK CLEGG .. .. 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 2	IVAN KAY .. .. 6
DAVID J. GAY .. .. 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kay.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 5
*G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 6
*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	*W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 7
AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 4	*C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringer of the 2nd and 4th.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DEREK WHITFORD .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 7
WILLIAM PROCTOR .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Whalley, the Rev. F. Brown.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours.

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 6
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 3	ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. .. 7
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal of Major. Rung muffled in memory of James George. It was at this church Mr. George rang his last tower peal on August 24th, 1939. The same composition and same conductor.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 RAUNDS SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .... 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 3	JOHN E. SKERRITT .. .. 7
BRIAN S. COPE .. .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and for the Guild. In memoriam James George.

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## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WENBAN .. .. Treble	FREDK. A. H. CATTILL .. 5
THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 2	DEREK R. JUDD .. .. 6
EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH .. 3	JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. 7
W. GEORGE CHESHIRE .. 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Dr. Edward Carpenter, who has been appointed a Canon of Westminster Abbey.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 5
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG .. 6
*ENID LONNEN .. .. 3	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 4	HAROLD J. PESKETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal on eight 'inside.' First peal in method by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. Treble	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

## BINGHAM, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GORDON .. .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 3	THOMAS F. EAST .. .. 7
GEORGE BISHOP .. .. 4	ALEXANDER WOODLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters as Vicar and of Mr. H. E. Parsons as schoolmaster. Also a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, this being his first peal at his home tower since 1919.

## EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19½ cwt.

E. WINFRED KEYS .. .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 7
NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM H. T. KING .. Treble	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 3	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	†HARRY F. MAKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS R. LOWE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. The conductor's 75th peal and first peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. M. B. Bannister, M.A. Also as a wedding compliment to Miss Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth, of Leicester.

## MEOPHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD .. .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 2	GERALD FROST .. .. 6
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 4	†ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich.

## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
JEAN M. BROWN .. .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 7
DAVID R. REED .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*JEAN A. BROOKS .. .. Treble	*PETER HALLAM .. .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6
†DIANA SEAL .. .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. This composition, an eight-part with 200 calls, is now rung for the first time.

## WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN E. LOFTY .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
G. WILFRID SLACK .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
PHILIP J. COWARD .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.



WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. .	5
ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. .	2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. .. .	6
DAVID GODFREY .. .. .	3	DAVID SMITH .. .. .	7
HENRY PARKER .. .. .	4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Parker and son of ringer of the 7th, and for Mr. Johnson, who has just completed 60 years as a ringer at the above tower.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. .	Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. .. .	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. .	2	REV. F. F. RIGBY .. .. .	6
MISS M. REAY .. .. .	3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. .	7
SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. .. .	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to Miss M. Reay, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment in West Bromwich.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.
CHARLES W. COOK .. .. .	Treble
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. .. .	2
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. .. .	3
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. .	4
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. .	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. .	6
PETER BORDER .. .. .	7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb.
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. .	Treble
FRANCES RAYBOULD .. .. .	2
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. .	3
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. .	4
*RAYMOND DUNN .. .. .	5
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND .. .. .	6
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. .	7
†JACK TROMANS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung for the Easter festival.

## SIX BELL PEALS

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven 720's of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.	Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.
JAMES STANWAY, JUN. .. .. .	Treble
WILLIAM P. DEANE .. .. .	2
LESLIE HIGGS .. .. .	3
WILLIAM A. WESTON .. .. .	4
JAMES STANWAY, SEN. .. .. .	5
WILLIAM HAZELDINE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DEANE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Attoe, mother of the Vicar. First Surprise peal to be rung on the bells.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
PETER G. BARNES .. .. .	Treble
MAX PAGE .. .. .	2
RAYMOND TALBOT .. .. .	3
JOHN GOULD .. .. .	4
GEORGE W. BARNES .. .. .	5
*WALTER BAILEY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND TALBOT.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles for all the band. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 960 April Day, 1,920 Plain Bob (four callings) and 2,160 Grandsire (ten callings).

*JOHN E. LOYD .. .. .	Treble	†ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. .	4
GEOFFREY W. HAIR .. .. .	2	WILLIAM H. CURSON .. .. .	5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. .	3	†WALTER R. BEERE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*MRS. D. BOWEN .. .. .	Treble
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. .	2
†DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. .	3
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. .	4
LESLIE EVANS .. .. .	5
WILFRID NORGROVE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores and four 240's of Grandsire, eight six-scores of Bob Doubles and eight six-scores of April Day.

PETER BENNETT .. .. .	Treble	KEN SPIERS .. .. .	4
CHARLES HAYLINGS .. .. .	2	JACK ROBERTS .. .. .	5
*BERNARD SPIERS .. .. .	3	†ALGIE WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JACK ROBERTS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. A. Bennett, mother of the treble ringer.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.
*FRANK BLONDELL .. .. .	Treble
†JANET S. BAILEY .. .. .	2
†SIDNEY SABAN .. .. .	3
†PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. .	4
*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. .	5
†FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal 'inside.' The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240's of Morris's arrangement.

*DAVID COBB .. .. .	Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .	4
*TIMOTHY COBB (13) .. .. .	2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. .. .	5
HAROLD MEEK .. .. .	3	CHARLES LARNER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 Plain Bob and 3,840 Grandsire (12 Morris's 240 and eight extents, six callings).

BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. .	Treble	*REV. J. KINGDON .. .. .	4
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. .	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. .	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. .	3	JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal in two methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Selby and District Society.)  
On Fri., Mar. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

HORACE S. MORLEY .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. .	4
JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. .	2	THOMAS W. TUNE .. .. .	5
FRED TERRY .. .. .	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.



ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

LEONARD WALSH .. .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 4
STUART A. SMITH .. .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED J. BAILEY .. .. Treble	*DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4
*THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 2	*WILLIAM DARE .. .. 5
ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in three methods of Minor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Emrys Rees on his 26th year as Vicar of St. Mary's, and to Frank J. Bailey (79), 42 years leader of the ringers.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Norfolk and Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, London and Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, York and Durham and Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*LYDIA M. CROWSON .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
RAYMOND WADE .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
*JAMES W. HAW .. .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal in 14 Spliced Surprise methods. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. Charles W. E. Horne, who is seriously ill and is retiring after just over 50 years in the ministry.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,440 of April Day, 1,440 of Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*H. COMMINS .. .. Treble	*G. DAVIS .. .. 4
F. MORRIS .. .. 2	*C. TARR .. .. 5
*F. BRANCHFLOWER .. 3	*W. COMMINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

\* First peal of Doubles in three methods. The conductor's 100th peal. A coming-of-age compliment to Miss E. Wallis, granddaughter of a former incumbent of this parish.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ROGER LEIGH .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 4
J. BRIAN SMITH .. .. 2	DEREK WHITFORD .. .. 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. 4
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except conductor. A wedding compliment to Kathleen M. Gillam and Gordon Barlow (local) and to Jill Poole and Peter Staniforth, of Leicester Cathedral.

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At 110, NOEL STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

GEORGE E. PADGETT .. .. 1-2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

400th peal as conductor.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., Mar. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour 53 Minutes,*

At GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. .. 1-2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 3-4

\*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 5-6

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

In ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5-6
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7-8

JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Mar. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	HARRY POYNER .. .. 9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Mar. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

At 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7-8
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4	HARRY POYNER .. .. 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

**RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Mar. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,*

At 85, DERBY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 8 in C.

JACK BAILEY .. .. 1-2	ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3-4
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\*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First handbell peal away from 1-2.

**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., Mar. 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,*

At RAVENSCAR, 22, KINGSWOOD AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D sharp.

\*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2 | †DEREK G. GOODMAN .. .. 3-4

†HARRY POYNER .. .. 5-6

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor on handbells. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor on handbells and first peal as conductor on handbells.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., Mar. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

M. J. Morris's Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. .. 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, Miss Sylvia Dean 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On March 11th, 1,230 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 390 Grandsire): J. Chambers 1, R. Soars 2, G. Lowe (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. W. Lowe 4, K. Lovett 5.

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Howard 1, J. P. Morris 2, A. T. Randall (first 'inside' 3), W. B. Dawson 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, G. R. Dawson 6, C. Wander (cond.) 7, A. H. Bennett 8.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hutton 1, D. Henshall 2, A. Ward 3, A. M. Cooper 4, Miss E. S. Wise 5, R. M. Edwards 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, F. Dawson 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edwin Boroughs, who rang at the church for 57 years and died on Feb. 6th.

**BOSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): P. R. Blackman 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (cond.) 3, H. W. Stoveld 4, C. Sangwin 5, R. A. Harley 6.

**BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Easter Eve, at All Saints', 1,264 Bob Major: T. Holmes 1, G. Martin (cond.) 2, T. Goodchild 3, J. Eldridge 4, W. Judd 5, R. Howes 6, M. Upstone 7, E. Gosling 8. First quarter of Major for 6 and 7. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lister 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, W. Judd 4, J. Eldridge 5, R. Hunt 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—On Easter Day, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jenkins 1, Miss Betty Hewison (first 'inside' 2), J. Liddle 3, J. W. Cundall 4, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 5, A. Ashton 6, D. R. Marshall 7, T. Pedder 8. J. W. Cundall is now in his 83rd year.

**BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.**—On March 15th, 1,416 Surprise Minor (96 London and Wells, 360 Dereham, 144 York, 240 Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun. 1, W. P. Deane (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen. 5, W. Hazeldine 6.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Townsend 1, H. Folwell 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, D. Wesley 4, C. Gough 5, J. Waite 6, G. Burton 7, N. Treggitt (first quarter) 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At Great St. Mary's on Easter Day, 1,299 Stedman Caters: P. Pigg 1, A. T. Chinery 2, C. A. Hurst 3, P. Border 4, W. J. Ridgeman 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, H. Martin 8, J. W. Quinney 9, H. F. Brown 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pimlott (cond.) 1, W. McDowell 2, I. Davidson (first 'inside' 3), A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber (first quarter) 6. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: I. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6. First in method for 1, 4 and 6.

**CHEPSTOW, MON.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Voss (first away from tenor) 1, Jacqueline S. Evans (first as cond.) 2, D. J. King 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J. L. Smith 5, J. Morgan 6, J. J. Sims 7, Peter Farrington 8. Rung half-muffled with 7.6.8 covering before the performance of a sacred cantata, 'The Way to the Cross,' in which five of the band took part.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Pulker 1, H. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, C. Taplin 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. E. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his 70th birthday.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On March 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Moss 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, E. J. Butler 4, J. Edwards 5, L. Mills 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. Hyndard 8. First quarter in method for 5 and 6. A birthday compliment for G. M. Rashbrook.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Henderson 1, T. Dodd 2, W. Tyson 3, A. Cowen 4, P. Draffen 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, T. Hargreaves 8.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): H. Cummings 1, J. Higgins 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Ruff and Mr. H. Holdom.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—On March 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Leyland 1, R. D. Langford (cond.) 2, H. Edge 3, W. Kerr 4, R. T. Holding 5, H. F. Holding 6, G. Packer 7, Wm. Edge 8, I. Nichols 9, W. F. Stenson 10. In memoriam Jim Riding. A birthday compliment to Wm. T. Holding.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.**—On Easter Day, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Stanford (first of Triples) 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, Miss N. Howes 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Robert Edden 6, D. Scott 7, N. Hotchin 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Yates 1, A. T. Weeks 2, M. S. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Neate 6.

**EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On March 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss E. W. Keys 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, N. J. Smith 4, F. W. Burnett 5, P. R. Blackman 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8. First quarter in the method for all except 5 and 7. Rung in honour of St. Patrick's Day.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Allen (first quarter) 1, W. Coates 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. Rowntree 4, H. Denman 5, J. Bartram 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. Also on Good Friday, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in these methods spliced by all the band.

**EATON, LEICS.**—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cecil Darley (first quarter) 1, Hilda Shipman 2, F. J. Williams 3, P. Turner 4, H. W. Shipman 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Pamela Kemp and Mr. Geoffrey Wade.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill (aged 12) 1, R. Crago (aged 10) 2, A. Sanger (aged 11) 3, R. March (aged 13) 4, J. Nicholls (aged 15) 5, J. Badman (aged 16) 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, A. White 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss J. Sturgess 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, G. Privett 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, A. Noble 5, A. Sturgess 6, Rev. Royds-Jones 7, H. Jude 8. First of Doubles by all.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, J. Hutt 2, F. Wheeler 3, C. Evans 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, E. C. Hughes 6, F. Whipp 7, D. Vincent 8.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On March 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. E. Jemmett 1, C. Eades 2, H. Manuel 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, Miss E. S. Wyles 5, F. Pack 6, E. Eades 7, W. S. Palin (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, and first 'inside' for 3. Rung for Palm Sunday.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Ainsworth (first 'inside' 2), J. A. Ainsworth 3, T. M. Cox (first of Grandsire) 4, E. N. Harrison 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Mason 1, J. Mason, jun. (first 'inside' 2), Mrs. W. White 3, C. Fennell 4, A. Fleet 5, R. Elliott (cond.) 6.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob One-part): H. Baker 1, W. Grice 2, J. Wallis 3, L. Mannering 4, B. Baker 5, G. Waters 6, L. Head 7, H. Smith 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Packer and Miss B. E. Lee, of the Lewisham band.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hollis 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Westmore (first 'inside' 5), C. Morris 6.

**GODSTONE, SURREY.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Gibbs 1, D. Martin 2, Joan Gray 3, R. E. Price 4, M. S. Cloke 5, P. G. Foote 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. First quarter of Surprise for 2 and 6. A farewell to Philip and Joan Gray, who sailed for Australia on March 1st.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On March 21st, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Harrison (first on ten) 1, S. Proctor 2, R. Parker 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, F. Parsons 5, W. Dale (first on ten) 6, J. Cragg 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Bernard Hancock, interred at Grantham the same day.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Evelyn M. Capon (first quarter) 1, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 2, C. J. Piper 3, W. M. Stepany 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, G. Beeny 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archdeacon of Bombay.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pam Collis 1, H. Colcombe 2, Pat McFarlane (first quarter 'inside,' age 13) 3, J. King 4, Judy Dodson 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, J. Brent 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judy Dodson 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, Pam Collis 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, Pat McFarlane 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 4, 5 and 8.

**IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. King 1, M. Sharpe (first quarter) 2, E. Bishop 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral on March 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, R. F. Smith 2, J. L. Millhouse 3, L. Snell 4, D. R. White 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, J. A. Freeman 7, G. M. Mayer 8, S. A. Chambers 9, H. Lowman 10.

**MARKET WEIGHTON, EAST YORKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Dove 1, Frank Kneeshaw 2, P. Thompson 3, Harry Kneeshaw 4, John W. Kneeshaw (cond.) 5, H. Musk 6.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Andrews (cond.) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. T. Hunt 6, W. C. West 7, H. Cockell 8.

**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Leighton 1, G. Bailey 2, J. Stimson 3, W. Smith 4, Miss S. Wise 5, F. Sheppard 6, H. Clayton 7, H. Aley (cond.) 8.

**MORTON, DERBYS.**—On March 17th, 720 Kent, 240 Norwich, 240 Cambridge, Plain Course, Plain Bob: K. Sterland (12) 1, W. Swain 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Babington Turbutt to Mr. Godfrey Francis Harris.

**NORTON SUBCOUSE, NORFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, S. Fenn 5, E. A. Long (cond.) 6. First quarter peal after restoration of the bells.

**OCKBROOK, DERBYS.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Harrison 1, R. Grice 2, M. Bailey (cond.) 3, J. Salisbury 4, C. J. Gibbs 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

**OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 25th, 1,280 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Carlisle 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. R. Carlisle 3, H. Seagrave 4, G. R. Widdall 5, R. E. Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle 8.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia M. Wareham 1, M. Elizabeth Roe 2, Renata Buchthal 3, A. M. Elliott 4, E. H. Edge 5, K. M. Grayson (cond.) 6. Rung on the 225th anniversary of the birth of John Aubrey, antiquarian, who is buried in this church.

**PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 12th, 2,520 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 1,080 of Plain Bob): W. Mawby 1, P. Jones 2, I. Dickens (first half of Minor) 3, W. Hammonds 4, G. Care 5, H. Wooding (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs. A. Sansome, donor of the treble bell.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (14) 1, N. B. Davis (13, first as cond.) 2, I. T. Read (15) 3, F. C. Davis (first 'inside' 4), E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman (16) 6.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKS.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Ingham 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3, G. Turner 4, J. Pearson 5, H. Wild 6, W. Bottomley 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 5.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gilbert 1, A. Dockerill 2, G. Allgood 3, H. Heathfield 4, S. E. Roberts 5, W. J. Houghton 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. Walby 8.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—At St. Chad's on Feb. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Miss B. Carter 1, J. R. Griffiths 2, A. E. Reeves 3, F. Price 4, C. Lee 5, J. Butler 6, T. Price 7, B. Harris 8, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 9, F. G. Beddow 10, J. N. London 11, P. Swindley 12. First quarter of Plain Bob Maximus for all.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—On March 18th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,313 Stedman Cinques: D. E. Parsons 1, Joyce A. England 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 4, M. O. Thomas 5, R. C. Pridgeon 6, W. Williams 7, J. Phillips 8, J. H. Crampion 9, F. E. Collins 10, R. F. Deal 11, C. J. Watts 12.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, J. Mitchelson, sen. 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, W. Parker 4, E. Butler 5, L. Knowles 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of London.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: K. C. Seger 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 8.

**WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Inceal 1, H. T. Price (cond.) 2, C. Williams 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Farmer 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter on the bells by local band. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams on the birth of their daughter.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dorling (first quarter) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood (first 'inside' 3), E. Foster 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

**WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): A. Cuthbert 1, G. Berry 2, G. Finch 3, A. Pipe 4, J. Prestrean (cond.) 5, B. Cooper 6.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, F. Burnett 2, J. Skinner 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, W. Hayman 5, F. Bastin 6, R. Perry 7, J. Deem 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples by 1 and 7.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—On March 12th, at All Saints', 2,520 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss G. Crookford 2, J. Woodason 3, Miss M. Cole 4, E. Langley 5, H. Dyer 6, W. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Elliott 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. E. Ward, churchwarden for many years.



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The marriage of Miss Jill  
Poole, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Harold Poole to Mr.  
Peter Staniford, at Leicester Cathedral on Easter  
Monday was a very happy occasion. The  
Bishop of Leicester officiated. The wedding has  
been honoured by peals in various parts of the  
country, the Leicester Cathedral band's con-  
tribution being a peal of Albanian Maximus on  
the following day.

Messrs. B. G. Warwick and D. G. Goodman,  
of Leicester, have now rung handbell peals of  
Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Great Totham, Essex, had their six bells re-  
hung in time for Easter by Messrs. Mears and  
Stainbank.

A purse containing money was found in the  
cloakroom at Tonbridge after the annual meet-  
ing of the Kent County Association. Will any-  
one claiming same forward particulars to Mr.  
F. M. Mitchell, 144, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A ringing tour in Northern Ireland, prob-  
ably to begin at Dublin on August 11th and to  
finish there on August 17th, is under considera-  
tion. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate,  
Norwich, would be glad to hear from anyone  
who might like to join the party.

The first peal on the bells at 'S. Nicholas',  
Arundel, since rehanging, was achieved at the  
third attempt. On the first occasion it was  
lost by a missed bob in the last part and the  
second time by a shift course five minutes from  
the end.

When Leicester University College football  
team visited Tübingen University, Germany,  
they took with them an illuminated scroll com-  
memorating the happy relationship between the  
two educational establishments. The scroll is  
the work of Mr. Ernest Morris. Tübingen  
students visit Leicester in May and Mr. Morris  
has promised to conduct them on a tour of the  
city.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

There are changes in the  
representatives of the Kent  
County Association on the  
Central Council as the result of voting at the  
annual meeting at Tonbridge. Those elected were  
Messrs. G. H. Spice, P. A. Corby, T. E. Sone  
and J. Willis. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. F.  
M. Mitchell failed to retain their seats on the  
Council.

Mr. Tom Southam is the new president of the  
Hertfordshire County Association and Mr.  
Walter Ayre has resigned the secretaryship, a  
post he has held since 1946. His successor is  
Mr. A. V. Frost, of St. Albans.

The peal of Triples at Syston on Easter  
Monday was a triple wedding peal:—For Jill  
Poole and Peter Staniforth, who were married  
that morning at Leicester Cathedral; for Mavis  
Barker and Robert Tubby, for whom the seventh  
ringer acted as 'best man'; and for Mary  
Hunt and Peter West, of local fame.

It may interest members of the Cambridge  
University Guild that Mr. Eric Roberts, who  
for the last two years has been Master of the  
Hereford Cathedral School Society has won an  
exhibition to Selwyn College. He has rung 15  
peals and is proficient in several Surprise Major  
methods.

Members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers  
will assemble at Wells, Somerset, next Monday,  
for their annual tour. Visits will be paid to  
most of the towers within an approximate radius  
of ten miles including Wells Cathedral and  
Wington. The party will consist of the Revs.  
J. H. B. Andrews, Canon C. Carew Cox, Pre-  
bendary E. V. Cox, K. C. Davis, F. Ll. Ed-  
wards, K. W. H. Felstead, R. H. Palmer, D. P.  
Roberts, I. J. Richards, A. G. G. Thurlow,  
W. H. R. Trehwella, C. Elliot Wigg and Canon  
R. F. Wilkinson. The Rev. H. F. Warren and  
Mrs. E. S. Powell hope to join the party on  
three days.

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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT WRINGTON — MASTER REQUESTS NO PEAL RINGING IN LENT — RISING COSTS, BUT NO INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION — LIAISON WITH B.B.C.: A NEW WEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME — MR. OSBORN AND LOSING BELL MUSIC

WRINGTON'S full-toned bells, with a tenor of 37 cwt, were heard in all their glory on Easter Monday, when the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held. A large and representative gathering attended and listened to three thought-provoking and controversial speeches from the Master, the hon. secretary and the tower adviser.

Proceedings started with ringing, followed by the service at mid-day conducted by the Rector of Wrington (the Rev. E. Chetwynd Talbot). The address was given by Preb. A. J. Hook (the Master). Lunch followed under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight.

The Master presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), and announced apologies from Mr. G. Coles, whose wife was dangerously ill, Mr. George Stacey, Mr. Topp and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon.

He extended a hearty welcome to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' 'We are very proud of our "Ringing World,"' he said. 'It has not let us down: it always puts forward the fundamental things, that our ringing is for the Glory of God and service ringing is the most important thing in the Exercise.'

He also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Perrens, Mr. Haywood and Mr. Webb (Coventry).

### THE WAR MEMORIAL

Arising from the minutes, a question was raised as to why no mention was made in 'The Ringing World' of the dedication of the Association's War Memorial at Bath Abbey.

The hon. secretary said the Archdeacon of Bath decided to dedicate the memorial on a Sunday evening at 6.30, when the ringers were at their own churches, with the result that hardly any ringers were present. He himself was not there, but was ringing in his own church.

The Master, in his report, regretted that he now lived in a backwater as far as ringing was concerned and was unable to drive after dark.

The Association was in a very flourishing condition; that was shown by the activities of the branches, the number of members and the number of parishes which were tackling the business of putting their bells in order. Where the money was coming from he could not think. At Holford, where he was living, they now had five bells and were providing a floor for the ringing chamber. At Yatton, a pre-Reformation bell was incorporated in the ring and the result was very good. The founders and all concerned were much to be congratulated.

### MEMBERSHIP OF 1,516

Last year the secretary announced the membership was 1,515. It was more this year—it was 1,516. The secretary had told him that it was the most flourishing association in the county in regard to its population. The membership of the different branches was as follows: Axbridge 221. Bath 126. Bridgewater 120, Cary 192. Chew 161. Crewkerne 73. Dunster 175. Frome 145. Glaston 81. Ilchester 82 and Taunton 130. The attendance at the meetings had been extraordinarily good and he understood that the average attendance at the Dunster Deanery was 76. Portishead was honoured by inclusion in the Christmas Day broadcast.

The Association had been behaving itself very well during the past quarter for, if they remembered, there was a strong recommendation that there should be no peal ringing in Lent and that, he felt sure, was really right. It was the fashion to pay no attention to Lent. His grandfather would have had a fit if he knew the Boat Race was held on Holy Saturday. 'I think we as churchpeople, should

ring in Lent only for services and necessary practices and I hope you will all bear that in mind when another Lent comes round.'

The hon. secretary, in his report, thanked the local secretaries and Ringing Masters who had done so much to make the work of the Association run smoothly. He congratulated the secretaries of the Axbridge and Cary branches, which were the two leading branches, as far as numbers were concerned. These two branches, together with Bridgewater, had shown the greatest increase in membership during the past few years.

He proposed to print the report for the past three years in one volume. They had sufficient money in hand to print a report yearly after then for the next three years without touching investments. It would be after those three years that they would have to decide on a method to increase income.

In that respect he had come to the conclusion that to raise the subscription would be the most unwise thing to do. 'Who cost the Association most? The peal ringers do. It costs approximately sevenpence to print a ringer's name once in the peal list. So that if he rings three peals he owes the Association threepence and he gets a shilling report free. I can say these things quite freely because I ring as many peals as most. Don't think that I spend a lot of time peal ringing. The only thing is that I don't lose many. So I say to you now, while I have a chance, make the peal ringers pay. They can do it. If you ask ringers for a subscription to a peal board with their names on it, they will simply rush to pay.'

### RELATIONSHIP WITH B.B.C.

'I am happy to report that our relations with the B.B.C. remain good. Ever since 1926 when, through earphones, I took down the calling of a magnificent touch of Stedman Trioles from Barking, Essex, I have been in fairly regular touch with the B.B.C. In 1937, the late Stephen Wood, Miss Williams and I sought an interview with the then regional director. We were received with sympathy and we thought we had got somewhere. Unfortunately, within a few weeks, the director had taken another job, and we had to start all over again.'

'A break came when many leading ringers in the six Western counties were asked for advice concerning the forthcoming feature, "From Tower to Steeple." I told the B.B.C. that a ringer was needed to get things right, and I put forward the name of E. J. Taylor who was, I felt, the man to hold the balance between the change ringers and the call change ringers of Devon and Cornwall. At this point I would like to put on record that I have now a tremendous amount of respect for the latter. I had a ring with some of them some months ago and found that I had to concentrate tremendously to fit in with the uncanny accuracy with which they struck their bells. I didn't let you down. They told me that my ringing was "maain" accurate but nearer to 34 changes a minute than to 32, which it should have been. I replied that they didn't tell me that when they started or it would have been done.'

'Mr. Taylor told me that he went to Plymouth to hear all the existing records of West Country bells and with the exception of one tower, not a Somerset one, the ringing was definitely poor. So new records had to be made. Of the many recordings taken, it is satisfactory to note that Chewton Mendip and Wrington records were processed and are used as interval signals. Those of us who made them would like to get a chance to improve them. The bands were those we could get at short notice and time did not permit of retakes, as it were. We

were also honoured by the inclusion of Queen Camel and Ditchbeat in the programme.

### A NEW PROGRAMME

'Now things promise to be better still. There is to be a series of six bell programmes starting, I think, on April 24th, one from each of the south-western counties. Somerset, with a programme from Evercreech, is the second in the series. Harry Sanger and I have had the temerity to submit a script to the B.B.C. We have had no comments on it and as we are doing the recordings on Wednesday next, there seems hope that it has now passed muster. If you like it, do write to the B.B.C. and tell them so. If you don't like it, or have any criticisms, write to us, so that we can collate those criticisms and pass them on to the next who have to perform.'

'Concerning criticism, ringers perform in public, frequently to that public's annoyance. So it follows that ringers should expect public criticism. Now criticism is of two kinds, well-informed and ill-informed. You have had a recent example of this. The president of the Central Council spoke adversely of the Christmas broadcast ringing. Those of us who have the privilege to know him personally are well aware that he never makes a statement without carefully weighing his words. So that if he said the ringing was bad, then it was bad. His was well-informed criticism. The criticism of the writer in 'The Ringing World' who could not tell six bells from eight, nor Grand-sire Triples from call changes was ill-informed. But we should be well advised to listen to criticism, whether it be well-informed or not, and not dismiss it lightly. You must remember that the outside public, in towns particularly, is ill-informed as far as ringing is concerned, but it is most anxious to learn. It is to catch the interest of non-ringers that we have devised our programme.'

'In Somerset there are good bells and in many cases there are local bands who can ring their own bells very well indeed. I think, with Harry Sanger, that every local band should prepare a short touch suitable for service broadcasting, so that if called upon to broadcast, they can make a reasonably good show. If any band requires my help to prepare such a touch, they have only to ask. I am very much against the principle of importing bands to broadcast if it can be at all avoided. On the other hand, I do think that local ringers' efforts should be vetted, as are the other adjuncts to a religious service.'

'In conclusion, I am anxious to help any ringer either in his ringing or his conducting or in elementary composition and he has only to ask. There is only one type of ringer whom I am powerless to help and that is the individual—fortunately there are few of them—who resents criticisms and tries to progress at a rate greater than his natural aptitude will let him. That is the greatest source of bad striking that there is.'

The acceptance of the report was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. E. E. Fisher.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE

The secretary reported on the recommendations of the committee. He said that Mr. Stacey owned the die of their badge, which had been in use for 50 years, and he had quoted £32 8s. a gross for badges which they could sell at 4s. 6d. each. The committee had ordered a gross. With regard to the Shearn pamphlet the committee recommended that no further steps be taken in view of the excellent publications available such as the 'Ringers Handbook.' A ballot took place at the meeting.

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**BATH & WELLS ASSN.—Cont.**

ing of the committee for Central Council representatives and the following were elected:—Miss Williams, Messrs. G. Cole, H. Sanger and J. Dyke.

Mr. H. Sanger gave an interesting report on the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne.

Mr. W. A. Osborn reported on seven towers he had visited during the year. Yarlington had three musical bells and they hoped to add three more there.

At Farleigh Hungerford and another tower work had been done to the clappers. At Wells Cathedral the clappers had been attended to and also those of the two prayer bells. He wrote to the Chapter of Wells Cathedral calling attention to the fact that in raising the last four, they set at backstroke and it was necessary for someone to climb up and turn over the clapper. He suggested that they should give permission for the four bells to be left up and lowered, say, once a month. The Chapter replied that some years ago the Dean made an order that they should be lowered each day and there was no reason to alter it.

He found in many towers a lot of clapper staples without split pins and no nut spins. At one tower they found that the main girders were rusting at the tower end. He asked members to examine their girders and keep them painted. Ropes in many towers he inspected were in bad order.

Another thing worrying him was the closing up of louvres. In many cases bells had been lowered and the louvres blocked up, the sound being allowed to escape from a little hole in the roof. By this means they were stopping a lot of the harmonics of a bell from getting out. If they made an expensive bell with beautiful tones and a powerful note and stonped up the louvres, the music was ruined. He could not help feeling that the blocking of louvres was overdone.

The way to control the sound was at the source—the clapper strike. 'Later on,' continued Mr. Osborn, 'the bellfounders will say we need not make all these expensive bells; we will make some "short-winded" ones. Don't go and box up your bells. We, in Somerset, delight in bell music and it is better heard at a distance. If you want those beautiful tones and harmonics, you must have an open tower. The best is one with an open roof.'

Upon the proposition of Mr. F. Farrant, the officers were re-elected as follows:—Master, Preb. A. J. Hook; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Dyke; hon. auditor, Mr. F. C. Andrews; tower adviser, Mr. W. A. Osborn.

Returning thanks, the hon. secretary said: 'I told you last year the dead line was Easter, 1953, if I live as long.'

The president concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Wrington, the organist, the incumbents of the churches who had opened their towers and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Leslie Pullin and Mrs. Nurton for the excellent lunch.

Mr. F. E. Perrens also expressed his thanks for the excellent arrangements.

**JOINT MEETING AT BENENDEN**

In spite of inclement weather about 30 members and friends attended a joint meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association and the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Benenden on March 17th.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Association's form of service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. B. Yearsley) who was also organist. A good tea was served in the schoolroom followed by a short business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair. Kent County Association business was quickly got through, one practising member (Mr. A. Smith, of Bid-denden) and one honorary member (Mrs. Willis, of Folkestone) being elected.

The only item on the Guild's agenda was the choice of a tower for the May meeting, Heathfield being chosen.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION****TOP THE 1,000 MEMBERSHIP MARK FOR FIRST TIME**

THE annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stroud on Easter Monday, about 120 members being present from all over the territory. The fine ring of 12 at Painswick was available during the morning and the 10 at Stroud during the morning and evening. Ringers from Bristol enjoyed ringing at Dursley and Wotton-under-Edge en route.

The proceeding commenced with lunch served in the Church Institute to over 100 members and friends. Lunch being over, the business meeting commenced at about 2 p.m. presided over by the Master, Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon). The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Cromhall) opened with prayer.

The secretary read apologies for absence from Mr. J. M. Stallard (Bristol), auditor, who was prevented from being present on business grounds, and Mr. J. C. Goulding (Lvdney), hon. secretary South Forest Branch, through the ill health of his wife.

Reports for 1950 were before the meeting, which obviated a lot of unnecessary reading of Master's secretary's and treasurer's reports. The membership of the Association stood now, for the first time in its existence, at over 1,000 performing members, all branches except Stow-on-the-Wold having maintained or increased their membership, and were generally in a flourishing state. The standard of ringing had improved greatly during the past year and quite a number of young members had scored their first peal.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1951**

All the present vice-presidents were re-elected and four new ones were added, namely, Messrs. C. R. Harding, late general secretary and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch; F. G. Leaker, a very well-known figure in Bristol ringing, and chairman of Bristol City Branch; Alfred E. Reeves, another well-known figure in ringing (hon. peal secretary); and Andrew J. Corrigan, who has served the Association well through enabling the annual reports to be produced on economical lines.

The election of Master was the cause of quite a lot of excitement, there being four nominations. For this, the Master (Mr. Kynaston) vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. Sidney Romans (Gloucester), Past Master and senior vice-president. The nominations were as follows:—Mr. John G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield); Mr. Leslie Barry (Gloucester); Canon W. H. Thomas (Slimbridge); and Mr. Cyril R. Harding (Downend, Bristol). This necessitated a ballot, which resulted as follows:—Mr. John G. Jefferies, 33 votes; Mr. Leslie Barry, 29; Mr. Cyril R. Harding, 28; and Canon W. H. Thomas, 15. Mr. John G. Jefferies was elected. Mr. Jefferies, who is 70 years of age, is the popular skipper at Mangotsfield and has done yeoman service for the Association for over 40 years and was for many years chairman of the Bristol Branch during the 1930's.

In thanking the meeting, Mr. Jefferies said it was a great honour that had been conferred on him that day, of which he was very proud. He thanked the retiring Master for the excellent work he had put in during his three years of Mastership and said that Mr. Kynaston had been as good a Master as the Association had had during his memory.

Mr. Frank Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. Percy Williams hon. treasurer, with Mr. Alfred Reeves hon. peal secretary. Mr. E. F. Hancock and Mr. John Stallard were re-elected hon. auditors.

**REPRESENTATION ON GENERAL COUNCIL**

Mr. Hancock (Bristol) here raised a protest that the Management Committee should not have the power to recommend nominees for these positions but that the annual meeting

only should have that right. It was explained that the recommendations were made as was customary, for the four Archdeacons, only as a guide, and the general meeting had every right to recommend who they liked, irrespective of the recommendations. The nominations were then asked for and the recommendations of the Management Committee were voted in, viz.: Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Swindon Archdeaconry; Mr. Frank Skidmore, Bristol Archdeaconry; Miss D. M. Drew, Gloucester Archdeaconry; and Mr. P. Baker, Cheltenham Archdeaconry.

Revision of rules was tackled next and certain rules were amended in light of up-to-date circumstances it being decided to issue Rule Cards to all members instead of printing in each annual report.

**FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN**

It was decided to fall in with local arrangements and ringers were asked to give of their best for this occasion. It was also decided that the Master should arrange a Festival Peal with a representative band at some convenient centre.

Newnham-on-Severn tower was to be returned to the North Forest Branch from the South Forest, where it had been transferred for many years past. Certain irregularities in a peal, rung this year, which had contravened Rule 22 but had since been put in order, were reported. The sanction of the meeting was asked to allow that peal to be recorded for the Association. This permission was granted.

There were two proposals for the place of the next annual meeting to be held on Easter Monday, 1952, Tewkesbury and Berkeley. On being put to the vote the meeting was in favour of Berkeley. Mr. Hancock invited the Association to hold its meeting in the near future in the Bristol City area.

This concluded the general business of the Association, votes of thanks being left over until after the tea, and a move was made to the church for divine service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Maltin), the address being given by the Rev. Dr. Lewis (Hardwick), the Rev. A. D. H. Allan reading the lesson. The revised form of service was used for the first time, it being generally acknowledged to be an improvement on the old one. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund was taken and amounted to £3 12s. 8d.

Tea was partaken of and the usual votes of thanks were made to all concerned, especially the branch secretary, Mr. Tom Price, who was responsible for the arrangements and received with acclamation, thus bringing to a close one of the best meetings the Association has had. Further ringing took place after the meeting on the ten at Stroud and the visitors made their way home by coach to Bristol and Swindon, etc., after a very enjoyable day well filled.

F. C.

**'BELFRYMANSHIP'  
(As I See It)**

Who well intends and forthright tells,  
Thereby makes friends—'midst ringing bells  
Who scorns the gift to voice his hopes,  
May cause a rift—and 'empty ropes.'

No method fails—in mellow sounds,  
Yet Ringers' tales sound best—as 'rounds.'  
Who yields his place—to entertain,  
Will by his grace—esteem now gain.

Who bendeth deep—to sow good seed,  
Will rise to reap tenfold indeed,  
Here 'take' and 'give' applies to all.  
Strike well—and live—then (sweetly) fall.

G. C. G.

Tavistock.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE EASTER BROADCAST

Sir,—The excellence of striking and the quality of bells chosen for the Easter Day broadcast was in marked contrast to the rather mediocre efforts we heard on Christmas Day.

Congratulations of the Exercise at large should be extended to all the various bands whose striking was of the highest order and to the B.B.C., who evidently conferred with some ringing authority in order to select the best towers for the programme.

If this standard can be kept up for future broadcasts, with the commentators telling the listening public the number of bells being rung, much good will be done and there will be less antagonism from ordinary people towards bells and ringing.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN. H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

## THE VILLAGE WEDDING

Sir,—All ringers know that the B.B.C. have, on occasions, been guilty of campanological howlers but ringers' protests seem to be having some effect, for recently the Birmingham B.B.C. rang me up to ask if I could help them to record accurately some typical village ringing for a wedding.

Whether the ability to ring the treble in Grandsire Doubles qualifies one as an authority competent to advise the B.B.C. is a point verging somewhat on the moot, but the upshot of the enquiry was that the ringers of Hanbury Church, Worcestershire, did their best to record a programme of rounds, firing and a plain course of Grandsire.

One record was reproduced in 'The Archers'—a story of country folk—on Friday morning, and another touch is to be used in about three weeks' time in the evening production of the same programme. No doubt many ringers will hear these recordings and the letters will flow. Let me stem the tide here and now. We rang as an ordinary village band—the striking was not perfect, but it was not bad, and we did our best. Can one do more? It is at least a sign of grace that the B.B.C. asked for help and were anxious to get their descriptions accurate.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD J. BIRCH,

Rector of Hanbury.

## 'THE MEAT SAFE'

Dear Sir,—During a recent session of the B.B.C. programme, 'Question-Masters' Club, Mr. Gilbert Harding nosed a query to his fellow members which stumped them all. It was 'What is in the meat safe at the House?' Apart from one ingenious suggestion that the answer should be 'Mr. Webb' no one had any solution to offer, whereupon Mr. Harding proceeded to tell them, and his elucidation was that bells were in the meat safe at the House. Had he been content to leave it at that, he would have been snared considerable correspondence, but he went on to add that the meat safe was, in fact, Tom Tower, at Christ Church, Oxford!

Apparently Mr. Gilbert Harding has been overwhelmed with protests from indignant campanologists who know that Tom Tower isn't the meat safe as, in answer to one listener, he writes 'Thank you for your letter. Yes! I was quite wrong about the meat safe, and I am busy admitting my mistake.'—Yours, etc.

WEST COUNTRYMAN.

## A 1949 BARWELL PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir—It has recently been pointed out to me by Mr. Shirley Burton that the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Barwell, Leics, on Wednesday, February 29th, 1949, is false.

I therefore wish to have the peal withdrawn and extend my sincere apologies to you, Mr. Burton, and all members of the band who took part.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. F. TROTMAN.

Nuneaton.

## A STANDARDISED CHANGE-OVER

Dear Sir,—On practice nights we usually have more ringers than ropes and very often wish to change our band over without setting the bells. In order to do this safely, we have standardised our method of handing over a bell and teach this as part of bell-handling. We find the idea works perfectly in our own tower but when our learners go visiting they still expect the 'standard' change-over and don't always get it.

Our method is, I believe, the most often used and is very simple. The change-over takes place at hand-stroke, the person 'taking over' standing behind and to the left (to the right if the ringer is left-handed). The ringer catches the sally with the right hand only and pulls the bell off again normally, at the same time passing the rope's-end safely to the person taking over. Then both wait until the bell goes up at back-stroke, when they change places. The essence of the method is that no feet are moved, nor does the relieved person move clear of the circle except at back-stroke when there is no coil of rope to step on (with disastrous results).

As by means of this change-over (which may be usual in other places but is certainly not standardised throughout the Exercise) we change over complete bands quickly without mishap and with very few bad blows, I am sure it would be beneficial to the Exercise if it were used by all ringers.

W. H. VIGGERS.

Aldershot.

## POSITION OF HERSHAM TOWER

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' correct a misstatement appearing in the annual report of the Surrey Association.

The list of towers in the N.W. District wrongly includes that of St. Peter's, Hersham. Hersham tower is affiliated to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, through its Parochial Church Council, and is not in union with any other Guild but that of its own diocese.

The fact that individual members of the Hersham band have joined the Surrey Association does not give that Association the right to claim that the tower is in union with them. Such union can only be effected by consent of the entire local band with the added consent of the Parochial Church Council.—Yours faithfully,

W. SIMMONDS,

Captain of Ringers and member of Parochial Church Council.

Hersham.

## MR. CHARLES TYLER'S HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Reference Mr. C. E. Borrett's letter on page 140 in 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd, re the death of Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, and the peals of Stedman referred to, the first peal. Stedman Triples, was rung on April 14th, 1896; composition, Thurstans' Original. W. Hillman 1-2, L. Payne 3-4, C. Tyler 5-6, G. Payne 7-8. Referee, A. W. Groves.

Then on December 3rd, 1896, Stedman Caters: C. Tyler 1-2, W. Hillman 3-4, L. Payne 5-6, G. Payne 7-8, A. W. Groves 9-10. Referee, H. Stringer.

Then on February 9th, 1897, Stedman Cinques: L. Payne 1-2, W. Hillman 3-4, G. Payne 5-6, C. Tyler 7-8, W. J. Alliss 9-10, A. W. Groves 11-12. Referee, H. Stringer.

The peals are taken from the records of the S.C.A. and A. W. Groves, who is now 84 years of age and is the sole survivor of the band.

I hope this will meet with Mr. Borrett's requirements; truly a wonderful record at that time.—Yours faithfully,

J. DEARLOVE.

Hassocks, Sussex.

## KEEP IT UP, EVERCREECH

Dear Sir,—I write to say how much I agree with Mr. H. J. Sanger's recent letter. In his first paragraph Mr. Sanger speaks of the necessity of 'an awful lot of spade work of a very elementary character,' and how very true this is! If the Exercise is to continue to flourish in years to come, it is up to all of us to do everything in our power to encourage and help young recruits to the belfry to become keen and enthusiastic Sunday service ringers and, above all, good strikers. All too many towers, both in town and country, are silent because a band is content to rest on its laurels without bothering to train recruits to carry on when they themselves became too old to climb the stairs!

However, thank goodness, there are many towers up and down the country, of which Evercreech is obviously an outstanding example, in which enthusiasm and patience have resulted in real progress. Comparisons are odious, I know, but it may interest readers of 'The Ringing World' to hear of slow but sure progress in several towers with which I am acquainted in this area. At St. Maurice's, Winchester, a strong Sunday service bands being built up practically from scratch; at Horsham six or seven youngsters aged from 12 to 15 are making excellent progress, and a young band has been built up at the neighbouring five-bell tower of Itchingfield. At Thakeham, whose bells were augmented to six a year or so ago, another keen band of young ringers is making excellent progress; and in our local six-bell tower of Bosham, the bells are rung regularly for the first time for many years. We have four youngsters who are doing well and we hope to find some more recruits soon. These examples all go to show how much can be done but there is always room for more improvement.

Every good wish to Mr. Sanger in his fine work! I had the pleasure of taking part in ringing on the grand new ring of ten in his tower a couple of years ago, and I know that his young ringers have good reason to be proud of their bells. Well done, Evercreech—keep it up!—Yours sincerely,

Bosham, Sussex.

PETER N. BOND.

## ANCIENT BELLS

## COLD ASHBY

Dear Sir,—The second bell in the ring of four at Cold Ashby, Northants, is dated 1317 and is the oldest dated bell in Northamptonshire.—Yours truly,

Geddington. ROBERT G. BLACK.

## BRADWELL, BUCKS.

Dear Sir,—At Bradwell, Bucks, we have three bells in our ring of six older than the seventh at Yatton. The treble and second are thirteenth-century bells by Michael de Wymbis. The fourth, a fifteenth-century bell, is by John Walgrave. This bell was badly cracked, but early in the present century it was welded. Although a good piece of work, the tone spoils the ring of six.—Yours faithfully,

Wolverton, Bucks. J. E. WHITLOCK.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

Dear Sir,—The seventh bell of the ring of eight at North Wingfield, weighing 10 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb., bears no date, but cast into the metal is a coin of the late fourteenth century. In Gothic letters, it bears the inscription: 'In Multis Annis Resones Campana Johannis.' and is older than the tower in which it hangs.

I should be interested to know if it is possible that the 'Johannis' refers to the founder. John of Stafford, who I understand was active about that time.

The fourth and sixth bore the date 1617, but the latter was recast in 1878. The tenor was recast in 1922 after serving since 1661, and the fifth, which bears no inscription whatever, is also reputed to be very old.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. HANCOCK.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.



## LETTERS—Continued

## WHAT CONSTITUTES GOOD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. J. Jackson is, of course, perfectly at liberty to express his 'considered opinion founded on observation' in support of his preference for the sound of even bell-ringing.

The whole question is entirely a matter of taste and has formerly been adequately dealt with by the late Editor of 'The Ringing World' and several others. Odd-bell ringers like a preponderance of musical changes with the tenor behind and no variation whatsoever, whilst even-bell ringers find 'the mixture' a bit too sweet and sickly and prefer to have plenty of 'salt' in between the doses of 'sugar.'

I also have very little doubt that in due time, Mr. Jackson will learn that Stedman and even Grandsire Triples necessitate good striking no less than Double Norwich.

I feel that we should be far better employed than decrying each other's tastes (or defending our own) if we set about raising the general standard of striking throughout the Exercise to the highest possible level or, what is perhaps more important, if we endeavour to define what really does constitute good striking.

About a quarter of a century ago, on the few occasions I was privileged to see the late Canon Coleridge, Pye Brothers, W. H. Fussell and other past members of our art 'in action.' I never failed to be impressed by their calm, dignified, unhurried ringing, especially of Triples or Major with the faintly perceptible widening of backstrokes in 6-7-8.

Nowadays, with some bands at any rate, all this sort of thing appears to have 'gone by the board,' the idea apparently being to rap in the 6-7-8's and, indeed, all the bells, as speedily as possible without actually clashing.

In spite of all the obvious 'material' progress, therefore, which has been made in recent years, one wonders, on looking back, whether we haven't lost something infinitely greater in the way of true striking and I believe this is a matter which might well engage the serious attention of the Central Council at its forthcoming meeting in Chester.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

## THE SLATERS OF GLEMSFORD

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested to see the reference to Zach Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.' Having gained my initial knowledge from the late Theodore Slater, I heard a good deal about the brothers Zachariah, John, Joe and Samuel, who, in their heyday, saw peal boards erected in many towers in this part of the country.

Many were the times we heard how one of them walked from Glemsford to Norwich and back for a peal—a distance of 60 miles—and of how Sam Slater walked the 30 miles to Ipswich several times to get his peal of Maximus. And of Sam's peal book; he was a fine scholar for his day and the book is written masterly in old English.

Alas, their bells at Glemsford are now silent; many hopefully await the rehanging. A fund has been opened with that object in view. Just a few weeks ago it was announced that £700 must be raised as soon as possible to clean and restore the church.

One evening, a week or so back, a letter was circulated in the village asking for the effort to be well supported and it was tragic to find, next morning, that the roof of the north aisle had been ransacked of its lead—an area of 60 feet by 16 inches. For a time, at least, it looks like hard lines on the bells the Slaters loved so well.

ARCH A. FITCH.  
Sudbury.

The bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Keynsham, near Bristol, are being rehung, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, on ball-bearings. It is hoped they will be ready for Whitsun. These bells were last rehung in 1910.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
SOCIETY

## Wit at Annual Dinner

The Society's annual dinner was held on February 10th at the 'Museum Tavern.' During the day there was ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, St. Mary's, Acton and at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Taylor.

Thirty-eight members and guests sat down to dinner, the Master, Mr. D. N. Layton, being in the chair. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. P. R. Layton proposed the health of the guests. His speech followed lines which he regarded as customary at ringers' dinners, comprising Reminiscences of the Past, What is Wrong with the Exercise, Advice to Young Ringers and (for one year only) the Festival of Britain. In the latter connection he suggested that the extent of Caters should be rung by 30 or so young ringers in relays during their fortnight's summer holiday.

Mr. Layton then welcomed the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths to this meeting of genuine college youths. The Society was also pleased to welcome the Masters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Cambridge University Guild, the secretary of the Bristol University Society, Mr. and Mrs. Bevan, of Hampstead, and Mr. Hardy, of Lambeth. They were especially pleased to have with them Mr. and Mrs. Gardener, to whom they were much indebted for hospitality during last summer's tour.

Mr. A. S. Watt, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, said in reply that he knew from previous experience how difficult it was to speak after any member of the Layton family, but he would do his best. In thanking the Society for their hospitality he pointed out that one of the most gratifying things about functions of this kind, quite apart from meeting old friends, was the discovery that other Societies rang as badly as one's own. On this occasion, however, he had found most of the ringing quite good.

The health of the Society was proposed by the 'Scandinavian Department,' Mr. P. G. Foote. His discursive and cultured speech was made more interesting by his voluminous notes, which were, however, used more for effect than for reference.

The Master, in reply, pointed out that Mr. Watt was doubly unfortunate in that he was followed as well as preceded by a Layton. He went on to a somewhat Gilbertian discussion of a book he happened to have with him but was not trying to sell. Mr. D. N. Layton then gave a brief review of the Society's activities so far this session, and had to report that a large number of undergraduates wanting to learn ringing had come forward, and considerable progress was being made in teaching them. He finished by reminding the gathering that two members—Philip and Joan Gray—were sailing for Australia on March 1st.

## 'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—I cannot see why peals rung in 1900 should be considered as rung in the last century.

A person born on January 1st, 1800, and living over 100 years would celebrate his or her 100th birthday on January 1st, 1900, and 1900 would be that person's 101st year, completed on January 1st, 1901.

Obviously our calendar was calculated long after Christ had left the earth. His ministry terminated in the year 33 A.D., when he was 33 years old.

For the purposes of our calendar we must accept a year 0 A.D. and a year B.C. 0, or plus 0 and minus 0, zero hour being the time of Christ's birth.

I think those people who wished each other a happy new century at midnight on December 31st, 1899, were quite correct.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR DAVIS.

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

## Larger Income Wanted

The annual general meeting took place in Norwich on Easter Monday and was very successful. The towers of Mancroft, St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre's were available for ringing. Methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung.

The service was at Mancroft at 12 noon, the preacher being the president. Lunch and the business meeting were held at Mancroft Youth Centre and ringers were present from Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Roydon, Fornett, Wymondham, Diss, Somerleyton, Hethersett, Great Yarmouth, Chester-le-Street (Durham), Sheringham, Costessey, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Shipdham, Caston, Bunwell, Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, North Creak, Dickleburgh, Redenhall, Norton Subcourse, Wood Norton, Long Stratton, Mulbarton and Norwich, besides people from Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Suffolk and Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. J. Bullock from London.

At the business meeting officers re-elected included the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; the general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. George Fletcher; Central Council representatives, Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. W. C. Duffield and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. William Lee, for many years the chairman of the East Norfolk Branch.

It was noted that the new rule, asking all to order lunch from the general secretary in advance, enclosing 4s., and being given a ticket of admission, had worked well, and it was agreed to continue this practice at future annual meetings.

Deep sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. J. Eldred, secretary of West Norfolk Branch, in the loss of his wife.

The auditor, in presenting the accounts, said that steps would have to be considered to increase the income and reduce the expenditure.

Festival of Britain arrangements were discussed. It was noted that the authorities request the ringing of Mancroft bells on the opening day of the Norwich Festival fortnight, Monday, June 18th, from 9.30 to 10.30 and from 2 p.m. for an hour. Although it was found possible to arrange bands for these times, any visiting ringers will be welcome.

Steps were discussed with a view to collaborating with other Guilds in the printing of a new service book.

Names are requested for the annual outing on Saturday, May 26th. Leave Mancroft at 7.30 a.m.

## MR. T. R. HAMPTON'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Terry R. Hampton, of Erdington, Birmingham, has completed his first hundred peals, the majority of which have been rung in the past two years. They have been rung for seven Guilds and Associations, with 122 different ringers and in 36 towers. His list is as follows:—

Minor: Cambridge Surprise 1.  
Triples: Grandsire 5, Stedman 2.  
Major: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 5.  
Surprise Major: Ashted 1, Aldenham 1, Bristol 3, Cambridge 6, \*Dorney 1, Hitchin 1, Jersey 1, London 3, Norfolk 1, Pudsey 1, \*Radnor 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 2, \*Somer-set 1, \*Vauxhall 1, Whitminster 1, Yorkshire 7.  
Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 5, Erin 1.  
Surprise Royal: \*Birmingham 1, Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Pudsey 1, Painswick 1, Rutland 1, †Solihull 1, Yorkshire 3.  
Cinques: Stedman 20.

Surprise Maximus: †Albanian 1, Cambridge 2, †Prittlewell 1, †Pontefract 1, Pudsey 1, \*Solihull 1, Yorkshire 3, Spiced (two methods) 1.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method on that number of bells.



## DEDICATIONS

### BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE

On Tuesday evening, March 20th, the two new trebles to make a ring of eight and cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Bishop Sara, Assistant Bishop of Hereford, at All Saints', Berrington, Shropshire. The inscription on the treble reads: 'This bell and the second of this peal were added in thanksgiving for peace, in 1945.'

About four years ago the Berrington band decided to raise funds to provide these bells and this they did, with the help of a few friends, in the space of 18 months, by organising whist drives and dances.

Verses of the hymn 'Ring up the Bells,' the words and music of which are by the Rev. H. Scott, Master of the Clun District of the Hereford Guild, 1919-1928, were sung before and after the dedication.

After the service the bells were opened with rounds and queens by members of the local band. Nearly 50 ringers were present from places as far apart as Hereford, Clun, Market Drayton and Wolverhampton.

### CRANBORNE, DORSET

'I replace my ancient sister,  
May I too ring for 500 years.'

So reads the inscription on a new bell dedicated at Cranborne, Dorset, on March 17th, with the seven other bells of this ring which have been recast by Messrs John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor, of 16 cwt. 3 qr., was originally cast by Clement Tosier in 1713.

The treble, originally cast by John Warner and Sons in 1890 has been recast to the memory of my mother, Julia Ann Day.' Her son, Mr. W. F. G. Day, a churchwarden, was chiefly responsible for organising the fund which raised £1,000 in this parish, which has little more than 500 people, towards the total cost of £1,500.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. C. Meyer) in the absence of the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. L. F. Addison who was Vicar of Cranborne from 1921 to 1948). The present Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Bond, conducted the service.

The dedication took place beneath the tower. The Rural Dean read the respective lines of Psalm 150 with which each bell is inscribed, and the dedication prayer was as follows:—

'Almighty God who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses, didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, be pleased to accept these bells. Bless, hallow and sanctify these bells with Thy heavenly benediction and grant that through this generation and through those who are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and magnify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The bells were rung in rounds as the procession returned to the chancel. To the congregation the Dean said: 'You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the Parish to be used with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese.'

Among the congregation which filled the church were the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury. Mr. Paul Taylor also attended.

Tea was served afterwards in the Village Hall where Lord Salisbury, in a brief speech, described the occasion as historic. The present church, he said, dated back to Norman times and they had at Cranborne Manor a relic of an earlier building thought to have been seventh-century, so probably since that time church bells had sounded over this countryside.

The bells were afterwards rung in standard methods, the opening touch being rung by a picked band of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

### WEEDON

Two memorial bells to complete the ring to eight were hallowed by the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. C. J. Grimes) on March 10th. The inscription on each bell, one weighing 4½ cwt. and the other 4½ cwt., reads:—

This Bell was hung to the Glory of God and in honour of the men and women of this Parish who served in the World War and in grateful remembrance of those who died in the service of their King and Country, 1939—1945.

The bells were supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and in them is the metal of the bell formerly at St. Katherine's, Northampton. There was a good attendance at the service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. V. Lewis); the congregation included many ringers. The Archdeacon was preceded by the choir, the churchwardens (Messrs. G. F. Goff, Vicar's warden, and G. A. Wallis, people's warden) and the Vicar, to the belfry.

The ropes of the two new bells were handed to the Archdeacon by the churchwardens, the request for hallowing being made by the people's warden. After hallowing, the Archdeacon handed the ropes and committed the bells to the care of the Vicar. Then a team of eight Weedon ringers, Messrs. V. Perry, B. Hill, T. Deacon, K. Deacon, R. Smith, G. Webb, F. Robinson and A. Deacon, rang rounds as the choir and Archdeacon returned to the chancel.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon who said the bells were a memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice and we should thank God for their memory, also for the freedom which they had preserved. They would seem to say to us—we have done our part, now go on and do yours in the building up of the perfect social order. The collection in aid of the Bell Fund amounted to £26 3s.

After the service a tea was held in the Schools. The Archdeacon thanked the ringers. Mr. G. H. Hancock, of Willoughby, chairman of the Daventry Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers, presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, secretary of the branch, the Rev. I. V. Lewis, Vicar, and Messrs. G. F. Goff and G. A. Wallis, churchwardens. The Rev. Lewis welcomed the ringers and hoped they would have the pleasure of testing the new ring that evening. Mr. G. H. Hancock thanked the Vicar and also Mr. Ron Smith, who made the arrangements for the tea, and Mr. V. Perry, captain of the Weedon ringers, for the arrangements.

The meeting of the Daventry Branch was held afterwards. Messrs. G. H. Webb (Coventry), Mr. G. H. Hancock and Mr. F. W. Hancock gave selections on handbells.

During the evening peals in methods ranging from rounds to Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise were rung. Representatives from the following towers were present:—Charwelton, Staverton, Gayton, Byfield, Hevford, Bugbrooke, Harpole, Burton Latimer, Raunds, Green's Norton, Blakesley, Daventry, Long Buckby, Great Brington, Allesley (Coventry) Flore, Newnham, Loughborough, Helmdon, Maids Moreton, Buckingham, Badby, Watford, Lois Weedon, Eydon, Desborough, Tiddington, Deddington, Wicken, Northampton (St. Giles'), Kingsthorpe, East Haddon, Weston Favell, Whilton, Yardley Hastings and Weedon Bec and took part in the ringing. Mr. E. W. Whitmore, of Raunds, Ringing Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, was also present and Messrs. Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The eight bells at Hampton have been cleaned, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The great improvement in the tone and 'go' received many favourable comments at the dedication service on Holy Saturday.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cambridge Honoured by Memorable Week-end

During the Easter week-end, Cambridge, by the consent of H. M. The King, attained the dignity of becoming a city. Added to this, her oarsmen achieved a brilliant victory in the famous Boat Race.

It was, therefore, more than usually appropriate that the bells of her churches were ringing throughout Easter Monday on the occasion of the Association's annual general meeting.

Ringers attended from the following places:—Harston, Somersham, Sawston, Trumpington, Ely, Bardney (Lincs), Duxford, Little Shelford, Over, Burton Latimer, Brampton, Surfleet, Downham Market, Saffron Walden, Tilney All Saints, Shouldham, Huntingdon, Great Staughton, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Terrington St. John and Walpole St. Andrew, together with members of the Cambridge towers.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court at Great St. Mary, presided over by the Rev. W. H. Hopkin, deputising for the Vicar who was indisposed.

The general secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. W. Cousins) was re-elected, likewise the auditor (Mr. T. R. Dennis). Other elections were:—Peal secretary, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Diocesan committee, Messrs. J. Gibson, C. Hurst, R. Brooker, R. H. Bullen, F. W. Lack, F. Warrington, C. Cousins and C. Rolfe. Representatives to the Central Council, Messrs. F. W. Lack and E. H. Mastin.

It was decided to hold the next A.G.M. in Huntingdon.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. R. H. Bullen, Mr. R. C. Heazel, of Saffron Walden responding. Thanks to the various incumbents for permission to ring were expressed by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard. The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Hopkin, who gave a short address, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard officiating at the organ very effectively. Tea followed in the Oak Room of the Dorothy Cafe, after which ringing was resumed. W. W. C.

## WE KEEP TRYING.

*to produce the 'Notebook and Diary' without errors, but the following have crept in for 1951. Please correct your copy.*

Page 17, column 3. The part end of the third 180 of Stedman Triples should read: 2314756.

Page 29, column 5. First 720 of Double Court. Alter 35642 (at first single) to read 35462.

Page 47, column 2. Add a bob at 4 in the third course of the 240 of Double Norwich

Page 52, column 2. The length marked 256 is actually 192.

Page 56, column 2. Delete the bob H in the third course.

Page 57, column 1. Alter 32645 to 32654.

Page 57, column 3. Add a bob M and delete the bob W in the fifth course. Also add a bob H in each of the last two courses. (These may be faintly visible in some copies.)

Page 63, column 1. Alter Y to X in the second course.

Page 63, column 2. The last lead of the first course must not be rung London.

W. VIGGERS, M. HODGSON.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE STRAW

Leicestershire ringers will learn with regret that Mr. George Straw passed peacefully away on March 14th after a very short illness.

A native of Derbyshire, he moved to Leicester after the first Great War and for a time rang at Knighton Parish Church but for the past quarter of a century had been a member of the Cathedral band.

Although a keen ringer, he could never ring methods beyond Stedman and his total of peals was only seven but he was a regular service ringer and was always present at ringing meetings.

The funeral service was held in St. Philip's Church and was attended by ringers from Aylestone, St. Margaret's and the Cathedral. Before the service finished a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by H. Wayne, H. J. Poole, E. Morris and Mrs. H. D. Poole.

### MR. G. W. TEMPLE

For 65 years a member of the Twerton Company, Mr. George William Temple died, on February 24th at the home of his niece at 49 Maybrick Road, Bath. He was 87 years of age.

A bronze plaque over the tower door at St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, records the fact that he was tower master for 60 years. He cared for those bells as a good father tends his child. He was also a ringer at Bath Abbey for 30 years. Apart from membership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and the Salisbury Guild, he was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

It gave great pleasure to him to hear his niece read out his name among the veterans who rang peals in the last century. The peal board at Twerton records his first peal, in May, 1888, which was the last peal for the Bath and Keynsham Association. Another board records his name on the first peal rung for the Bath and Wells Association.

The funeral was on February 28th, the body being taken into the Church of the Ascension at the express wish of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Pollard). The service was fully choral. Deceased's nephew, with whom he lived, carried the cross. Interment was at Twerton Cemetery in the same grave as his wife.

In the evening the bells of Twerton were rung muffled by Miss Williams, Mrs. Evans, Messrs. A. Baverstock, E. King, M. Helms, T. Hayward, W. Starr, G. Hawkins, S. Woodburn, P. Young, W. Prescott and F. King. The whole pull and stand was rung and then the bells lowered, each bell being struck three times from treble to tenor.

### QUARTER PEALS

**SPARSHOLT, HANTS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Keen (first quarter) 1, T. Tockoc 2, J. A. C. King 3, M. Keen (first 'inside') 4, H. D. Buckingham (first as cond.) 5.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Payne 1, F. Norrish 2, L. H. May 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. J. Bowden 6, W. H. Ware 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, S. Birch (first quarter) 3, A. Armstrong (first as cond.) 4, C. Sharp 5.

**WARE, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Little (first quarter) 3, R. Stacey 4, S. W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Lee 6.—Also E. Lankester 1, F. Lankester 2, T. Chapman 3, R. Smith 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. W. Smith 6.

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### MARRIAGE

**CROUCHMAN—MACLEISH.**—On Easter Monday at the R.C. Cathedral, Brentwood, Frank Hubert Crouchman, Master of the St. Peter's, South Weald, Ringers, to Jean Mary MacLeish. 8663

### DEATH

**LINCOLN, Thomas.**—Passed to rest at his home, Victoria Road, Writtle, on Thursday, March 29th, 1951. 'Life's work completed.' 8678

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### MEETINGS

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Winchester District—Quarterly meeting at Hursley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. in King's Head Hotel. Business meeting follows. 8561

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Burslemombe, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Dymond, Silverton, near Exeter. 8623

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ton-bridge District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tun-bridge Wells (8), April 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 8750

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rayleigh (8), April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to E. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8544

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas from 2.45. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and business meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover East Clandon, Hon. Sec. 8577

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Nettleham, April 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8602

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Winhill, April 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea for those notifying F. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent.—J. Cotton. 8622

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, April 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. 8615

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, April 7th, 3 p.m. 8611

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Tilehurst, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 6 p.m.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 8596

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 8614

**GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.**—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage, Wells, on Wednesday, April 11th, at 8 p.m.—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 8635

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.**—Rededication of the ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, Wednesday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells rehung with new fittings and framework (tenor 19½ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. 8578

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.**—April 14th. Bells (8) 2. Dedication of helfry screen 3. Tea, by kind invitation. 5. All ringers welcome. Names to E. Fade, Beacon View Buxted. 8594

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Creech St. Michael, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8608

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8610

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8618

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Clerkenwell, 3; Holiway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORDSWORTH 51C9). 8607

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks (6), Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea, by April 10th, to Mr. H. Hall, Measham House, Shireoaks, Worksop.—H. Denman. 8627

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Lambeth, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8660

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Othry, April 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, names please. Service after. Middlezoy open 7.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8664

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Dando, April 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8649

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8654

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Aldford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea not later than April 11th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 8652

**DERBYSHIRE AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bolsover, April 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 8677

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Gainford meeting arranged for April 14th has now been postponed until later date.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 8661

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—April 14th, Buxted (8). Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 8669

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8651

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), April 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8644

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey Heath (8), April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8655

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Thatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8637

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8673

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 14th, St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool. Start 2.30. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool, 6.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8674

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, April 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5 p.m.—F. Pritchard. 8653

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Diseworth, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School. Names, by Wednesday, April 11th, to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, Hall Gate Lane, Diseworth.—C. W. Hall. 8657

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Glenn, April 14th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Crown Inn. P.C. by 11th. Outing, Windsor, fare 24s. each including tea.—L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 8666

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3. Tea 4.30. Business, in tower, 5.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 8658

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, April 14th, at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by April 10th to H. Badger, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 8665

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Martinstown, April 14th. Usual arrangements. Names by April 9th, please.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8662

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—An informal practice meeting will be held at Burwarton (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea by April 12th. Foxalls bus leaves Bridgnorth at 2.15 p.m.—E. J. Rowe, Church House, Broseley (Ironbridge 3324). 8638

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Look up your Doubles Methods and attend the practice meeting at Twineham (5) on Saturday, April 14th, 2.30. Names of those who require tea, by Wednesday, April 11th, to Miss Stella M. Wickens, 7, Blackstone Rise, Woodmanote, Henfield.—B. W. White. 8650

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names by Tuesday, April 10th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 8676

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beasonsfield Road, Canterbury. 8670

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, April 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—Wm. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8659

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 21st, at Warwick. Bells of St. Mary's (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5, at Warwick Restaurant (1s. 6d.) only for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, April 18th. Those failing to notify must make own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6. Bells of Sherbourne (6) and Leamington (8) may be available in evening, if required, in addition to St. Mary's.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21 Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 8656

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, April 21st, 3. Tea at the Bull's Head. Names for tea by April 19th to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 8679

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eltham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, 16th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 8671

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, which is at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, to whom names should be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th. 8668

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Blackpool, commencing immediately after tea, at approximately 6 p.m. The service will be at the Parish Church, commencing 4 p.m. and the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Wm. Yates, M.A. Tea will follow at 4.45 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Church Street, 2s. 9d. per head. Names to Mr. J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, before April 18th (numbers limited). The following churches will be open for ringing: The Parish Church, St. John's, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.; after meeting until 9 p.m.; Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Holy Trinity, South Shore, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Ringing Secretary. 8643

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Loddon, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, 18th, to H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 8646

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Names, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8640

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Reading, April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—N.W. District will be holding a district meeting with the Saffron Walden Guild on the occasion of the Great Ringing Day (June 30th). Book this date and help to make it a great day. Lunch and tea will be arranged. Further details later.—G. Bake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8609



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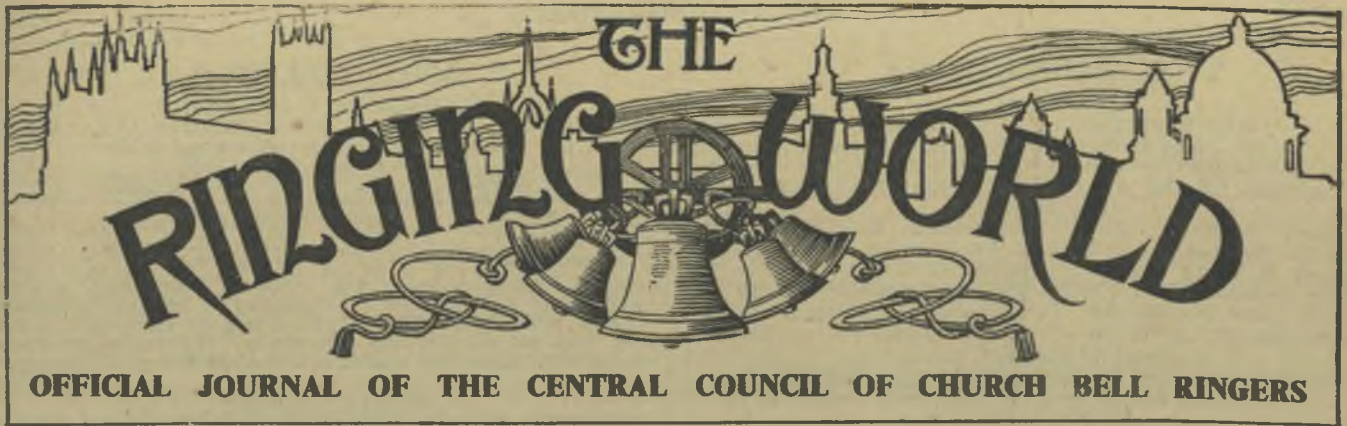
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## FESTIVAL THOUGHTS

**T**HOUGHTS upon the approaching Festival of Britain were focused last week for an interesting three-quarters of an hour on the television broadcast by witnessing the casting of the Festival Bell in the White-chapel Foundry. The ceremony was made more absorbing by one of those non-technical talks on the tuning and casting of bells, thus giving to the uninformed public a valuable insight into a subject which ringers in general hold dear. Millions of visitors will see and hear this bell as it performs its daily allotted task during the Festival. It will not rank among the big bells of the world, being of some 19 or 20 cwt., but it is a symbol of our art, a public witness of the service of bells to the community.

We hope that from this one bell the visiting public will be sufficiently inquisitive to see other bells, to visit the belfries of the land and witness practical demonstrations of change ringing. Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that the Festival is in no sense confined to London. The country is on show to the world, and what is typically British is essentially of interest to visitors. The thoughts of ringers on the subject were admirably crystallised by the report prepared by Dr. John Hatcher and Mr. G. H. Spice at the behest of the Eastbourne Conference, which 'The Ringing World' in its wisdom decided to publish. The findings of the Standing Committee on that report have not yet been received, but we feel that the main tenor of it was so in keeping with the spirit expressed at Eastbourne that the Guilds and Associations were wise at their annual meetings in making their plans accordingly. There were, however, one or two controversial points, but these are not likely to impede the immediate arrangements for appropriate ringing at the opening of the Festival. They are, in a sense, academic in character and can be discussed by the Methods and other Committees. The Exercise is awaiting, however, plans for ringing parties visiting the Festival to obtain a pull in London. Probably this matter is in hand and announcements will be made in due course.

Of the programmes announced, one of the most enterprising is the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Every band in the Diocese is asked to proclaim the opening of the Festival by ringing its bells on the evening of Friday, May 4th, and a Festival of Britain ringers' rally is to be held at

Exeter on the following day. The rally is not to be a 'closed-shop' affair for change ringers only. The rival organisation, the Devon Association of Ringers, whose activities are with call change ringers, is participating in the rally. This breaking down of barriers is most commendable, and while 'The Ringing World' is primarily of interest to change ringers, we have among our readers and contributors those whose knowledge of the art is limited to these narrow confines. We do not belittle the work of call-change ringers, although we should like to see them embrace our style of ringing. Last week they had a most gracious tribute paid to them from no less a person than Mr. J. T. Dyke, when he told his own Association of 'the tremendous respect' he had for their prowess and how he had 'to concentrate tremendously to fit in with their uncanny accuracy.'

It is evident from the reports to hand that not only peal ringers but those who occasionally ring peals are planning big things for that week-end. The Editor expects a spate of peals equivalent to the big national occasions during the opening week-end of the Festival. The normal rate of peal ringing this year has averaged between 50 and 60 a week. A big influx can only be handled expeditiously if footnotes are limited to essential details. We ask those who ring peals to associate them with the Festival and not couple them with those individual domestic rejoicings so dear to the ringer's heart. In other words, have a one-purpose peal. If the response warrants it, we might be able to arrange for the issue of May 18th to be a special Festival issue, with an appropriate allocation for quarter peals.

Lastly, let the ringing on this occasion be of quality. Mr. G. H. Spice, when he outlined the Festival programme to the Kent County Association at Tonbridge, made a special point of good striking. 'Nothing irritates the public ear more than badly-struck change ringing,' he told the meeting. On these national occasions we are very much in the public ears, and a bad performance will defeat all the good intentions we have so much at heart. Let the objective be ringing at its best. If there is any doubt about the individual capabilities of the band, do practise the method beforehand with a tolerably long touch. Then not only the public but the ringers can, in the words of one veteran conductor, 'sit back and enjoy the bells.' Something then will have been accomplished worthy of an art which is essentially and peculiarly British and which has been handed down to us for more than two centuries.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
*DOROTHY M. UDALE .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
*ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5	*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Albanian Surprise Maximus. Rung for the wedding of Peter J. Staniforth and Margaret Jill Poole, both members of the Cathedral band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Treble	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. 11
DAVID PARSONS .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

JOHN SCOTT .. .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 10
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 5	WALTER ALLMAN .. 11
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells, in the county and for the Association. A wedding compliment to P. J. Staniforth and Jill Poole, of Leicester.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 6
ARTHUR HINGLEY .. .. 2	HENRY E. GREEN .. .. 7
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	JOHN LUCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 100th peal. Rung for the Easter festival and redecoration of the church.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*FRANK D. MACK .. .. Treble	*COLIN BARWICK .. .. 6
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	*DAVID J. KING .. .. 8
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 9
*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 5	CHARLES GREEDY .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY .. .. 5
†JOHN A. HAILE .. .. 2	†ROBERT A. JOHNSON .. 6
†GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. .. 3	†HAROLD WILSON .. .. 7
ALFRED EILBECK .. .. 4	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung fully muffled in memoriam George W. Tembey.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. BARKER .. 5
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 6
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4	PHILIP BLAKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*ANNE P. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	†ALAN WARD .. .. 5
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 2	JAMES CARTER .. .. 6
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 7
JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD M. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Derek Ogdren.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER AYRE .. .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 6
PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 3	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 7
*GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 4	WALTER GODDARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Easter festival. Also as a birthday compliment to A. W. Hoodless and with good wishes to Jill Poole and Peter Staniforth.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD MILLARD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 2	*DAVID SLEET .. .. 6
MRS. A. J. N. RANGE .. 3	*ROY COLLINS .. .. 7
*REX J. CORKE .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* First peal of Major. In memoriam Thomas William Upshall. of Farnham.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN GOLDING .. .. Treble	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 5
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	FREDK. G. BEDDOW .. 6
JOHN R. BUTLER .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
†E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † 150th peal. ‡ 60th peal.



## HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5068 SPICED MAJOR

Comprising 2,464 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob, 756 Gainsborough Little Bob and 504 Little Bob, with 42 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. Treble	*REGINALD T. JONES .. .. 5
*JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3	*E. PETER ROCK .. .. 7
*FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\*First peal of Spiced Major in four methods. The first peal of Spiced Major in four methods for the Guild. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN COBB .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. .. 5
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 3	JOHN B. SANSOM .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. .. 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

Rung as a farewell to John B. Sansom, shortly leaving for service overseas.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. .. 2	WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. .. 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY .. .. 4	GEORGE WM. RIDGWAY .. Tenor

Composed by B. D. PRICE. Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH Treble	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 5
J. DEREK SMITH .. .. 2	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 6
HAROLD G. SMITH .. .. 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. .. 7
FRANK BARNARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

The ringers of the 7th and tenor have now completed circle. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Ven. J. Tyler Whittle, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, on his leaving to be Rector of Astbury.

## PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 5
*IAN JONES .. .. 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
JOHN JACKSON .. .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\*First peal of Surprise. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. L. Walmsley, hon. secretary of the Preston Branch.

## BANGOR, CO. DOWN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. COMGALL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FRANK KING .. .. Treble	NAT SAVAGE .. .. 5
JAMES EDGAR .. .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. 6
WILLIAM PRATT .. .. 3	FREDK. E. DUKES .. .. 7
†THOMAS SMELTZER .. .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and second peal ever on the bells. First peal by an Irish band. No. 3 peal in Northern Ireland Festival of Britain programme.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\*250th peal for the Association. In honour of the marriage at Leicesters Cathedral on March 26th, 1951, of Mr. P. J. Staniforth and Miss M. J. Poole.

## NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Annab's Six-part.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH V. LIVOCK .. Treble	HELEN Y. GARDNER .. .. 5
†JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. 2	ROY V. WEBB .. .. 6
MAURICE A. COLLINGS (14) 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 4	LEONARD B. SCOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

\*First peal on eight. †First peal 'inside.' First peal of Bob Triples by all.

## WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER G. PAUL .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. .. 5
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 2	FREDERICK H. CROOK .. .. 6
*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 3	RICHARD G. BELL .. .. 7
THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\*First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Alfred G. Woodward, friend of the ringers and verger for 29 years.

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 5
ERNEST F. SHEARN .. .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 6
LEONARD F. DERRICK .. .. 3	*GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
JACK LINTERN .. .. 4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\*50th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Birthday compliment to the conductor.



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### ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 11½ cwt.
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	†S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	7
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal in the method. A farewell to Canon H. V. Hibbert, who is moving to another part of the Leicester Diocese after 27 years as Vicar of Enderby.

### MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt.
RICHARD BENSON .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. 5
JEAN C. BROWN .. 2	NEVILLE A. BROWN .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. 7
ROY BROOM .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal on eight as conductor.

### SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

The 'Barrabool' peal.	Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRILL .. 7
AUBREY D. MILLS .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.

### WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
WILLIAM GREEN .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

### CHESTER. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt.
*BETTY GRIFFITHS (15) .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	*JOHN BOUTLAND (15) .. 6
FRANK JACKSON .. 3	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 7
*SHIRLEY GOLDING (15) .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

### CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt.
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

### ERITH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Middleton's.	
MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

### HENLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 8 cwt.
RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 6
*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor.

### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 7½ cwt.
WILFRED STEVENSON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	*HARRY FARRER .. 6
ANNE WORTH .. 3	*HEDLEY WOOD .. 7
GERALD FARRER .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by the Christ Church, Macclesfield, ringers to mark the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

### OXFORD.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation).	
FRANK BECKETT .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 5
*LOTTIE R. PIMM .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 6
ALAN R. PINK .. 3	HARRY P. FLOYD .. 7
†DAVID WOODLEY .. 4	CHARLES COLES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.
HARRY HARRINGTON .. Treble	†FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
*SHIRLEY RYMER .. 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 7
EDNA M. SILLS .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Surprise on 'inside' bell. † First in the method. An 87th birthday compliment to William Collison.

### BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14½ cwt.
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	CYRIL TANSELL .. 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
*SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* 200th peal together.

### COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
Comprising 2,016 Yorkshire, 1,536 Superlative, 1,536 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.	
THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Arranged by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in three Spliced Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A fourth birthday compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of the conductor. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of their daughter, Judith Mary.



## HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
*MAURICE ASPINALL .. .. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	JOHN HALSALL .. .. 6
HARRY S. COOPER .. .. 3	*ROY RIDGE .. .. 7
LAURENCE WOOD .. .. 4	JACK PLATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Halsall, daughter of the 6th ringer.

## HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 6
*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 4	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Goodwin-Hudson.

## PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brooks' Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	*PETER E. NORTH .. .. 5
ERNEST A. THORPE .. .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
*WILFRED ROBINSON .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
†FRANK REED .. .. 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Jill Poole to Peter J. Staniforth.

## READING, BERKSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE .. .. Treble	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 5
WILLIAM R. HIBBERT .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 6
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
W. B. KYNASTON .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. O. FRY. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung for the feast of the Annunciation.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 4 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
JEAN M. BROWN .. .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Longest length on the bells and the heaviest tenor rung to a peal in this method. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 275th peal.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

## A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD KENRICK .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
†JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.  
 GEORGE DOWLING .. .. Treble \*PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 4  
 GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 2 LEONARD RODMELL .. .. 5  
 \*JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 3 CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

\* First peal in four methods.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
 LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble \*JOHN CRAPNELL .. .. 4  
 JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. .. 2 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. 5  
 GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3 RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lewis J. Last and Hilda G. Snowden.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
 \*DEREK WOODWARD .. .. Treble MAX PAGE .. .. 3  
 †W. JOHN WATHEN .. .. 2 †GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. 4  
 †CHAS. SHEMMING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SHEMMING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal rung on this complete pre-Reformation ring of five, it being rung by the first known ringing band attached to the tower.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
 THOMAS COOPER .. .. Treble WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 4  
 FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. 2 MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5  
 F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3 REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
 IRIS KING .. .. Treble \*LEONARD SHARPE .. .. 4  
 CHARLES FORDHAM .. .. 2 ARTHUR COOK .. .. 5  
 \*ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 3 RICHARD E. MANTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. MANTON.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Iris King.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of St. Simon's, 20 of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.  
 \*ROY A. WARD .. .. Treble CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD .. .. 4  
 J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. 2 †SYDNEY FOSKETT .. .. 5  
 †JOAN ASHTON .. .. 3 \*WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'in-side.' First tower-bell peal as conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.  
 \*ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble \*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 4  
 DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 2 MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 5  
 CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 3 HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER. Witnessed by CLIVE SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung for the Easter festival.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
 DOUGLAS M. HALL .. .. Treble PETER CARBUTT .. .. 4  
 \*MARJORIE PERKINS .. .. 2 STANLEY DANCE .. .. 5  
 LEONARD W. CARBUTT .. .. 3 EDWIN ATKINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

\* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
 LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. .. 4  
 RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 2 GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5  
 JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. .. 3 CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 16 methods, with 101 changes of method, viz.: (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden; (2) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (3) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall, Childwall, (6) Plain Bob, Single Oxford, (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).  
 EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4  
 DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2 EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5  
 CHARLES COLES .. .. 3 ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 16 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Peak District.)

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
 JEAN D. DUNN .. .. Treble †GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 4  
 \*DAVID MELLOR .. .. 2 †HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 5  
 NORMA HOWES .. .. 3 †JOHN HODGSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR AND GEORGE H. PAULSON.

\* First peal on a working bell. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in B.  
 \*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble FREDERICK R. WELLER .. .. 4  
 PETER J. H. SMALL .. .. 2 WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 5  
 PETER NEWING .. .. 3 THOMAS H. HOLMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding this day, at the Church of St. Dunstan, Canterbury, of Mr. D. Chatfield and Miss B. Philpott.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

*At St. Peter's Vicarage,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*Holt's Original.*

COLIN HARRISON .. .. .	1-2	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. .	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	3-4	CAPT. EDW. F. M. SAMSON	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire: HAROLD MARCON.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*At 20, WELLINGTON ROAD.*

**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in eight methods.

**GLOUCESTER.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

*In St. Mary de Crypt Belfry,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JOAN BUSSEY .. .. .	1-2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .	3-4
		DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. .	5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY. Witness: TIMOTHY COBB.  
\* 25th peal.

**NOTTINGHAM.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*

*At 110, NOEL STREET,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*Holt's Original.*

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. ..	1-2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. .	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	3-4	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

**GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Thurs. Mar. 29, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being spliced extents of Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and Reverse Bob and Plain Bob; one extent of Reverse Bob and two extents of Plain Bob; 40 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. .	1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	3-4
		MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. .	5-6

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

The first peal in more than one method by all the band.

**LONDON.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

*At THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15.

THOMS J. LOCK .. .. .	1-2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. ..	5-6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. .	3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. .	7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method. First handbell peal of St. Clement's by the Association.

**HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

*At OAKLEIGH, ELMGROVE ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOAN BUSSEY .. .. .	1-2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .	3-4
		DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. .	5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bussey.

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Members of the Standing  
Committee of the Central  
Council have been informed  
by Mr. G. W. Fletcher that he has written to  
the president of the Council advising him that,  
having completed 20 years of service as secre-  
tary to the Council, he is not able to accept  
nomination for a further term.

The Snowdon Dinner will be held at York on  
September 29th.

Miss Pamela A. Martin is the first lady to  
ring a peal at St. Mary's, Watford.

For their peal at Reading on March 31st, the  
three Somerset members of the band drove 160  
miles in a 17-year-old Austin Seven.

After the Easter Monday peal at St.  
Lawrence's, Chobham, Surrey, the band was hos-  
pitably entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. O.  
R. Acworth.

Apropos the passing of Mr. William Dye  
(page 203), Mr. C. E. Borrett points out that  
Holt's Original was rung at Norwich on August  
22nd and again on October 22nd, 1752. Our  
correspondent's claim in regard to Mr. Dye  
probably intended to refer to contemporary  
ringing.

Buckingham ringers accompanied by friends  
from Maids Moreton and Wicken had an en-  
joyable tour on Easter Monday, ringing at  
Egham, St. Peter's, Staines, Chertsey, Leather-  
head, Ashted and Ewell. Mr. Frank Townsend  
was in charge of the party and the arrangements  
were admirably made by Mr. F. Vickers (tower  
secretary).

Mr. D. H. Rooke points out that the peal of  
Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Greasley on  
March 16th was not the first peal of Minor for  
the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The first was  
at Warsop on May 16th, 1948, conducted by  
Frederick Flint. Another was rung at the same  
tower on August 15th, 1950, conducted by the  
writer.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. Sharples writes:  
'It would be very interest-  
ing to see a peal rung in  
this second half of the 20th century by a band  
of veterans who also rang a peal in the 19th  
century.' This brings to mind the veterans' peal  
rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in the 30's, all of  
whom had rung a thousand peals and upwards.

It is 45 years since Mr. John Cobb had rung  
a peal. He broke the 'silence' at Heston, Mid-  
dlesex, on March 26th.

The peal of Raunds Surprise Major recorded  
in our last issue was rung without practice.

With the peal at Stanwell, Middlesex, on  
March 17th, Mr. Frank Blondell has rung peals  
of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Great credit is due to the young band at  
St. Bees, Cumberland, who are mostly boys  
and girls under 18, by raising over £100 them-  
selves towards the cost of having their bells  
rehung in the very near future.

The peal at Newport, Monmouth, on March  
31st, was the 13th peal for two of the band—  
Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. Eric Sutton—  
though neither had met before the attempt.

The peal of 5,184 Double Norwich Court  
Bob Major on the heavy bells of Sherborne  
Abbey on March 31st was a triumph for Miss  
Jean M. Brown. She is the first lady to ring  
a peal of Major on these bells. Previously she  
had rung a peal of Triples on the bells.

The twelve ringers at Evershot, Dorset, in-  
clude a churchwarden, a parochial church sec-  
retary, a sexton, four members of the Church  
Council, two choristers, two sidesmen and a  
'lad' of 77 with over 50 years' service to his  
credit as a ringer at the church. On Easter  
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# BISHOP OFFICIATES AT LEICESTER RINGERS' WEDDING

THE thoughts and good wishes of the Exercise were turned to Leicester on Easter Monday for the wedding at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin of Peter John, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Staniforth, of Anstey, Leics, and Margaret Jill, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, of Leicester. A very large congregation witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. G. Vernon Smith) assisted by the Provost and the Rev. W. O. Chantler (Vicar of Ovington).

As the bridal party drew near the Cathedral, the bells pealed forth their welcome. At the Cathedral door the bride, who looked a picture of radiant happiness, was met by the Provost and the choir. Escorted by her father, who subsequently gave her away, she was attended by six bridesmaids. The bride's procession moved slowly to the chancel as Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the organist for the occasion, played the Bridal March from 'Lohengrin' (Wagner).

The hymn 'Love Divine' preceded the nuptial rites performed by the Bishop. In an address to the assembly he said that during the singing of Psalm 67 (The Deus Misereatur) the newly-wedded couple would take their first steps as man and wife—steps taken in the right direction — towards the altar. In wishing them every happiness, the Bishop said he was sure that wish would be shared not only by the large company present, but by the whole of the fraternity of ringers.

The hymn 'May the Grace of Christ our Saviour' followed the prayers, and after the blessing and during the signing of the register, the choir sang as an anthem 'Brother James' Air.' As the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral the bells were 'fired' and a short touch of Stedman Cinques was rung.

The bride was attired in a heavy cream satin dress with train. Her wreath was decorated with miniature arum lilies and stephanotis and the veil was appropriately adorned on each corner with bells. She wore a gold cross and chain and carried an ivory-bound prayer book from which was suspended satin ribbon with lilies of the valley and white heather. A silver bell hung from the bottom of the ribbon.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Elizabeth Faulknull and Sheila Healey (both ringers), Yvonne Staniforth (sister of the bridegroom) Doreen Powell (friend of the bride) who were dressed in turquoise panne velvet and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations. Jane Parker (bride's cousin) and Pat Wayman (granddaughter of Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet) who wore dresses of salmon pink panne velvet and carried baskets of blue forget-me-nots. Each had a velvet Juliet cap to match her dress and wore a necklace, the gift of the bridegroom.

It was almost completely a ringers' day. In addition to the bride and bridegroom, the bride's parents and the two previously-men-

tioned bridesmaids, other ringers who took part in the ceremony were M. D. Staniforth (best man), Brian G. Warwick (organist), Harry Poyner and Derek Goodman (choristers). With the exception of Miss Faulknull (Desford) and Michael Staniforth (St. Mary's, Anstey), all are members of the Cathedral Company.

## THE RECEPTION

The reception was held in the ballroom of the Victoria Casino and was attended by 100 guests, the guests of honour being the Lord Bishop and the Provost. Grace at the wedding breakfast was said by the Lord Bishop. The Provost proposed the toast of 'The Bride and Bridegroom' and recalled that he had known the bride since she was nine years old. He had watched her grow up and had later

Guild, Melton and Harborough Districts of the Leicester Guild and twenty-four ringers from various parts of the country.

Dancing followed and then came a rousing send-off to the bride and bridegroom as they left for their honeymoon at Church Stretton, Salop.

The many present included a barometer from the Cathedral Company and Wigston Magna ringers and wine glasses from the Anstey ringers, with whom the bridegroom learnt to ring.

## BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM

The bride is the hon. secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild and is also the representative for that Guild on the Central Council. She is a brilliant ringer both on handbells and in the tower. She could hardly be otherwise considering who she chose to be her parents! She has taken part in 234 peals in many methods and on all numbers from Minor to Maximus and her list includes all the many Surprise Maximus methods which have been rung at Leicester.

The bridegroom, a former pupil of Redvers F. Elkington, of Anstey, is also a ringer of outstanding capability and a conductor of great promise. He has taken part in over 200 peals and his list includes the Surprise Maximus peal mentioned above. He is the chairman of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Finally, both these young ringers hold the distinction of belonging to that very select band who have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

Peals in honour of the wedding were rung at Leicester Cathedral, Wakefield Cathedral, Countesthorpe, Lyme Regis, Penistone, Long Eaton, Crayford and Barton-on-Humber.

H. B.



The Bishop of Leicester congratulating the bride and bridegroom after the ceremony.

(Photo: S. G. Deakin, Leicester.)

noticed her in certain company and had thought that some day some one would be giving that toast but had no idea that the honour of doing so would fall upon him. Being bellringers he knew that Jill and Peter would know how to pull together and he wondered who would take the treble! The bridegroom ably responded.

The usual toasts were given and responded to and in between the toasts the bride and bridegroom took wine—first with the Lord Bishop and Provost and later with all the ringers present. In his reply to the final toast the bride's father said that never had he given anything away so valuable as what he had given away that morning. He felt that it was a great honour to have had his only daughter married by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and in the Mother Church of the Diocese and he sincerely thanked the Bishop for his kindness in celebrating the marriage and the Provost for his valuable assistance.

Forty-one congratulatory telegrams and messages were read out by the best man. These included one from the Midland District Ladies'

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Bolton Branch

In spite of local point to point races, a first division football match and very bad weather, there was a well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch held at The Saviour's Church on March 31st.

It was not a meeting of method ringers, but of youth. Under 21's of both sexes well outnumbered the older members and there is no doubt there are many buds ready to burst into flower. This attendance of youth is a good omen.

When Field-Marshal Montgomery visits Bolton Parish Church in the near future, there will be a 'teenage' band to ring for the service. The arrangements for this are in the hands of Alan Pendlebury.

At the business part of the meeting it was decided, for the Festival of Britain, to throw open the towers for the public to visit during the evenings of Thursday and Friday, May 3rd and 4th, and to attempt a peal at all churches during the following week. P. C.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MR. E. H. LEWIS LEAVING KENT — RINGERS AND THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN: PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS — MEMBERSHIP NOW 1,049 — LEADING COUNTY FOR PEALS

THIS year Tonbridge was selected for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday and a company of about 160 enjoyed an excellent meeting.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted jointly by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge and Canon Russell B. White, R.D., Vicar of Tonbridge. The address was given by Canon White and was much appreciated.

Luncheon followed in the Medway Hall at the close of which the business meeting took place. Before commencing the routine work the meeting heard with great reluctance of the impending departure of Mr. E. H. Lewis from Kent and of his consequent severance with the affairs of the Kent County Association.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell expressed appreciation of Mr. Lewis's services to the Kent County Association over the past 22 years and Mr. P. A. Corby also spoke in affectionate terms of the cordial esteem in which Mr. Lewis had been held by all officers and members.

Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary), in his report, said: 'Just over 50 years ago, one annual report opened with the words "The affairs of the Association during the past year have been conducted in a very quiet fashion, hardly anything having occurred to bring us prominently before the public." The first portion of the quotation might well be applied to the year 1950, but, as regards being brought into prominence, we in Kent, in common with other privileged counties, have been brought before the public by sundry broadcasts of ringing before Divine service and there is ample evidence to indicate that on most of our important national occasions of rejoicing, festivals and otherwise, the B.B.C. have come to realise that the sound of our church bells forms an integral part of a well-organised broadcast. Only yesterday, Easter Day, what a sense of dignified grandeur must have been felt by the thousands, and possibly millions, of listeners to that special broadcast in the Home Service of the tuneful bells of our cathedrals and churches scattered far and wide over the British Isles.'

### THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

'This year we have, through the Festival of Britain, the opportunity to interest the public both at home and from overseas, in a peculiarly British art. Bells have become interwoven in the pattern of life as lived in Britain and should figure prominently in a Festival intended to demonstrate to the world the merit of the British way of life. The love of home, of family, of village or town, of the English countryside and of our national Church—all these have found expression in some of our finest poems and songs—linked with the sound of church bells. The music of bells rung in the English fashion, their changes rolling out from some noble and ancient tower, remind men and women of the worship of God and of their duty to their Creator. No other country in the world can produce such a scene.'

With this in mind surely it was their duty as ringers during 1951 to bring their art before the public in every possible way. Without doubt this could best be done by local bands.

Obviously the first step should be to ensure the help and co-operation of the clergy. Special ringing should mark the opening days of the Festival. Where it could be arranged, a good idea would be to display prominently notices to the effect that ringing chambers were open to receive visitors. Qualified ringers could volunteer to act as guides to conduct parties to view bells and to explain their movement and the simplest principles of change ringing. Lectures with a model bell and handbell demonstrations might well be offered to guilds, institutes and other organisations, especially to those connected with youth. Interest was a necessary forerunner of

recruitment and every local band should remember that if the introduction of new blood was neglected the band must, sooner or later, fail in its purpose.

Whenever ringing, the essential quality of good striking must be kept firmly in mind. Nothing irritated the public ear more than badly-struck change ringing. A perfect rhythm could be achieved only if each ringer listened intently to every blow struck whether it be for service ringing, practices or peals.

### MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

It was gratifying to report a slight increase in practising membership. As compared with last year's total of 1,015, their total for 1950 reached 1,049. Fifteen non-resident life members were elected during the year and subscriptions were received from 52 honorary members, one less than last year.

New practising members had joined from all districts as follows:—Ashford 17, Canterbury 46, Lewisham 16, Maidstone 22, Rochester 61 and Tonbridge 13.

Losses by death during the year had been:—Canterbury District, Frederick G. Brett, George Swaffer; Lewisham District, Jesse Couchman (Farningham). Reuben Baldwin (Eynesford); Maidstone District, Brian Bristow (Leeds, killed in action in Korea); Tonbridge District, George Eastman (Hever). The company stood in silence as the names were read out.

### COMMITTEE WORK

Matters of interest dealt with by the Committee were grants from the Belfry Repair Fund of £10 10s. to St. Leonard's, Deal; £15 15s. to St. Mary's, Lewisham; £10 10s. to Barming Parish Church. It was decided that any difference between the amount standing to the credit of the Helmore Memorial Fund and the total cost of the clock and the installation of the same in the ringing chamber of Canterbury Cathedral be met from the Association's General Fund.

In recognition of Mr. Robert Edwards' long service to the Association and Tenterden Church, it was unanimously agreed to make him an honorary life member. The committee accepted the trusteeship of the proceeds of the sale of shares, the gift of Mr. Robert Edwards, to be invested and the interest earmarked for the Tenterden Parish Church Bell Ropes Fund.

An order for three gross of ringers' badges had been placed to a design kindly provided, free of cost, by Mr. Fred Cullum.

Preliminary consideration had been given to a proposal of Mr. A. Waddington as to the advisability of regrouping of towers, adjusting boundaries and possibly increasing the number of districts.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Horsmonden is to have two new bells to complete the octave, the gift of Mrs. Bridges.

Susan Dilmot, of Whitstable, at the tender age of ten months, has been made an honorary member.

The bells in two six-bell towers—Wateringbury and Barming—had been rehung on ball bearings. Congratulations to Wateringbury enthusiasts, who it is understood are making good progress, were expressed.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, in presenting the accounts, urged upon all districts the importance of securing honorary members. Subscriptions from members amounted to £121 7s. 6d. and revenue from other sources £69 5s. 7d. With the amount brought forward of £90 18s. 7d., this made a total of £281 11s. 8d. on the income account. The principal item of expenditure was the annual report, costing over £56. The next report would cost considerably more and he appealed to members to purchase copies at 1s. each, which was not a quarter of the cost of

production. The year ended with a balance in hand of £95 19s. 5d., but this would be reduced by the purchase of badges, the first order being over £50. He asked members to purchase their badges as soon as possible.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with £240 17s. 3d., collections at meetings and donations amounted to £11 0s. 7d., and interest £11 4s. 6d. Grants of £25 15s. had been made, leaving a balance at the end of the year of £237 7s. 4d. The shares Mr. Edwards had handed over realised £33 17s. 6d. for the Tenterden Bell Ropes Fund. He was sure all members would heartily thank Mr. Edwards for this kind gesture.

The Benevolent Fund started with a balance in hand of £422 2s. 2d. The total income for the year was £22 5s. 1d. and £40 had been paid out in grants to seven members. There had also been paid out £40 10s. for the Helmore Memorial towards which donations to this Fund was £12 5s. 7d.

### A GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

Mr. P. A. Corby, peal secretary, in his report, stated that 165 peals were recorded in 1950. Although this was a decrease of three on 1949, it probably ensured the return to the head of the Central Council's list. The peals included the first ever of Derby Surprise Major and the first for the Association of Aldenham, Boveney, Cranbourne and Southgate Surprise Major. It was again a pleasure to record a considerable range of performance from the very simple to the advanced methods, although no peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung and only one of London Surprise Major. There was a slight increase in the number of handbell peals but no sign of real activity.

There were 50 conductors, including four 'first as conductor.' The peal secretary headed the list with 17. Messrs. W. A. J. Knight and T. E. Sone with 13 each and Mr. W. Bottrill with 12 all showed a commendable record of achievement in circumstances that were not always easy.

Of 220 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 79. One peal was rung in Sussex, and one at Southwark Cathedral. Six peals were rung 'in hand.' There were only 20 first peals, the lowest number since the war. Sincere congratulations were offered to all first pealers and their instructors.

Six peals were rung in honour of the birth of Princess Anne. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, had the great pleasure of ringing a peal on the second bell at St. John's, Erith on August 30th, 1950, sixty years to the day after he had rung the same bell to his first peal. Members will share the pleasure of our old friend that he has been spared to carry out such a remarkable feat. We would commend to our members the recent suggestion in 'The Ringing World' that peals should be related, where possible, to Saints' Days and church activities generally.

In addition to the peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other Associations:—East Grinstead and District Guild, four; Ancient Society of College Youths and Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, two each; the Hawkhurst and District Guild, the London County Association and Oxford University Society, one each.

Conductors should ascertain before starting for a peal whether all the band were members of the Association and any non-members should be provisionally elected in accordance with Rule 17.

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. Wilfred Rayner, of Gravesend, to the committee. The four representatives to serve on the Central Council were Messrs. P. J. Corby, T. E. Sone, G. H. Spice and John Willis.



# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 26th Council (54th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 15th, 1951, in the Cathedral Refectory, Chester, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 p.m. or as may be decided.

## AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of President for 1951-1954. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1951-1954. Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is not seeking re-election.
3. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1951-1954. Mr. W. H. J. Hooton retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of Honorary Members. The following are now Life Members under Rule 6:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. Alex Young. Mr. C. Dean has resigned from the Council and Mr. J. F. Smallwood is now a Representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The following retire and are eligible for re-election:—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. L. K. Marshall (Records Committee), Mr. E. A. Barnett (Methods and Peal Collection Committee), Mr. G. E. Debenham (Rules Sub-Committee), Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes (Auditor), Mr. F. Sharpe (Towers and Belfries Committee), Mr. W. H. Viggers (Biographies), Mr. A. Walker (Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee). There are ten vacancies.
5. Election of Auditors (2) for 1951-1954. Present Auditor Mr. A. A. Hughes.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
9. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1950.
10. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Walker.
11. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To re-appoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

### (a) Standing Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, J. W. Clarke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, J. F. Smallwood, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers (if still members of the Council).

### (b) Peal Collection.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, G. R. Newton and C. W. Woolley.

### (c) Methods Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, F. Nolan Golden and C. K. Lewis.

### (d) Peal Analysis

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

### (e) Records Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

### (f) Towers and Belfries.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. W. Ayre, Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex Young.

### (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.

### (h) Peal Boards.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and J. W. Clarke.

### (i) Biographies.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. A. C. Hazelden and W. H. Viggers.

### (k) 'Ringing World'.

The following retire:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

12. To fix the place of next meeting.
13. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.  
The White House, Caister-on-Sea.

## OBITUARY

### MR. OLIVER SIPPETTS

The funeral took place at Crawley, Sussex, on April 7th, of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, for nearly 50 years a member of the band of St. John-the-Baptist's and leader for many years. Mr. Sippetts, who would have been 61 next month, was a very well-known ringer and conductor, who had rung over 800 peals. He was, in addition, treasurer of the Sussex County Association and Ringing Master of the Northern Branch.

A large congregation attended the service including many of his employees and fellow-townpeople, and some 26 ringers. The Sussex County Association was represented by Messrs. G. W. Cecil (Master) and S. E. Armstrong (secretary), the Central Council by Mr. F. I. Hairs (with Mrs. Hairs), the Ancient Society of College Youths by Mr. A. B. Peck, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. H. Pulling. Others present were Messrs. F. Bennett and W. C. Hart (Brighton), R. Overy and H. Lilley (Cuckfield), L. Stilwell (Horsham), R. Wood (Billingshurst), W. Stanford (Warnham), Mr. and Mrs. F. Crutten and B. White (Henfield), E. Rapley (West Grinstead), A. J. Bull (Horley), A. E. Laker (Balcombe), J. Laker (Worthing), Miss E. Lonnen (Felpham, representing the Western Division), L. Jupp, L. Penfold and the following past and present members of the Crawley band: Messrs. K. Snelling, C. Nice (with Mrs. Nice), R. V. Johnson (with Mrs. Johnson) and G. F. Jennings.

At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandire Triples was rung at the graveside by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs, A. H. Pulling and E. Rapley, and several half muffled touches were later rung on Crawley bells.

An appreciation of Mr. Sippetts' ringing career will appear in our next issue.

### MR. CHARLES DEAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Dean on Monday, within a few days of his 80th birthday. The funeral service was at Croydon Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) morning.

## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting

INCLEMENT weather did not deter about 90 visitors and friends from attending the annual meeting held at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Easter Monday. Many young and enthusiastic ringers of both sexes were among those present. The Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes) conducted the service and this was followed by tea which was kindly provided by the churchwardens.

Canon Hughes presided at the business meeting. The secretary, in his report, stated that membership was roughly about the same as for 1949 with 252 paid-up members. Four members, Mr. Tom Page and Mr. G. Wines, of Pentre, Mr. H. Baldwin, of Rumney, and Mr. A. Hawkins, of Usk, had died. Sunday service ringing in affiliated towers had been maintained and 21 peals, which was above post-war average, had been rung. Porthkerry bells had been augmented to six and there was now an enthusiastic band there. A peal entirely by clergy of the diocese of Monmouth had been rung. This was most gratifying, indicating that the clergy were taking a greater interest in our art. Attendances at meetings had been well maintained. One interesting feature of the year had been the purchase of a badge of office for the Master to be worn on official occasions. The report was adopted.

Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet which showed a balance of £5 17s. 6d., not counting the purchase price of the Master's

badge. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £18 17s. 5d. The report was adopted.

Mr. Frank Rowsell was elected Master for the ensuing year, the secretary was asked to carry on and the auditors were re-elected. Mr. J. W. Jones was re-elected Central Council representative and Mr. T. M. Roderick was elected to take the place of Mr. E. Stitch, who had moved to Wolverhampton.

Progress was reported from several towers, notably Llanbadach and Newport All Saints'. Newport All Saints' was selected for the next annual meeting and Radyr for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting. The Monmouthshire quarterly meeting has already been fixed for Ebbw Vale. Two notices of motion were given, one to divide the Association area into districts, the other to revise the rules.

The question of the delivery of 'The Ringing World' was raised: several members saying they could not get it regularly through their newsagent. They were advised to get it by post. New members were elected from Caerphilly, Llanbadach and Chepstow.

Mr. Jack Worrall moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and Mr. J. W. Jones to the churchwardens and the ladies for providing the tea and presiding thereat.

Apologies for a recent suggestion that Bognor Regis is the largest town in the country without a ring of bells, Mr. F. Farrant, of Martock, submits Clacton-on-Sea.



## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting Discuss Ring of Eight for Sale

DESPITE the wintry conditions, the annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was, as usual well attended, some 130-140 members and friends being present, with welcome visitors from Leicester, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Nuneaton, Hereford and Sunbury-on-Thames. Although at the early hour of 11 a.m., a congregation of 90 attended the special service at All Saints', the officiating clergy being the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, Rector of All Saints', the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. Birch (vice-president) with the Rev. J. M. Wale at the organ.

The general business meeting was held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Cathedral Chapter House, and in the absence of the president, the Dean of Worcester (who was away from home), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) was elected to the chair. He was supported by Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (secretary and treasurer) and Mr. S. T. Holt. Apologies for absence were received from the Dean, Messrs. J. Bass, A. J. Skelding, J. R. Newman, F. V. Nicholls and T. Greenhall. It was decided to send a letter of good wishes to Mr. J. Bass who, but for indisposition, would have been present at this, his 50th annual meeting.

On behalf of the Central Committee, the secretary reported that the Guildhall had been booked for the annual dinner on October 27th and that it coincided with the closing date of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission, 1951. Grants of £10 each from the Belfry Renais. Fund had been approved towards the rehanging of Hagley bells and to the new ring of 12 at Evesham and also a donation of £5 5s. from the General Fund to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund. Arising from the report of the committee, the chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) reminded the meeting that the Bishop's Mission would close from October 13th to 27th and he made an appeal that, wherever possible, a concerted effort should be made by local bands throughout the Diocese to ring a peal on Saturday, October 13th.

#### ST. HELEN'S BELLS, WORCESTER

The Rev. L. J. Birch spoke of recent advertisements in the 'Church Times' offering the ring of eight at St. Helen's (now a redundant church) for sale at £550 and said he had since heard that there was an application for a faculty to sell them for scrap metal. It would be a great pity if this good old ring was allowed to be broken up. The bells (eight, tenor 13 cwt. in E) were cast in 1706 and each one bore a rhyming inscription commemorative of Marlborough and his Flanders victories.

The secretary reported that he had had considerable correspondence on the subject, and since 1948 the Association had made every effort to find a home for them within the Diocese. At the annual meeting in 1948, a strong resolution was passed, urging that they be retained without recasting and as an individual ring. When he heard of the application for the faculty, and in view of this resolution, he had written to the Diocesan Registrar, the result being that the faculty was withheld pending wider publicity and advertisement. His actions had been unanimously approved by the committee and it was resolved that he again write to the Registrar to ascertain the current position.

At this point the chairman said he had the pleasant task of handing over a cheque for £5 5s. as a donation from the Association to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund. This was received on behalf of the Dean and Chapter by the Chapter clerk, Mr. Victor Dowse, who suitably thanked the meeting.

As recommended by a sub-committee, it was resolved with acclamation:—That in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Association, the following be elected 'Freemen' of the Association: Messrs. William Ranford (elected 1900), John Bass (elected 1901) and Albert J. Skelding (elected 1896). They had all given valuable service to the committee in various offices and as teachers and instructors and their names are added to that of James R. Newman (elected 1902, and general secretary for 25 years).

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) reported better use of the library with 14 applications for 18 books.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president and the Rev. H. Hartley added to the clerical vice-presidents. Mr. F. C. Hyde was elected auditor in lieu of Mr. T. W. Lewis, who did not wish to continue, and the Rev. L. J. Birch elected to the Central Committee. Mr. J. D. Johnson not wishing to stand for re-election to the Central Council, Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected and Messrs. B. C. Ashford and S. T. Holt re-elected for the ensuing three years. All other officers were re-elected.

Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to Mr. W. B. Cartwright (chairman), for his good-humoured and expeditious conduct of the meeting, the Dean and Cathedral Chapter, Bishop Lasbrey and the Rev. J. M. Wale and incumbents whose bells were used that day.

During the afternoon and evening, good use was made of the bells of the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey. Probably the most notable feature of the ringing was the large number of youth of both sexes taking part—several of whom were undaunted by the Cathedral 12. One lad of tender years and diminutive stature, approached as he was leaving a tower door with a wooden box under his arm, said he was hoping to ring at several other towers before the day ended. The box—his own luggage—was necessary to enable him to reach both sally and backstroke!

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The bi-annual Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Chew Magna on April 1st. The bells were raised in peal soon after 7 a.m. and ringing continued until service time.

The celebrant was the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Luxmore-Ball, and ringers were present from Chew Magna, Chilcompton, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wington and Yatton.

A party of 16 afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast served in the Church Hall, for which thanks are due to Mr. H. Babb and his lady helpers. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

## Ilchester & Merston Deaneries Branch

There was a good gathering at a meeting held at Haselbury Plucknett on March 31st.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Haskins) conducted the service and gave an interesting address on the bells and their recent restoration. Mr. C. Paull was the organist.

Prebendary G. W. Saunders presided at the business meeting. There being no charge made for tea, a collection was taken in aid of the Pyll Church, Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, £2 6s. being the result.

New members were elected from Norton 3, West Coker 1, Hardington 2, Yeovil 2, Haselbury 7 and one non-resident life-member.

F. F.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The annual district meeting was held in Bray on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, and was attended by 51 bellringers from Arklow, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (St. George's and St. John's).

The Bray Society kindly made the arrangements for lunch in the Wicklow Hills Hotel which was presided over by the Rector, Canon E. H. F. Campbell, M.A.

From 10.30 onwards the ringers arrived and at 11.30 a.m. the Striking Competition for the Lindoff Memorial Cup commenced. The holders, Bray, 'won the toss' and went on first. It took a little while for them to settle down but not before they had 22 faults against them. Three of the ringers failed to set their bells. The Arklow team followed and rang a steady pace throughout and finished with 15 faults. St. Peter's, Drogheda—whose bells are the worst going in the world!—next 'chanced their arm' on the beautiful ring of Bray. They settled down to a good open pace from the start but finished up with 25 faults due to 'clipping and clashing.' Arklow were, therefore, declared the winners. Both Bray and Arklow rang Plain Bob while Drogheda rang call changes. The judges were Messrs. J. N. Roden and H. W. Jones.

At the meeting which followed the lunch, the Cup was presented by Mrs. R. J. Kerr, wife of the Rector of St. George's, Dublin, to Mrs. M. Kinch, on behalf of the Arklow Society. She was the only lady ringing in the team.

The meeting was presided over by the Rector of Bray in the unavoidable absence of the district chairman, Mr. R. Corson, whose business as an undertaker necessitated his attention, owing to an unusually high number of clients! Canon Campbell welcomed the meeting to Bray and also welcomed back the members of St. John-the-Baptist Society, Dublin, into the Association.

Officers elected were:—District chairman, Fred Henly (Drogheda); District Ringing Master, Robert W. Smyth (Drogheda); district treasurer, John F. Fennell (Bray); district secretary, Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; vice-president (executive), Samuel J. Evans (Arklow), representatives on executive Miss A. C. Dukes, Messrs. F. Simpson and J. Fennell.

Twelve new members were elected. The next annual meeting is to be held at Drogheda, by invitation, and the interim meeting at Dublin.

The bells of Christ Church, Bray (tenor 29 cwt.), which were recently completely restored by Messrs. Taylor, were kept going most of the day to call changes, Plain Bob and Grandsire. All were agreed that an excellent job had been done.

## SS. PETER & PAUL'S, TONBRIDGE

As part of the general restoration of the Parish Church, an order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for repairs to the eight bells originally cast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman in 1774.

The treble, second, third and seventh bells are to be recast and the remainder retuned and hung on ball-bearings in the old wooden frame.

The bells will be removed in June when repairs to the tower begin and it is anticipated that they will be rehung by the New Year.

The total cost of the Church restoration is £6,000, of which some £900 will be spent on the bells. If any reader cares to help, however little, towards raising the necessary funds, the subscription will be gratefully received by the Vicar, Canon Russell B. White, M.A., The Vicarage, Tonbridge, Kent.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Dobb 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Easter Day, 1,320 Minor (600 St. Clement's and 720 Oxford Bob): Miss J. Smith 1, Miss J. Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Plans for Festival of Britain

THE annual festival of the Guild, which was held at Newton Abbot on Easter Monday, was favoured with dry weather but despite this agreeable circumstance the attendance was smaller than for several years past. This may have been due partly to the change in date—from Whit Monday—partly to the reluctance of members to climb the steep ascents to the churches of Wolborough and Highweek (even the Combe Martin car which must surely be used to hills jibbed at the idea) but those members who did attend obviously thought that the pleasure of having their Central Councillors among them outweighed all other considerations for Easter Monday was again chosen for 1952.

The service in St. Leonard's Church was noteworthy for the splendid address by the Rector, Canon P. F. Ardagh-Walter. Bell-ringing, he said, was an art, and while the arts of painting, sculpture, music, literature and the rest had their secular as well as their religious uses, ringing was unique in that practically its sole usage was in the service of the Church. Lightly undertaken, it was worship in its truest sense, showing forth the worth-ship of God, and although high proficiency in the art was desirable, it was far more important that ringers should, in their inmost hearts, feel that they were taking part in an act of devotion.

Sixty sat down to a luncheon which (as a Devon farmer once said of his rather stout wife) combined quality with quantity, and the many expressions of appreciation must have warmed the hearts of Messrs. Turner and Bennett, of the Mid-Devon Branch, who were largely responsible for its excellence.

At the subsequent business meeting, Prebendary E. V. Cox, the president, took the chair with his accustomed verve and efficiency. He first voiced the thanks of all present to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, whose duties necessitated his early departure, for playing the organ at the service, saying how fortunate the Guild was to have in its ranks another clerical member of his famous family, and expressing the hope that his career, both as a parson and a ringer, would be long and distinguished.

The president, in a happy speech, then presented Mr. F. C. Smale, who relinquished the office of general secretary last Whitsun after ten years of hard and devoted work in that capacity, with a cheque which had been subscribed for by nearly 400 members. Mr. Smale, who was completely taken by surprise, said in reply how very grateful he was for this expression of goodwill and thanked the president for the help and support he had received from him during his term of office.

### MEMBERSHIP OF 585

The annual report showed that although numbers at 585 were down slightly, the certificates issued had increased from 14 in 1948 and 24 in 1949 to 42 in 1950. Congratulations were accorded to the Honiton Cylst band on ringing the first resident peal of Oxford Bob Triples and to the six members of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch who had scored their first peal of Cambridge Minor. The statement of accounts showed an increase of £9 in the balance in hand but, as the president pointed out, in these inflationary times, it is problematical whether this is indicative of any real improvement in the Guild's financial position.

The meeting next proceeded to decide where to hold the 1952 Festival. The committee's recommendation to visit Barnstaple was not followed up as it transpired that the bells were not in very good order, and Miss B. M. Boyle very persuasively proposed Combe Martin instead. A South Devon member pointed out the distance some would have to travel in order to attend, but this instantly brought forth a Combe Martin retort that they had not missed an annual meeting for 23 years and had probably covered more miles than any other band

## LINCOLNSHIRE RECORD BREAKERS



THE above photograph is of the band, in order of ringing, that established the new handbell record of 50 methods of Spliced Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, on March 11th. Brief biographical details are appended.

**Mrs. J. Bray, 1-2.** Age 48. Has rung 266 peals. Previous records include 100, 102, 104 methods of Spliced Minor on tower bells and 125, the last being 6,480 changes. On handbells, 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 methods of Minor. Major records are 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. Has also rung peals 'in hand' from Doubles to Maximus. Mrs. Bray has been ringing for 25 years.

**George E. Feirn, 3-4.** (Conductor.) Age 36. Has rung 296 peals of which he has conducted 153. In all he has conducted 49 Spliced peals. Previous records are 100, 102, 104 and 125

(6,480 changes) Minor on tower bells; 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 Minor on handbells. Major records are 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. All the above records were conducted by Mr. Feirn. The Major methods were also his own method arrangement. Has been ringing 19 years.

**Jack Bray, 5-6.** Age 50. Has rung 475 peals, conducting 229. Previous records 100, 102, 104 and 125 (6,480 changes) Minor on tower bells; 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 Minor on handbells. Major records 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. Mr. Bray has also conducted peals 'in hand' on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. Has been ringing 30 years.

**Philip Barnes, 7-8.** Age 28. Has rung 91 peals. Previous records are Major on handbells, 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 methods. Has been ringing 14 years.

in the Guild in order to do so. The meeting, feeling that the gallant struggle Combe Martin have for so long made in the cause of change ringing in their isolated corner of Devon was worthy of all praise and support, voted solidly in favour of Miss Boyle's motion.

The election of officers then took place and the following were unanimously re-elected for 1951:—President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; general secretary Mr. E. J. Taylor; general treasurer and peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke.

### FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The secretary then gave the meeting brief particulars of the arrangements made to celebrate the Festival of Britain. Every band of ringers in the Diocese was being asked to ring its bells on Friday, May 4th, at some time between the hours of 7—9 p.m. and a Festival of Britain Ringers' Rally was to be held in Exeter on the following day. The president pointed out that these decisions had been made at a very cordial meeting between representatives both of the Guild and of the Devon Association of (call change) Ringers and expressed the hope that this would lead to a closer fellowship between the two bodies in the future.

In his review of the past year, the president made an eloquent appeal in the cause of progress. He said that whilst the training of beginners was absolutely essential to the future of the Guild, practice nights should not be exclusively devoted to this. He was very con-

cerned at the fact that little or no progress was being made in learning new methods and urged bands not to be content to go on ringing the same old thing year in and year out. A casual glance at 'The Ringing Word' would show what tremendous advances were being made up and down the country, and he felt sure that if only Devon would try to break fresh ground, new interest would be awakened and far fewer recruits would drift away after learning to handle a rope. He specially welcomed to the meeting Mr. G. H. Myers, who had been a member of the Guild for 60 years, and who had been a tower of strength, not only to ringing in Plymouth, but throughout the whole county.

The usual and well-deserved votes of thanks having been duly passed the meeting terminated. Ringing subsequently took place in various towers in the locality before the homeward trek began. In the words of the old song:—

'Some walked and some did run,  
Some loitered by the way,  
And bound themselves by kisses twelve,  
To meet next holiday.'

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Steadman Triples: J. Bullock (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. Castle 3, Miss J. Freer 4, E. Beauchamp 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Otley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.  
**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, F. Borcham 5, W. Jarvis 6, R. Clouston 7, L. G. Pryke 8. A birthday compliment to L. Offord.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ANCASTER, GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, F. G. Vickers 3, R. W. Chadburn (first quarter) 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Hollingdale (first quarter) 1, N. J. Smith 2, M. A. Causley 3, C. D. Linington 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, P. N. Bond 6.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn (cond.) 1, A. W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, E. G. Moore (Oxford) 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard 6, G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: E. Bass (first away from tenor) 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, R. Swann 4, P. Wells 5, J. Kesterton 6, A. Skinner (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8.—Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Wells 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, A. Skinner 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob's on March 29th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. E. Reeves 2, J. Thomas 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, E. J. Brown (cond.) 5, T. Harris 6, W. Parker 7, R. C. Seager (first of Yorkshire) 8.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On March 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Hope 1, Rev. T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, Jun. 3, A. Law 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of F. J. Lewis, sen., who owing to illness was unable to stand in.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Came 1, J. G. E. Roast 2, Miss K. Knight 3, J. West 4, D. Roast 5, P. Childs (first quarter in method as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. Rowntree 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, H. Denman 4, W. Coates 5, H. Willows 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8.

**GAYTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day, Old Doubles and Plain Bob and 180 Grandshire): A. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, E. G. Bennett 3, K. Perkins (first 'inside') 4, I. Dickinson (first as cond.) 5, A. Cozens (first quarter) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 are pupils of Towcester Grammar School.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Impey 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, A. R. Turley 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Coles 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, T. G. Bannister 8.—Also on April 1st, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, W. N. Genna 2, F. Blondell 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, E. Thurlow 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, A. R. G. Twinn (first of Caters as cond.) 8, H. W. Impey 9, F. Corke 10. Rung on the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Turley.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: V. Evans 1, I. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, E. Timponson 6, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.—Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, R. Biggs 3, A. E. Cox 4, E. Timponson 5, D. Cox 6, R. Blaby 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, R. Pye 5, C. Burton 6.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: T. J. Cement (cond.) 1, L. D. Clement (first quarter) 2, K. Clement 3, T. Haslam 4, N. T. Nightingale (first quarter) 5, L. Pearson 6, K. Holmes 7, T. Knights 8. A birthday compliment to L. Pearson.

**NORTH MYMMS, Herts.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. L. Baycock (first quarter) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, G. Spencer 3, J. R. Loftly (first quarter) 4, W. J. Southam 5, F. J. Spicer 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. Loftly 8.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: R. Andrew 1, J. B. Hessey 2, G. Hunt (first quarter away from treble) 3, D. Sleet (cond.) 4, J. Ribbans 5, T. Warden (first quarter of Grandshire) 6.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (being April Day, Plain Bob and Grandshire): A. Alan 1, R. Partridge 2, A. Peake 3, E. Anger 4, B. Bladon 5, L. Woodwards 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, W. Ayres 8. Rung half-muffled with 4.6.8 behind.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary on March 25th, 1,331 Grandshire Caters: J. W. Faithfull 1, Miss J. Cox 2, R. Faithfull 3, D. C. Williams 4, Mrs. B. Faithfull 5, E. Brown (first quarter of Caters) 6, W. Glasspool 7, E. C. Smith 8, M. J. Butler (first of Caters as cond.) 9, R. Brown 10.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: H. Piggin 1, Miss M. Whitlock 2, F. Wigmore (cond.) 3, S. Haw 4, F. Mowes 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Duffield 8.

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### BIRTH

**CROFT.**—On Sunday, April 1st, 1951, at Southampton, to Kenneth and Madeline Croft, a son. 8695

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Raymond, elder son of the late Mr. and of Mrs. Ernest Parsons, of 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casswell Brittain, of 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead. 8688

### DEATH

**ROBERTS.**—Emily, beloved wife of Adolphus (Bob), of 30, Hamilton Road, Stoke Coventry, passed peacefully away after long illness on Saturday, April 7th, 1951, in her 81st year. 8724

### SITUATION VACANT

**SEXTON.**—Wanted for St. Saviour's Church, Arklow, Ireland. Sexton-Bellringer, 60s. per week and house.—Apply Secretary, 50, Main Street, Arklow. 8687

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**BRIDLINGTON** for bracing holidays. The Priory Church welcomes visiting ringers. More the merrier the peal. For comfortable board or apartments write to Mrs. Holland, Rostrevor, Gypsy Bank, Midway Avenue, Bridlington. 8568

### PUBLICATIONS

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Will outing organisers wishing to include **WINDSOR** Parish Church address correspondence to—A. J. Glass, 237, St. Leonards Road, Windsor, Berks. 8701

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—St. Michael's (10). Monthly practice the third Saturday in each month from 7 to 9. Everyone welcome.—H. White, Secretary. 8696

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

### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE and EAST DERBYSHIRE and NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bolsover, April 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 8677

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Clerkenwell, 3; Holiway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (Worlesworth 51C9). 8607

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 8610

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Lambeth, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8660

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—April 14th, Buxted (8). Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 8669

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8651

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey Heath (8), April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8655

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Thatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8637

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Ringing 3. Tea 4.30. Business, in tower, 5.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Bovack, Dis. Sec. 8658

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Martinstown, April 14th. Usual arrangements. 8662

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Look up your Doubles Methods and attend the practice meeting at Twineham (5) on Saturday, April 14th, 2.30.—B. W. White. 8650

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. 8676

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. each) in the Institute, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Brough, 70, Lord Street, Macclesfield. Visitors most welcome. 8685

**GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), April 14th, at 3 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 8710

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Practice at Burwarton (6), Saturday, April 14th. No business or service. Foxalls bus leaves Bridgnorth at 2.15 p.m. It is essential to catch this bus. Tea at the Boyne Arms.—E. J. Rowe (Ironbridge 3324). 8639

**BEVERLEY and DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Hedon, April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. C. Hunter, 3, King's Place, Hedon. 8723

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8670

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eltham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, 16th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 8671

**BATH and WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, April 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—Wm. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8659



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, which is at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, to whom names should be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th. 8668

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 21st, at Warwick. Bells of St. Mary's (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5, at Warwick Restaurant (1s. 6d.) only for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, April 18th. Those failing to notify must make own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6. Bells of Sherbourne (6) and Leamington (8) may be available in evening, if required, in addition to St. Mary's.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21 Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 8656

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, April 21st, 3. Tea at the Bull's Head. Names for tea by April 19th to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 8679

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Blackpool, commencing immediately after tea, at approximately 6 p.m. The service will be at the Parish Church, commencing 4 p.m. and the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Wm. Yates, M.A. Tea will follow at 4.45 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Church Street, 2s. 9d. per head. Names to Mr. J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, before April 18th (numbers limited). The following churches will be open for ringing: The Parish Church, St. John's, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.; after meeting until 9 p.m.; Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Holy Trinity, South Shore, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Ringing Secretary. 8643

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Loddon. Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, 18th, to H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 8646

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Names, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8640

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Reading, April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, April 21st. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8698

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Audlem (6), April 21st, 2.30. Names for tea must arrive by 17th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8720

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 18th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8714

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Totnes and Little Hemston, Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8711

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, April 21st, at 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 18th to R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, North Gosforth, 3. 8692

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Frampton-on-Severn, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 17th, certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 8686

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable on April 21st. Bells (8) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8715

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, April 21st at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 8645

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea reservations to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 8691

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarrington, April 21st. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, April 17th, to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, Hereford. 8704

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Condoover (8 bells), Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8705

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Knebworth, April 21st, 3 p.m. Unable to arrange tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8718

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by April 18th, to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 8716

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Tea in schools. 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, April 17th, to Mr. E. Sowman, 68, Eskdale Road, Hinckley. 8700

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Next meeting, Haxey (6, tenor 18 cwt.), on Saturday, April 21st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8717

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Rinestead, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 8689

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting, Kineswood, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 19th to Mr. C. Munt 35, Hatchlands Road, Redhill. 8702

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—April 21st. Goodworth Clatford (6) 2.30–4.30. 6–9. Tea 5 at Abbots Ann (5) 6–9. Transport between. Names to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8697

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), April 21st, at 3. Names for tea to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon.—W. Hacker. 8703

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Everleigh, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 8699

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Beaminster, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to C. H. Lathey, Bradpole. 8694

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne (8), April 21st, 3. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8683

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, April 21st, Salehurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to reach G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, April 18th. 8684

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Batcombe, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 8709

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 25th, to John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8642

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing at Belgrave (8) 11–12; Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6) from 2–4. Service at St. George's Church, 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall at 5, followed by the business meeting and a social evening. Names, by 25th, to W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 8713

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Bells of Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter at Gowts (6), available during afternoon and evening. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, only to those who notify, by Tuesday, 24th, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8721

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). Names for tea by 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Castor, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than April 23rd, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8690

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Wimborne, Saturday, April 28th. Annual meeting, Church House, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in Minster at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Tea tickets from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge, 2s. each, before April 23rd. Bells available:—Poole, Wimborne Minster, St. Giles', Cranborne, Kingston, Swanage, Bournemouth (St. John's), Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Corfe Mullen, Sturminster Marshall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 5 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 8693

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 5th. Ringing.—St. Peter's, afternoon and evening; St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd, evening. Hart Memorial unveiling, St. Peter's, 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea, price 2s. 9d. Individual names to me by April 30th. Usual allowances.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton. 8706

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6), recently recast, 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, for those who notify, by Thursday, April 26th, Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londersborough Road, Market Weighton.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 8722

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch — Special meeting, Preston, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, not later than Monday previous, to Mr. F. Stevens, Preston, near Uppingham. Towers of Seaton, Glaston, Uppingham and Belton will also be open. Coach leaves Northampton 12.30 from Derigate (York Bros.) calling at Wellingborough and Kettering. Numbers wishing to travel must inform me by April 28th at latest.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8707

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Sea-grave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner, October 13th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Ringing arrangements later. Tickets (12s. 6d.) available now from Frank J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8681

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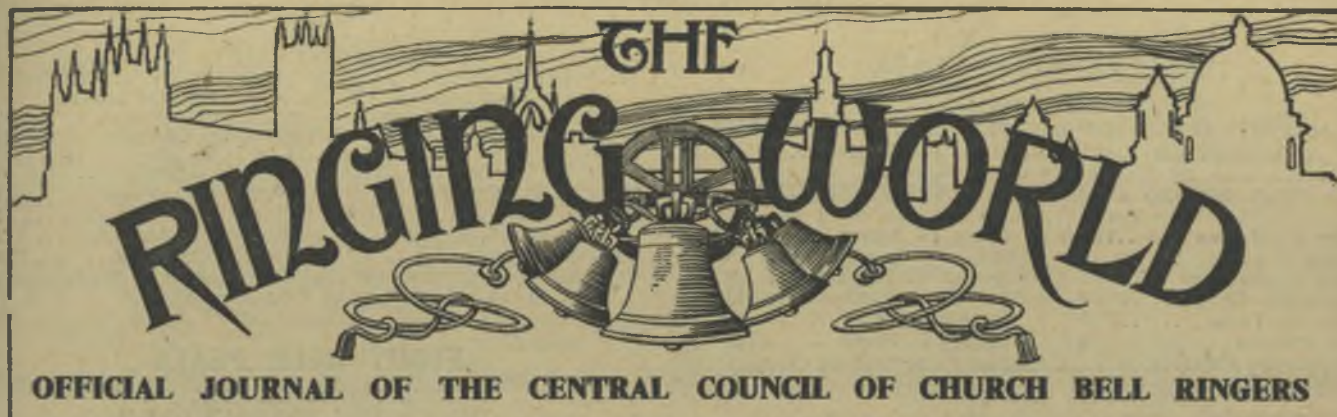
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## SUFFOLK PUNCHES

UNKINDLY, perhaps, some people are apt to regard Suffolk as in a backwater of England. But the heritage of the county is so rich with its magnificent flint-work churches and worthies who have graced the arts that contemporary thought on the matter of bells and ringing is worthy of a wider field in the Exercise.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, the general secretary, in his report to the Suffolk Guild, touches on a number of points of common interest. Most Guilds have the problem of the lapsed member who neglects to forward his modest half-crown to the District Secretary. 'The Guild,' writes Mr. Pipe, 'does not function like a Trade Union. There is no closed shop. Every ringer is welcome to a pull with his comrades at any meeting, whether he has paid his subscription or not, and questions are never asked as to whether he is or not a member. A glance at the membership register shows up the erratic member, the "flash in the pan" type who pays one year's subscription and misses three.' We are tempted to ask if this 'go-as-you-please' payment of subscriptions is the prevailing practice among Guilds. In our opinion the crux of lapsed membership is indifference to Sunday ringing. The well-organised tower has no problem. May we commend the practice in the writer's own tower of a small weekly subscription from members with no question of subscriptions not being paid?

Mr. Pipe quite naturally refers to the question of broadcasting and, after deploring the standard of ringing in the Christmas Day broadcast, writes: 'Nothing else that comes from Broadcasting House would have been allowed to proceed as did the Christmas ringing, and it is evident that the B.B.C. are really ignorant of what constitutes good, bad or indifferent bells or striking. From an exhibition such as we received, I hope your minds are thoroughly made up that the time has arrived when action should be taken with the B.B.C. that we and our art should cease to be so grossly misrepresented.' The remedy he suggests is the appointment by the Central Council of a committee to approach the B.B.C. and advise on future ringing broadcasts.

The Suffolk report continues: 'It may be quite safely said that the B.B.C. was not altogether to blame for what was put over the air. Partly at fault were the local companies, who were not fit to handle the job themselves and did not invite reliable strikers. Here is a lesson by which we may all profit when the occasion arrives for Suffolk bells to be broadcast. While a local band whose striking is generally not first class suffices for local ringing, let us hope that they will give way to outside help by inviting the highest class strikers obtainable rather than adopt the attitude of "dog in the manger" as did quite probably happen in the Christmas ringing.'

Calling attention to the restorations carried out during the year at Blythburgh and Brandeston, the report mentions that it is proposed to add two trebles at Bures and Cotton and to restore the six bells at Monewden. Much more restoration is required in the county, where, on the whole, the bells have fallen low in rank compared with other counties. The majority of the heavyweights, once famous for tone and 'go,' have seen their best days, and recasting and rehanging, now so sadly essential, is the only answer. 'Is it fair to the public who have to endure the sound of bells out of tune, and of poor quality, and to the future of our art, when young folk are expected to learn on rough-going bells, that apathy should be so predominant among ringers and certain incumbents? There never was a time when bells of such pureness of tone were cast as those which the bell founders turn out to-day, and nearly all newly-hung bells are a real joy to manipulate. This is, indeed, the golden age of bell-founding and bell-hanging.'

The onus of responsibility in calling attention to neglected bells falls on local ringers. Mr. Pipe counsels: 'Let every ringer who resides in a parish where hangs a ring of neglected bells see to it that those worn stairs and rotten ladders and floors, constituting a real danger to the unwary and the risk of fire due to the rubbish which has accumulated for years, be brought to the notice of the incumbent and churchwardens and duly appear on the agenda at the next Parochial Church Council meeting. A simple report on the actual state of the bells and frame is only a step further in the right direction, and much good can evolve from a little interest and action taken in unringable bells which form one of the 40 cases of neglect and danger in the county.'



**TWELVE BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Martin,***A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS***Tenor 37 cwt. in C.*

FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 7
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 2	TERRY H. HAMPTON .. .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Maximus.

**LINCOLN.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,**In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.*

ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. .. Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 7
JACK F. HODSON .. .. 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 8
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. .. 9
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. .. 10
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 5	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 6	CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 50th peal together. Rung for the Annunciation and as welcome to the Rev. M. Armstrong, whose installation as Archdeacon of Stow preceded this peal.

**TEN BELL PEALS****LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.****THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.*

EDWARD COWARD .. .. Treble	*BERNARD HAWKINS .. .. 6
*ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN .. .. 7
*GORDON PETERS .. .. 3	*GEORGE COOK .. .. 8
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. .. 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. .. 5	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

**WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mark,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 24 cwt.*

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. .. 6
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. .. 2	CECIL RADDON .. .. 7
†A. EDWARD REEVES .. .. 3	†BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 8
*†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 9
†HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5	†DOUGLAS W. KIRKPATRICK Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' Rung on the first birthday of the granddaughter of the ringer of the 7th.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,**At the Bell Foundry Campanile,***A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 6½ cwt.*

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 8
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 9
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,**At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,***A PEAL OF 5957 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. Treble	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 6
†MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 8
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 9
H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD (1). Conducted by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

\* First on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin,***A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.*

WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (148). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,**At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,***A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.*

JOHN N. LINDON .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 2	*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Superlative.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR***C. Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.*

C. HENRY HARDING .. .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. .. 2	HAROLD W. SMITH .. .. 6
ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Griffin on the occasion of the birth of their second daughter.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.****THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR***Tenor 12½ cwt.*

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	ROBERT BELL .. .. 5
THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 6
*KENNETH PICKERING .. .. 3	JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 7
MARGARET FIDELL .. .. 4	†DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

**CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,**At the Church of St. Vincent,***A PEAL OF 5021 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR***Comprising 3,069 Peterborough and 1,952 Bristol, with 21 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.*

CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 5
*JOHN E. COOK .. .. 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. .. 6
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods by all and for the Guild. This composition has no 8.7's at backstroke.



EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.  
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble S. GEORGE CHAPLIN .. 5  
EVELYN N. FLETCHER .. 2 ARTHUR TIMMINS .. 6  
\*MOLLY P. FLYNN .. 3 FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7  
JOHN F. ATKINS .. 4 THEODORE RUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
\*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the holy baptism of the infant son of Canon and Mrs. R. E. T. Allen.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.  
\*AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble †TONY PRICE .. 5  
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 2 FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 6  
JANET S. BAILEY .. 3 TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 7  
\*PETER C. RIDGEWAY .. 4 RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor  
Composed by N. J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.  
\*First eight-bell peal. †Now completes this circle, and rung with seven of his pupils.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*DEREK WHITFORD .. Treble \*CHARLES CLEGG .. 5  
DEREK OGDEN .. 2 ROGER LEIGH .. 6  
THOMAS BARKER .. 3 \*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7  
\*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 4 \*JACK CLEGG .. Tenor  
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.  
\*First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY Treble MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. 5  
\*MARGARET S. RHODES .. 2 JOHN W. GIBSON .. 6  
FRED BENNETT .. 3 RONALD H. DOVE .. 7  
JOHN T. DUFFIN .. 4 JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor  
Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.  
\*First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
RUSSELL PARKER .. Treble JOHN W. CRAPNELL .. 5  
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2 ALBERT E. WHITING .. 6  
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 3 WALTER W. MILLER .. 7  
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. 4 LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor  
Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIKE TRIPLES  
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*ALBERT M. COOPER .. Treble DUDLEY HENSHALL .. 5  
CYRIL BYARD .. 2 DEREK OGDEN .. 6  
JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 3 ALAN WARD .. 7  
JAMES CARTER .. 4 †FRANK DAWSON .. Tenor  
Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.  
\*First eight-bell peal. †First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. D. Butterfield, the new Rector.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,  
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.  
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. Treble ROGER KEELEY .. 5  
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2 NORMAN MALLETT .. 6  
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 3 HENRY G. KEELEY .. 7  
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 4 GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor  
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CANON C. CAREW COX.  
The first peal in the method. Rung for the Easter Festival; also as a compliment to the conductor upon his installation as a non-residential Canon of Salisbury Cathedral; also as a wedding compliment to Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.  
HERBERT BARLOW .. Treble JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 5  
STEPHEN L. PARRY .. 2 VERNON SYKES .. 6  
AUDREY SEVILLE .. 3 PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 7  
FRED PRITCHARD .. 4 IVAN KAY .. Tenor  
Composed by KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by IVAN KAY.  
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Seville.

SALTFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIKE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
\*RAYMOND STANLEY .. Treble FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 5  
JOHN THOMAS .. 2 E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 6  
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 3 \*JACK E. ADIE .. 7  
ROGER SAVOURY .. 4 \*HAROLD WARD .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
\*First peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.  
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5  
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 2 ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6  
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3 CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 7  
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor  
Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.  
CECIL RADDON .. Treble ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5  
HAROLD WORRALL .. 2 J.A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 6  
\*MARY COLEGATE .. 3 †HENRY PARKER .. 7  
†HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4 DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.  
\*First peal. †100th peal together. †50th peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.  
WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Treble GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5  
PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 2 DAVID HOARE .. 6  
HARRY GAYLARD .. 3 JOHN HILL .. 7  
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4 ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.



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THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON .. .. Treble	*SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	*HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.  
\* 300th peal together.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY .. Treble	PETER COXALL .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
NORMAN HEAPS .. .. 3	EDWIN BIRKETT .. .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.  
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and on the bells.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. Treble	IVOR GOULTER .. .. 5
FREDK. G. NURDEN .. .. 2	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 7
PETER BAKER .. .. 4	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
First peal of Little Bob by all except 1 and 3.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 6
JOHN G. AMES .. .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method by resident members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

## SIX BELL PEALS

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-in-the-Elms,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of April Day, eight of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 23 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
MARY A. CARPENTER (16) Treble ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 4  
F. K. THOMPSON (15) .. 2 JOHN W. LOWE .. .. 5  
GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3 ROGER G. W. SOARS (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.  
First peal as conductor. A compliment to Jean Rowlett and Sidney Lewin, who were married at Cossington the same morning.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 2 extents of April Day, 1 of Reverse Bartholomew Bob, 1 of Place Bob, 10 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 6 of Plain Bob, 13 of Grandsire and five 240's by Morris. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.  
\*ANTHONY E. JOHNSON .. Treble F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 4  
JOHN W. LOWE .. .. 2 ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 5  
GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3 ROGER G. W. SOARS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

\* First peal. First peal in six methods by all.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents of Plain Bob, 4 of April Day, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 of Grandsire and one 240 of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

MARY A. CARPENTER .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 4
F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 2	ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 5
JOHN W. LOWE .. .. 3	ROGER G. W. SOARS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Marjorie Lowe, daughter of the third ringer. Mary Carpenter is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 4
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sylvia R. E. PIPE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,680 Plain Bob, 3,360 Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CATHLENE BLOXHAM .. Treble	ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 4
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 2	WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5
PETER J. WRIGHT .. .. 3	GEORGE H. TALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

First peal in two methods by all the band.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 3	HARRY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
FREDERICK A. JAIN .. Treble \*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4  
\*REV. BERNARD AP IVOR .. 2 WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5  
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3 LESLIE EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor. Mr. F. A. Jaine has twice completed the 'circle' of this tower.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
\*P. JOHN WILKIN .. Treble CHARLES W. SMITH .. .. 4  
CYRIL G. HURST .. .. 2 PETER BORDER .. .. 5  
CHARLES W. COOK .. .. 3 JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

\* First peal.



## WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..Treble	*GEORGE E. MOISEY .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 5
*LESLIE WITTEN .. 3	BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN AUSTIN.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

## WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*C. DOUGLAS LININGTON ..Treble	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	†PETER F. ROMNEY .. 5
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.

## CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 each of Stedman, St. Dunstan's, New, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College, St. Simon's, Old, April Day, Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*R. MURIEL HAILE .. ..Treble	†ROBERT A. JOHNSTON .. 4
J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 5
JOHN A. HAILE .. 3	HAROLD WILSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor on tower bells. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band and for the Association. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frederick J. Jackson and Miss F. Olive Brumpton on the occasion of their engagement.

## ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RICHARD J. MOORE ..Treble	FRANK BARNARD .. 4
*RICHARD CARTLIDGE .. 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 5
*J. VICTOR STONIER .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal. Rung for the induction of the Ven. J. Tyler Whittle, as Rector of Astbury.

## BELFAST.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and Morris J. Morris's 240.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JEAN STEWART .. ..Treble	†JAMES RUSH .. 4
*RONNIE KING .. 2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5
†FRANK KING .. 3	*STANLEY KENNY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Forde, M.A., curate, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Anderson, a local ringer.

## BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford, Single Court and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON ..Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4
DENIS A. FRITH .. 2	*HUGH LONGLAND .. 5
FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in three Minor methods. A farewell peal for the Rev. Gerald Sampey, who is leaving the parish to reside at Wasingborough.

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## DAMERHAM, HANTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. .. 4
*JOAN M. GRAY .. .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
†JOHN E. GILBERT .. .. 3	DAVID R. REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

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

## DINDER, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCIVAL H. HULL .. .. Treble	†HARRY SMITH .. .. 4
*ERIC HILL .. .. 2	*HENRY C. HILL .. .. 5
*ALBERT T. HARRIS .. .. 3	STANLEY G. ATWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a wedding compliment to Ronald Morgan (member of the local band) and Beatrice Jones.

## HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROLAND ECCLES .. .. Treble	†HERBERT RAINFORD .. .. 4
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. .. 5
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. .. 3	RICHARD RAINFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT H. HINTON .. .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. .. 4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 2	ERNEST LINES .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

First peal of Surprise Minor in more than one method by all the band. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*MARY A. CARPENTER .. Treble	GEOFFREY LOWE .. .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## MEREWORTH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST .. .. Treble	TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 4
LEWIS NEWMAN .. .. 2	LUTHER HONESS .. .. 5
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. .. 3	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

## SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEET .. .. Treble	†BERNARD C. CASTLE .. .. 4
*REX J. CORKE .. .. 2	†LESLIE W. PAICE .. .. 5
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. J. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal away from treble. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HELLEDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT 87, REEPHAM ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 1-2	*BERT GOGLE .. .. 5-6
HERBERT F. LASKEY .. .. 3-4	WALTER FORD .. .. 7-8

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major away from tenors.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, three of Plain Bob, one of April Day, thirty of Grandsire and two 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor size 9 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 3-4
JOHN W. LOWE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN W. LOWE. Witness: FLORENCE LOWE.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 2,520 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung on the second birthday of Ann Julie Trotman.

## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48½ Minutes,

AT OLIVE HOUSE, HORSEBRIDGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of forty-two 120's, four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*EVELYN M. CAPON .. .. 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3-4
†C. JOHN PIPER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Bob Doubles 'in hand.'

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT RED ARCH, WARNER STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 9 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 3-4
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by F. KEVAN THOMPSON.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor. A birthday compliment to Margaret A. Lewin, cousin of ringer of 1-2.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELRY,

## A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER .. .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. .. 7-8
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. .. 9-10	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT 110, NOEL STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 1-2	*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal on eight away from 1-2.

## ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

## CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 1, MAIN STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 each of St. Simon's, Reverse College, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and 840 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 1-2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. .. 3-4
JOHN A. HAILE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

First peal in eight Doubles methods 'in hand' by all, and for the Association.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1,2 leading: F. Cuss 1, V. Gilbert 2, G. Newman 3, C. Wood 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6, W. Liddiard (first quarter) 7, A. Jerram 8.

**BADSEY, WORCS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier (first quarter) 1, A. J. Taylor 2, R. R. Savory (first as cond.) 3, T. W. Hardiman 4, G. A. King 5, A. Reed 6, A. Worthington 7, E. Mitchell 8. First quarter on bells since rebanding.

**BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Anderson (first quarter) 1, G. Carse 2, R. S. Ma'laburn 3, J. Livingstone 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

**BISHOP'S CLEEVE, CHELTENHAM.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Foley 1, C. Martin 2, P. Baker 3, L. Tibbetts 4, T. Borcham 5, L. Aston 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Aston 8. First quarter 1 and 8. First on the bells.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, B. J. Forest 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, T. H. J. Prince 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. W. T. Packman.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, H. Woods 2, Miss C. Smith 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, P. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Sharman 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Judith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Baxter.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Thomas 1, W. Godfrey 2, M. Norman 3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. Cobb 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Winter 7, B. A. Rose (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 7.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On March 25th, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. P. Jones 5, L. Fidler 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.—Also 1,312 Superlative Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, E. W. Winters 5, W. Symonds 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Baldwin 1, F. Onions 2, G. R. Goodship 3, J. Townsend 4, S. Orchard 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Wilson, a staunch friend of the local ringers.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): F. Miller 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, S. White 3, Derek Millier 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

**LYDNEY, GLOS.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. E. Thomas 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. H. Harris 3, J. W. Davis 4, E. Cole 5, J. L. Smith (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Hallett.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, I. Burroughs (first quarter) 2, J. Coleman 3, I. J. Burroughs 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, R. H. Creber (first quarter 'inside') 6, H. W. Criddle 7, H. Petheram (first quarter) 8. Rung for 21st birthday of tenor ringer.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Coombes 1, Mrs. C. Woodgate 2, W. Perry 3, J. Belsham 4, H. O. Hume 5, A. Wiffen 6, V. W. Grimwade (age 16, first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Chambers 8. A 93rd birthday compliment to J. J. Tinsley, a friend of the ringers.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Jennifer Lee 1, Shirley Golding 2, J. Boutland 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. First quarter in four Doubles methods for all the band.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Cheal 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, W. S. Palin 3, W. G. Plumridge (first quarter of Stedman) 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, G. Kenward 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. Naylor 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Miss Peggy Duggan (a local ringer) to Mr. R. M. Naylor, brother of the 7th and 8th ringers.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, B. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6.

**SLEAFORD, Lincs.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, D. Frith 3, D. Wray 4, H. Longland 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Field.

**SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.**—On March 21st, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Anger 1, R. Partridge 2, A. Peake 3, T. Stone 4, B. Bladon 5, P. Anger (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

**STAFFORD.**—On March 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Garbett 1, F. Eley 2, C. Hone (first of Triples) 3, J. Warrilow 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. J. Taylor 7, H. Slimm 8. Rung for the wedding of F. R. Wiggins and Miss Mavis A. Mellor.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Hancock (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Tomlin 2, S. A. White 3, R. E. Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, L. Duke 6. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. White.—Also on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Luckhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Hole 2, Miss B. M. Tomlin 3, S. A. White 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Duke 8. Rung for Confirmation service and as a farewell to the Rev. P. R. Akhurst, ringer, who is sailing for South Africa.

**TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.**—On Easter Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Parr 1, J. B. Watts 2, J. S. Clark (cond.) 3, J. Rainsford 4, W. Smith 5, K. Stacey 6. Rung as a welcome to the ringer of the 2nd, a former captain of the tower, after two years' absence in Fiji.

**WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Williams (first quarter) 1, H. K. Price (cond.) 2, C. Williams 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Farmer 6. A farewell to the Rev. E. E. and Mrs. Pinnix.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On April 1st, 1,440 Norfolk Surprise Minor: M. Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. Bird 4, J. Cannell 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for all.

**WHITTLESEY, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,344 Bob Major: G. Oldfield 1, G. Bridger 2, W. H. Oldfield 3, Miss E. Mounfield 4, Miss J. Turner 5, H. Grice 6, D. Peters 7, F. H. Newman (cond.) 8.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—At the Cathedral on March 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Paine 1, W. G. Lampard (cond.) 2, T. Parrott 3, E. G. Lampard 4, T. Tockock 5, H. Cook 6, J. A. C. King 7, J. Bulten 8, G. Nole 9, C. Haines 10. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and captain of the band, who has been a member for 60 years.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wratten 1, B. Taylor 2, J. Drewett (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. Curtis 4, K. Buckingham 5, F. P. Mead 6, A. J. Glass (cond.) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On March 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, P. Elliott 2, H. Pratt 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, D. Portway 5, S. Bones 6, A. Elliott 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.—Also on March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss Mary Edwards (first quarter, age 14) 1, P. Elliott 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, J. Elliott 5, D. Portway 6, S. Bones 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.

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Outstanding quarterly subscribers are finally  
reminded that their subscriptions (5s. 6d.) must  
be paid immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The  
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The Middlesex Association have done something really practical in connection with the forthcoming Festival of Britain. They have compiled from their members a list of addresses offering hospitality to ringers visiting London, which can be obtained from Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, Middlesex. Another useful circular gives a selection of their towers with details of Sunday ringing and practice nights. Visitors are advised to write to tower secretaries beforehand to avoid disappointment in case a quarter peal is in progress.

Sheffield's oldest ringer, Mr. George Holmes, aged 89, died at Blackpool on March 29th.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Stedman Caters at Worsley, Lancs, Mr. Cecil Raddon has completed the circle of the tower.

The peal at Hoby, Leics, was arranged to enable the local captain, Mr. J. R. Burnham, to ring his first peal.

By ringing the tenor to the peal at Bobbing, Kent, on Saturday, April 7th, Mr. W. May 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Yardley Hastings, Northants, ringers rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the christening of the Vicar's grandson on Easter Monday.

The name of Miss F. Wyman was inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners attending the funeral of Mr. Oliver Sippetts at Crawley last week.

Mr. Alan Cattell has now rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. His latest performance was conducting a peal of Doubles on tower bells in which he rang the treble and second.

Godalming Parish Church had its second belfry romance consummated on Easter Monday when Mr. Alan Edwards and Miss Daphne Ward were married. Miss Susan Steer, another local ringer, was a bridesmaid.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise will extend their condolences to Mr. Harold Cashmore and his celebrated band of handbell ringers. After great concentration and much practice they rang a peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods, a new record in the annals of handbell ringing. A re-check of the composition last week-end revealed that it was false! They are to try again.

Mr. C. Childs, who had been tower captain at Godalming, Surrey, for 54 years, died in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on Monday.

The badge of the Kent County Association was designed by Mr. C. Cullum and not Mr. Fred Cullum, as stated in our report of the annual meeting.

We regret that the peal at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on March 31st, was published as Superlative Surprise Major when it should have been London Surprise Major.

Mr. Tony Price was elected, by ballot, Master of the Middlesex Association at its annual meeting last Saturday. He succeeds Mr. C. W. Roberts, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed for his services to the Association.

At the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild at Armley, Leeds, on March 31st, it was suggested that this section of the Guild should be called the Yorkshire District. It was agreed to deal with the matter at a general meeting in July.

Since the first peal in 1923, at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, nearly 50 peals have been rung on the bells. The peal on April 1st was the first in which Mr. Wallace W. Cousins had not taken part. The family was, however, well represented by his nephew, Cyril, who rang his first seven-method peal 'inside,' and by his brother, Claude, who has rung in all except one peal on the bells.

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# HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Resignation of Mr. W. Ayre

MR. Walter Ayre, who since 1946 has been hon. secretary of the Hertfordshire County Association, tendered his resignation from that office at the annual meeting of the Association at St. Albans on March 31st. His successor is Mr. A. V. Frost, Master at St. Peter's, St. Albans.

The meeting was preceded by evensong at the Abbey where the Dean preached and the Bishop of St. Albans read one of the lessons.

Mr. R. G. Bell, the retiring president, presided at the meeting and after extending a welcome to the company thanked the Association for giving him such a happy year of office.

Apologies were received from the Dean and Mr. H. Cashmore, who was attending a meeting of the Methods Committee.

The meeting confirmed the provisional elections of Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip (Enfield) and D. A. Welch (St. Albans) previous to a peal and elected the following new members:—Miss Joyce Lewis (Hemel Hempstead), Miss A. E. Salter, Mr. P. L. Baycock and Mr. J. G. Hall (North Mymms).

Mr. G. W. Debenham presented the statement of accounts which showed a balance in hand of £50 5s. 2d., compared with £34 1s. 4d. at the beginning of the year. The Association had also a reserve fund of £57 8s. 8d. The Bell Fund had a balance of £38 6s. 3d. and the Benevolent Fund £10 1s. 8d. at the Bank and £55 17s. 6d. on deposit.

## FACILITIES OF SIX-BELL TOWERS

The secretary said that would be the last report he would submit to the Association. He regretted to find that so many towers were not affiliated to the Association. Two or three years ago he suggested that meetings should be held at towers not visited for years but he was afraid this suggestion had not been adopted. In some parts of the county the six- and five-bell towers did not seem to attract the attention they should. He felt that many of the members did not know what they were missing.

Their president, Mr. R. G. Bell, had visited every district and had received a warm welcome. He had always left behind, a friendly feeling, words of wisdom and a sense of sincerity of purpose. The district secretaries had, with their usual enthusiasm and determination, held frequent meetings, which had been of great use. Might he suggest to the Northern and Eastern Districts that in their large areas it would easily be possible to hold monthly meetings. To all incumbents who so readily granted permission to hold meetings as well as to attempt peals they gave their grateful thanks. These were privileges they should not abuse and, above all, they should always try to give of their best in respect to striking.

Unfortunately, they had to report the loss of several members, not all prolific peal ringers, but faithful members of the Association and loyal servants of the towers. They were G. Radley, of Broxbourne, ex-president, for some time Eastern District secretary and a faithful servant to his tower and Church; J. Radley, Hertford, one of the old company of both St. Andrew's and All Saints', very regular and sure; Mr. Cross, of Sawbridgeworth; J. J. Allen, Bushey, one of the old band at Bushey, a good sound ringer, regularly at his post; W. Hayes, Flamstead, one who loved good striking and said so, churchwarden, parochial worker, etc.; A. J. Rogers, King's Langley, one of the original band at this tower who rang in the first peal on the bells. To all those who were left to mourn their passing they offered their deep sympathy.

## FIFTY-SIX PEALS

From the point of view of peals they had equalled their last year's total of 56, made up of 52 tower bells and 4 handbells. Mr. S. F. Carter was the leading conductor with 15 peals.

Outstanding peals were Grandsire Cinques at the Cathedral, conducted by Mr. B. C. Johnson (ten first peals of Grandsire Cinques, first of Cinques as conductor and first of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells for the Association); Yorkshire Surprise Major at Northchapel giving G. W. Seaman his first peal of Surprise as conductor; Primrose Surprise Major at Redbourne, the first in the method for the Association; Gonville Bob Major at Northchapel, first in the method by the Association by the whole band; Spiced Surprise Major in nine methods at Bushey, conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore.

The secretary had rung his 600th peal and also his 300th for the Association. The list included a first peal and a first peal 'inside.' In the near future they hoped to record a peal of Surprise Major in 12 methods, by the remarkable Bushey band under the conductorship of Mr. H. G. Cashmore. He would like to see the peals spread more about the county with more young conductors.

He had been called in to give opinions on the restorations in the Diocese and if he was asked he would be pleased to visit any tower where restorations might be anticipated. Stevenage bells had been augmented to eight. Bengoe eight were to be recast and by the time the report was in print Hemel Hempstead bells would be returning to their tower after tuning, to be rehung in a steel frame. A rehanging of North Mymms bells was pending.

'Finally, to one and all: stick to your local company; support your district secretaries; do not stagnate, but progress, and in the well-known words, "We wish you good luck, in the name of the Lord." Do not think too harshly of one who has always been a nuisance and, I suppose, will continue to be so.'

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

### Meeting at Willenhall

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held at Willenhall on March 31st, when ringing took place at the Parish Church of St. Giles with its good ring of ten bells. Ringing was temporarily held up owing to a succession of weddings—at one time two brides were sitting outside the church awaiting their turn. As one ringer jocularly remarked, 'The country must be in a worse state than people think when it comes to having to queue for your wedding.' Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Ashley, who was away in London, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Sidwell, of the Diocesan Relief Staff. A wealth of spring flowers in the sanctuary and choir added to the beauty of this fine parish church.

After the service an excellent tea was served by the British Restaurant to 60 members and friends in St. Giles' Schools. The lay secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett, announced that he would be circularising all the towers in the Archdeaconry, giving particulars of the suggestions put forward by the committee for the Festival of Britain ringing. A return was then made to the tower for further ringing when all tastes were suitably catered for by the Ringing Master, Mr. Eric Speake.

This report would not be complete without expressing appreciation of the efforts of Mr. C. Wallater and his local band towards the success of the meeting. The next meeting of the Society will be at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 19th.

F. B.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. T. G. Southam was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. In thanking the members he promised to do his best to go round the Districts and attend as many meetings as possible.

Mr. G. W. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer. The name of Mr. A. V. Frost was submitted by the general committee for the post of general secretary and his election followed with the unanimous support of the meeting. Mr. Frost promised to do his best 'to liven up' the annual meeting which brought forth a rejoinder from St. Albans colleagues: 'You had better do a bit of "comping" at home.'

Mr. C. S. Sayer was re-elected librarian. Elected to the Central Council were Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, W. Ayre and R. G. Bell.

## GRANTS TO TOWERS

Upon the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to vote the sum of five guineas to Bengoe for the restoration of their bells and five guineas to Aldenham, a tower that was damaged by enemy action.

The committee recommended, in regard to the Festival of Britain, that, where possible, peals should be attempted on the opening day of the Festival and that each tower should hold an open day for the public.

The meeting agreed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Albans.

Mr. C. W. Woolley proposed that peals should no longer be written in the peal book and that at the next annual meeting he would bring up the question of discontinuing the peal booking fee.

Mr. Cartmel deplored the suggestion of discontinuance of the peal book. He thought the matter should be considered by the General Committee.

The question was adjourned to the next meeting but the meeting agreed with Mr. Woolley that the peal book should not be written up, pending a decision. The money received, he pointed out, could go towards the printing of the annual report.

Ringling followed on the Abbey bells.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

All the retiring officers were renominated at the annual nomination meeting of the Society held at Armley on March 31st. Ringing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Mr. F. Hutchinson presided at the business meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Ambler. The Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Walmsley) acknowledged the vote of thanks and was supported by Mr. H. Lofthouse.

New members elected were Miss Joan Mountain and Mr. Ray Manning (Otley). Messrs. H. S. Imeson and A. Booth (Birstall) and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scholfield (Drighlington).

## BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The March meeting was held at Felkirk a week earlier than the usual date as a farewell meeting to the Vicar (the Rev. Donald Moxon), who is taking up duties at Brighouse. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and tea was served in the ancient schoolroom which stands within the churchyard.

The Vicar acted as chairman for the business meeting in the absence of the president, and offered a hearty welcome to all and assured the Society that a similar reception awaited them in his new parish.

Those present reciprocated by wishing the Vicar and Mrs. Moxon every happiness in their new home and thanked them for the cordial welcome given to the Society when it visited Felkirk. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m., good use being made of the bells.



## SUFFOLK GUILD

### Ringine Master's Regret

THE annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place at Ipswich on Easter Monday when ringing at the five towers began from an early hour.

The committee met at 11 a.m. and recommended grants of five guineas from the Bell Restoration Fund to Blythburgh, Bures, Cotton, Hartest, Monewden and Tunstall.

A splendid and well-attended service was held at the Church of St. Lawrence, conducted by the Guild clerical secretary, the Rev. C. P. Newell, the lesson being read by Mr. Oliver G. Barnard and the sermon preached by Canon F. Tucker-Harvey, Vicar of St. Clement's. A choir was formed by members of the Guild and the three hymns and psalm were heartily sung by all. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 8d.

A well-filling lunch was enjoyed at Nightingale's Restaurant and at the business meeting which followed, the vice-president, Mr. Charles E. Fisher, gave the honour of chairman to the Rev. Newell. The general secretary, Mr. C. W. Pine, welcomed the visitors, as did also the chairman in a witty speech. Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, Ringine Master, gave his report for the year. There was, he said, a time when Suffolk enjoyed an 8- and 12-bell band second to none in the country but deaths and Anno Domini and the failure to train young recruits had been the cause of the Guild losing its position. The reports of the general secretary and treasurer followed and were adopted. Nine new members were elected and the recommendations of grants to the above churches were seconded and carried.

Mr. Ernest W. Pve proposed that the Central Council representative attending the forthcoming meeting at Chester should ask the Central Council to form a committee to investigate the affairs of the Barron Bell Trust. This was seconded and carried.

The following officers were re-elected:—President and vice-presidents; Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ringine Master; Mr. C. W. Pine, general secretary and treasurer; the Rev. C. P. Newell, clerical secretary; Mr. J. W. H. Prestner, auditor. Messrs. Derek Woodward, Charles Shemming and Leslie Mills were elected to the committee and Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe elected minutes secretary.

A discussion arose on the ways and means of supplementing the Bell Restoration Fund and Mr. M. A. Fitch proposed a peal levy but obtained no seconder. Mr. Frank L. Fisher proposed the opening of a voluntary fund allowing any person to make a donation, which would be published in the annual report each year. This was seconded and carried unanimously, and donations immediately poured in to the general secretary and treasurer.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks. Ringing followed until a late hour.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bicester Deanery Branch

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) preached at the Guild service conducted by Bishop W. J. Buxton when the Bicester Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Bicester on April 7th. A company of 57 members and friends attended and tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting and the branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) reported that the branch was making steady progress in ringing and obtaining new members. He hoped that all members would endeavour to improve their ringing not only in methods but striking.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, the Rev. H. Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe; secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives on Guild Committee, Mr. C. Stockley and Mr. W. Baggett.

The sum of £5 was voted to the Canon Cole-ridge Memorial Fund.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Special Acknowledgment of Secretary's Good Work

THE annual meeting was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's were made available during the day, while the six at Biddenham were open during the morning and the six at Elstow after the business meeting. Attendance was well up to standard with the various belfries always full. By 12.45 p.m. all ringers and friends had assembled in St. Paul's Church for a short service which was conducted by the Rev. Hart.

The lunch which followed was provided by Mr. Foskett and his band of helpers, and was arranged in St. John's Hall. Thirty-five names only were received, but the number expecting a meal was over 50.

Miss Steel, the president, before opening the business meeting, arranged for the visiting ringers to return to St. Paul's tower for further ringing. Apologies for absence were read from Canon Rust, Mr. A. King and Mr. H. B. Whitney.

In the matters arising from the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting the president explained that the new Association badge was now on sale to members, price 3s. 6d., and that last year's Summer Festival had to be transferred to Biggleswade because the re-hanging of Maulden bells had taken longer than expected. The annual report, the committee's report and the balance sheet were adopted with satisfaction expressed at the increased balance in hand.

Miss Steel was, without opposition, re-elected president. Before the vice-presidents were re-elected the secretary spoke of the passing of Mr. Joe Nicholls, of Leighton Buzzard, and the pioneer work he had done in the district. Two new vice-presidents were then elected—Mr. L. H. Bywaters, of Henlow, and Mr. P. Inskip, of Kempston.

In proposing the re-election of the secretary, Mr. A. E. Sharman thanked Mr. Plummer for his good work and asked that a special record should be made in the minutes to this effect. Mr. Mason, the auditor, and Mr. Foskett, the librarian, were also re-elected. Mr. A. Sinfield and Mr. H. Harding were again asked to represent the Association on the Central Council.

Bedford was chosen for the 1952 annual meeting while the Summer Festival was arranged for Cardington with Turvey as an alternative. A resolution from the committee that only the names of life members elected during the year would be printed in the annual reports of the future was carried, after discussion.

### RECOGNITION OF FIRST PEALS

Mr. Foskett next followed with a proposal to provide a special certificate for ringers securing their first peal. A general discussion followed and it was agreed that all members ringing their first peal would be specially listed in the annual report.

Ringing for the Festival of Britain was not a popular item for discussion and it was left to the local ringers to organise special ringing if they so desired.

Mr. M. Hooten, of Simpson, was elected a life member and Mr. R. Dunkley and Mr. W. Tabbett as performing members.

The president then closed the meeting with votes of thanks to Mr. Foskett and his helpers for providing the lunch, to the Vicar of St. Paul's for arranging the service and to Mr. Lockey for playing the organ.

### CORRECTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Will members please note the following correction in the Central Council Agenda:—

(f) Towers and Belfries.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex Young.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Mr. Lancaster Resigns Secretaryship

IN spite of freak thunderstorms there was an exceptionally good attendance at the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on March 31st. In response to a general desire from members, the bells of St. Andrew's (10) were available during the morning and during the afternoon and evening ringing was in progress simultaneously at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8).

A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, Bishop O'Ferrall.

More than 80 members and visitors enjoyed a very good tea at the St. Peter's Parochial Hall, which was followed by the annual meeting at which the chairman was the Association's president, Bishop O'Ferrall.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) made reference to the fact that the president had just reached his silver jubilee as a Bishop and said that all members would wish to offer him their congratulations. The presence of the Vicar of Melbourne (after a serious illness) and several stalwarts of the old Midland Counties Association was noted with pleasure. The president suitably replied.

Mr. Lancaster had indicated that he did not wish to offer himself for re-election as general secretary and Mr. A. B. Cooper, of Bolsover, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The president and Mr. T. Bailey paid tribute to the excellent work which Mr. Lancaster had done in building up the Association to its present strength and a formal resolution was passed with acclamation. The president, Bishop O'Ferrall and one trustee, Mr. Francis Lowe, were re-elected.

For the first time in the history of the Association, a ballot was necessary for the election of two Central Council representatives, and Mr. Alfred Mould and Mr. Dennis Carlisle were successful. Mr. Gordon Briggs was thanked for his services in this connection in previous years.

In the report on the activities in 1950, reference was made to the increased number of peals, 67, which had been rung during the year and the fact that there had been 17 different conductors showed considerable progress in this connection.

The new secretary (Mr. Carlisle) paid tribute to Mr. Gordon Briggs for the number of peals he had arranged and successfully conducted during the year. The treasurer (Mr. Fletcher) warned members that the increased annual subscription was not likely to bring in sufficient funds to meet rising expenses and suggested that special efforts should be made to increase the number of active members.

A discussion took place on plans for ringing during the Festival of Britain and it was unanimously agreed to accept the committee's recommendation that as many peals as possible should be attempted on May 4th and 5th and, where possible, quarter peals should be arranged for Sunday service ringing on May 6th. Members who wished to take part in peals should notify district secretaries accordingly.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents of the churches where, as usual, the bells had been made readily available and to the ladies at St. Peter's, who had provided the tea.

### RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

We have received the following additions to the Ringers' Roll of Honour:—

Irish Association.

WALPOLE T. W., Cork (St. Finbarre's).

Lancashire Association.

CRAWSTON G. H., Burton-in-Kendal.

TOWNLEY, W. E., Kendal (Westmorland).

VAREY T. W., Burton-in-Kendal.

Middlesex County Association.

COOK E., Edmonton.

IRBY AND H. S., Edmonton.

PEARCE, P., Edmonton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

HOWELL, H. G., Walsall (St. Matthew's).



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—In connection with my recent article on 'The Bells of St. Mary Redcliffe,' Mr. C. J. Matthews has written me pointing out that his late father, Mr. John D. Matthews, took part in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus which was rung in the tower on January 1st, 1901. On investigation I find that this is correct, therefore my statement that Grandsire Cinques was the first 12-bell peal is incorrect. I regret the error, the date of the Plain Bob Maximus having inadvertently been given me as being rung in 1902. May I also point out two other inaccuracies. Bells 8 and 12 do not bear the date of 1622, as stated, but were either cast or recast by Thomas Bilbie in 1763. In the list of peals I am credited with having conducted 14 peals, the correct figure being 4.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans. DONALD G. CLIFT.

Dear Sir,—I found Mr. Donald Clift's article on St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, very interesting, but I venture to write to point out that the peal of 1901 was not, apparently, the first 12-bell peal.

On December 31st, 1899, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Redcliffe, the peal commencing on New Year's Eve at 9.3 p.m. and coming into rounds at 12.30 a.m. on New Year's Day, 1900. The composition, 5007, was by Henry Johnson, and was conducted by Henry Porch. The band also contained such famous names as William A. Cave, James Hinton and George Daltry. The tenor was rung by two men, one of whom took over from the other. The peal is recorded as the first peal of Cinques on the bells.

Out of this peal two controversies arose. In the first place, 'Plain Sneaker,' that entertaining and not always tactful contributor to 'The Bell News,' commented on the fact that the tenor was rung by two men and inferred from that that the bell did not go well. William Cave replied to the point that the going of the bell had little to do with the matter, the reason for the arrangement being that one of the men had recently been ill and that it was thought better that he should not have the bell for the whole length.

The second controversy was more serious. A letter appeared from a certain 'W.R.' expressing the opinion that the peal could not have been rung in the time given, 3 hours and 28 minutes. 'W.R.' who was afterwards assumed to be William Rought of Ipswich, was answered by Fred G. May and later by George Daltry. Edward P. O'Meara of London, also joined in, and a lively debate ensued. Daltry's second letter, in which he gives his views on the swing of heavy bells and the time taken by peals on 8, 10 and 12 makes interesting and instructive reading. Anyone interested in this correspondence will find it in 'The Bell News,' January 6th, 1900 and the following numbers.

At the time referred to everyone gives the weight of Redcliffe tenor as 50 cwt. (except Mr. O'Meara who gives 48 cwt.). Mr. Clift may therefore like to verify this and also to confirm that Taylor of Loughborough did between 1888 and 1898 actually do the repair work 'arranged to be carried out'.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

## HELLINGLY OUTING

Hellinely (Surrey) ringers enjoyed a special outing on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Aldrington (recently rehving six), West Tarring (with its mighty climb), Heene, Anmering, Iyminster (one of the gems of the day), Arundel (one of the finest sights for their weight), Felpham (the lone draught did not help striking), Walberton (with its quaint wooden spirelet bell-fry), Storrington, Thakeham (a joy ring), Washington (probably the best six in Sussex) and Steyning. Thanks are expressed especially Mr. Len Stillwell, who arranged the towers and tea.

## INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—I notice that in the footnote to the 5088 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey Surprise Major, arranged by Mr. E. A. Barnett, it is suggested that anyone attempting the peal should have an umpire. The reason given is that all the methods produce the same lead head and, presumably, this implies that the methods could be interchanged by an error in calling and whilst, if the bobs were called correctly, the peal would come round, it would in fact be false.

In some other compositions of Spliced Surprise Major, particularly those by Mr. A. J. Pitman, in which the bells ring all the work of all the methods, it is possible to effect a similar interchange of methods by a miscall but, although these compositions have been rung several times, it has not been thought necessary that the peals should be umpired and I do not think that an umpire will be necessary when Mr. Barnett's composition is rung.

I think that it is desirable that certain record peals should be umpired but I believe that, generally speaking, the integrity of conductors capable of calling a composition of the calibre of those under discussion is sufficient to ensure that such a composition is called and rung properly.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FREEMAN.

Wellingore Hall,  
Near Lincoln.

## FORM OF SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Norwich and Guildford Diocesan Guilds are considering the revision of their form of service at ringers' meetings, in order to devise a form with a larger selection of specifically ringers' hymns (as distinct from hymns which are to be found, if required, in the ordinary hymn book) and to provide a service which shall most fittingly lead our minds to God. We feel that other Guilds may like to join with us, both by giving the benefit of their kind advice (several have already done so), and by sharing the advantage of getting a new service book. We should be most grateful therefore if the secretaries of any Guilds who care to do so and have not done so already, would be kind enough to send copies of their service forms to either of the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

G. S. JOYCE, 130, Shio Lane.  
Farnborough, Hants.  
GILBERT THURLOW, 3, Colegate,  
Norwich.

## LENT

Dear Sir.—The reference in your leading article with regard to the attitude of the Bath and Wells Association towards peal ringing during Lent and your own reference to the Bishop of Willesden's conscience allowing him to umpire the Boat Race on Holy Saturday, has reminded me of the first two rectors of Crayford that I remember.

The first, a fine man, although perhaps rather autocratic, and one to whom I shall always be indebted for his teachings (incidentally his son has been a Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral for many years) would not allow the bells to be rung on Lent Sundays under any circumstances but he never made the slightest objection to practice nights and peal attempts during that period.

The second, also a fine man, of a somewhat gentler type, always gave up smoking during Lent but if one went into his study on Sundays while he was there you would find him smoking like a factory chimney.

He said there were 40 days in Lent excluding the Sundays, therefore they did not come into it.—Yours etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## DEVON MEN'S PEAL IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see recalled in 'The Ringing World' of March 30th a peal in which I took part 50 years ago at Putney, but was a little startled to read that the only survivors were Messrs. Shepherd and Wilson, which makes me well and truly defunct. As I ring regularly at our weekly practice and twice on Sundays, you will see that your information was slightly inaccurate, but it is one of those little errors that one likes to see corrected—better say 'He's dead but he won't lie down'.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. OXENHAM.  
Bampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—It was a surprise to read that Mr. L. A. Wilson and myself are the only survivors who took part in the Devonian peal in London on November 25th, 1901, but Mr. Wilson will be pleased to hear that two other members of the band are still with us, viz., Mr. E. H. Oxenham and my brother, Mr. F. J. Shepherd, who conducted the peal. Probably Mr. Wilson confused the death of my father, Ferris Shepherd, with my brother, Ferris J. Shepherd now at Brighton, who is debarred from ringing for health reasons.

I do not know of any other peals by an all-Devon band in London but the nearest approach is a peal on February 11th, 1910, at Hersham, Surrey, when a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by four Shepherds, the first handbell peal by the Devon Guild.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.  
Addlestone, Surrey.

## IN WHICH CENTURY?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Davis does not see why peals rung in 1900 should be considered as rung in the last century, as indeed they certainly were.

The example Mr. Davis gives does not prove his contention. His example is of a person who was born on the first day of the last year of the 18th century and so has his 100th birthday on the first day of the last year of the 19th.

Mr. Davis is wrong when he thinks we must accept a year 0 A.D. and 0 B.C. There was, of course, a zero hour, viz., the time of our Lord's birth but from the hour of his birth he started the first year of his life, as all infants do, not the 0th, and so at the end, not the beginning, he completed the first year of his life. So 1900 years are not completed until the end of 1900 (31st December).

It might help Mr. Davis if I suggest that a good example would be a book containing 100 full pages of some 365 words per page. If he read such a book he would not complete it when he reads the first word on page 100, but the last, similarly the 19th century was not completed until the last day, viz., December 31st, 1900.

So those who wished each other a happy new century at midnight on December 31st, 1899, were not correct. 1899 years A.D. had been completed, not 1900. I well remember January 1st 1901 as being the beginning of a new (20th) century.

If I have not made the point clear to Mr. Davis, I suggest he has a look at an Historical Time Chart.—Yours faithfully

H. V. W. HARRIS,  
(Member of St. Peter's, Bournemouth,  
Ringers, 1909–1920).

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

## North-Western District

A discussion took place at the meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, attended by 50 members, on bell broadcasting. The general feeling was that Triples or Caters were preferable to Major or Royal and 12 bells were not suitable as a general broadcast to the public.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. W. Hewett and Mr. P. Cannon. Five ringing members were elected and a collection for the Bell Fund produced £1 2s. 3d. Mr. F. E. Collins presided.



# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## Minutes of Eastbourne Meeting

MINUTES of the third session of the twentieth Council (53rd annual meeting) held in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Eastbourne, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 30th, 1950.

The Bishop of Lewes and the Mayor of Eastbourne, Alderman R. J. S. Croft, extended a very warm welcome to the Council, which was suitably acknowledged by the President, who also presented the Bishop with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths.' The Bishop offered prayers.

### PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.  
Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfeld.  
Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrins.  
Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.  
Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.  
East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. A. Relfe.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis.  
Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sonc, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. A. Finch, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. C. W. Knight.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Survey Association.—Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. E. A. Young.

### SUMMARY.

	Members	
	Associations.	Present Absent.
Wholly represented	24	70
Partially represented	19	38
Not represented	11	17
	54	108
Hon. Members	..	13
		121
		46

### REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were now affiliated, entitled to elect 149 representatives as follows:—24 Associations entitled to four representatives, 5 to three, 13 to two, and 12 to one. The addition since last year was the Police Guild, entitled to one representative.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: The Rev. B. F. Sheppard, Cambridge University; Mr. F. C. Smale, Devon; Messrs. F. Ainsley and W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. C. Evans, East Derbyshire; Mr. W. Cook, Ely; Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Essex; Messrs. G. E. Oliver, and W. F. Moreton, Hereford; Mr. R. G. Bell, Hertford; Miss E. Steel, Ladies'; Mr. B. G. Key, Midland Counties; Mr. A. J. Hughes, North Wales; the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's; Mr. F. Preece, Salisbury; Mr. G. L. Hewitt, Shropshire; Mr. H. Denman and Miss J. Southerst, Southwell; Messrs. C. J. Sedeley and G. E. Symonds, Suffolk; Mr. O. Sionnets, Sussex; Mr. D. H. Bennett, Swansea and Brecon; Messrs. J. D. Johnson and S. T. Holt, Worcestershire; the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Yorkshire; and Messrs. C. Dean, T. Groombridge and A. Walker, hon. members.

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following new members were presented: the Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester Guild; Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F. W. Goodfellow, Middlesex; Inspector T. R. Butler, Police Guild; Mr. F. E. Haynes, St. Martin's Guild; Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne, Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. C. H. Kippin, Winchester and Portsmouth; and Mr. W. H. Viggers, hon. member.

The President extended a very cordial welcome to the new representatives of the Middlesex Association and expressed regret that the representatives sent to York the previous year had a fruitless journey.

### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring member, Mr. W. Osborn, together with Mr. F. I. Hairs and Mr. C. K. Lewis, were elected on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Dallaway.

### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The members stood in silence as the President formally reported the death of the following: Canon G. F. Coleridge, C. F. Johnston, G. W. Steere, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mrs. N. Edwards, J. Morgan and W. Andrews.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the minutes published in the 'Ringing World' on May 5th were taken as read and approved.

### REPORTS

The various reports and accounts as presented have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

### REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. Permission was given for duplicate books to be distributed to the libraries of affiliated Societies.

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who also reported as auditor.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

The Trustees' report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes and Mr. B. Price for their work on the reconstruction of the machine.

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that this Committee had received and circulated the reports received from the sub-committees dealing with Rules, Decisions and the Roll of Honour and recommended that these reports be considered.

The Committee had also made recommendations on matters arising in the Agenda.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried.

### REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The sub-committee, through Mr. G. E. Debenham, presented its report together with its proposals which had been revised since the previous meeting. The Council considered each proposed rule separately and finally adopted the Rules shown in the attached schedule.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, it was resolved that the new rules operate from the close of the meeting.

The thanks of the Council to Mr. G. E. Debenham were expressed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 377.)

The Report and schedule to the Report were presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The Standing Committee recommended that members be asked to consider the schedule and to send their observations to the Committee as soon as possible so that final conclusions can be presented as motions at the next meeting or as soon as convenient.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The Report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the Council also approved the appointment to the Committee of Mr. F. W. Perrins, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. C. W. Roberts.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Mr. H. Miles presented an interim report, the adoption of which was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried. To assist the completion of the Roll, members were asked to enquire of their Associations if particulars had been furnished.

### REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 363.)

Adopted on the motion of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

### REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Together with their report the Committee presented an interim report on Extension of Even Bell Methods to higher even numbers.

The reports were adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, and it was agreed—

That further consideration be given to the publication of the Surprise Method Book and that, as requested by the Committee, approval be given to the following departures from previous decisions to apply to Doubles Methods only:

(a) The working bells need not be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than four consecutive blows in any one place, usually in 5ths place when the treble leads in a 2nds place method, or at the lead in the reverse of such a method, or, if found to be necessary, at other times also.

### REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

It was agreed that a peal of Doubles with a treble leading continuously be not included and that a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with a sixth place bob be recorded as Cambridge. It was also decided to add Mr. H. Miles to this Committee.

### REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 363.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

### REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported verbally. The adoption was seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe and carried.

### REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

### REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Mr. W. Ayre reported verbally. The adoption was seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and carried.

### REPORT OF BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers.

## REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

### MOTIONS

It was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. G. H. Spice and carried: 'That this Council through an appropriate Committee and by liaison with the organisers should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.'

It was also agreed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee that Dr. E. S. J. Hatch and Mr. G. H. Spice be appointed to a sub-committee, with power to co-opt, to consider this matter and report to the Standing Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. Ballard and carried: 'That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee shall at once be published in "The Ringing World" and shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation.'

Arising from this resolution the Council, on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, agreed to consider a decision of the Methods Committee which had been omitted from its Report and it was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin and resolved: 'That the method called Steadfast was no different from Shipway's principle of 150 years ago.'

### PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council decided to accept an invitation to visit Chester, on the proposal of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Inspector T. R. Butler. The Council was assured of a warm welcome by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild.

### MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the Council agreed to donate the sum of £50 to the bell restoration at Christ Church, Oxford, promoted by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

### VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, grateful thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Hall, for hospitality and privileges granted to members, to the Bishop of Lewes for his attendance and welcome, to the Vicar of Eastbourne for arranging a corporate Communion service, to the Sussex County Association and its committee, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. P. H. Rollison, Mr. R. G. Blackman and Mr. F. H. Dallaway for arrangements.

It was also decided to send a letter to Mr. O. Sippetts regretting his illness and a wish for a speedy return to health.

Thanks were also recorded to all incumbents for the use of bells and to tower-keepers.

The President also proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Fletcher.

Thanks to the President, officers and members of committees for their work during the past year were expressed by Mr. W. H. Rogers.

After the meeting the Mayor and Mayoress, supported by many aldermen and councillors, received the members and friends at the Winter Gardens, where they were entertained to tea as guests of the Eastbourne Corporation.

A social evening was later held in the Town Hall.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Thornhill, Dewsbury, on March 31st, and resulted as follows, after each team had rung three leads practice and 504 changes test piece, any method:—Friezland 0 penalties, 47 faults, total 47; Shelley 5, 120, 125; Silkstone, 5, 30, 35; Liversedge, 0, 41, 41; Meltham, 5, 36, 41; Lindley, 15, 85, 100; Cawthorne, 0, 105, 105.

Silkstone were thus adjudicated the winners of the Association's Silver Cup. This is the first time they have won the trophy.

## SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

### Winchester Honours Mr. W. C. Lampard

On Easter Saturday the bellringers of Winchester Cathedral rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters in honour of the captain's (Mr. W. C. Lampard) 60th anniversary as a ringer at the Cathedral. Later, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lampard invited the ringers to a tea in Fuller's Café where great appreciation of Mr. Lampard was expressed by various speakers.

This was carried a stage further on Sunday, April 8th, when, amongst other local dignitaries, the Mayor and Mayoress assembled in the belfry together with the local band and Canon Cowley—representing the Dean and Chapter—to present Mr. Lampard with a wrist watch inscribed 'To Mr. W. C. Lampard, 60 years a bellringer in Winchester Cathedral. From his fellow-ringers and friends. Easter, 1951.'

Canon Cowley, in asking the Mayor (Councillor S. R. Evans) to make the presentation, spoke of his great affection for and appreciation of Mr. Lampard.

The Mayor in replying, thanked the ringers for his invitation which, he said, was an honour and a privilege. He further continued that 60 years as a ringer at the Cathedral was a record of which Mr. Lampard could be justly proud.

Amid applause, the Mayor then made the presentation to Mr. Lampard, who was deeply moved by this show of affection.

Mr. Lampard replied that no words of his could say how he felt. It was a pleasure to ring the bells with such an enthusiastic team. He recalled that 50 years ago the band had been called to the Cathedral by the tolling of the tenor at the death of Queen Victoria when the bells were rung fully muffled. Never before or since had they been rung fully muffled and he considered that the bells had never sounded so majestic as then. Since then he had rung for several accessions.

Mr. Lampard first took up bellringing under his father, Mr. W. S. Lampard, who was in charge of the St. Lawrence bells. He first joined the Cathedral band as a 'strapper' (supernumerary) under Mr. W. Masters.

Some time later, Mr. Lampard, with some friends, rang the extent of changes on four bells. This was the first time changes had been rung on the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Lampard then ended by saying that he hoped to carry on as long as possible and expressed his deepest thanks to all.

Mr. E. G. Lampard, replying, thanked Canon Cowley for his interest in bells and expressed the hope that Canon Cowley would one day become a ringer. He finally thanked all who had subscribed to make the presentation possible and also Mr. T. Parrott, who had arranged the presentation.

Canon Cowley then closed by saying the Ringers' Prayer and the band rang a plain course of Grandsire Cinques for the benefit of the visitors.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Western Division at Upper Armley

The annual meeting was held jointly with the Leeds and District Society and the Northern Division of the Ladies' Guild on March 31st when about 40 members were present from a wide area.

Ringing continued in a variety of methods until tea time and the Armley company are to be congratulated for the catering arrangements and thanks were accorded to the anonymous donor who subsidised the meal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson was re-elected vice-president and Messrs. H. Armitage, Wm. Dixon and Miss P. M. Barton were re-elected to the District Committee with H. Armitage retaining his seat on the general committee. Mr. E. H. Simpson was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Hardcastle. It was hoped that suitable arrangements could be made to hold the June meeting at Tadcaster.



## OBITUARY

### MR. OLIVER SIPPETTS

By the death of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex, the Exercise in general and the Sussex County Association in particular have lost one of their oldest members.

Mr. Sippetts, who would have been 61 next month, learned to ring at the age of 11 and a year later made the first of 14 attempts for his first peal, which was finally accomplished in 1905. Two years later, his third peal was his father's first. Making good progress thereafter, he rang many peals up to the outbreak of war in 1914, under the conductorship of another celebrated ringer, Keith Hart, ringing his 50th peal in 1912 and his 100th the following year. A few years after the war he began the work for which he most deserves to be remembered. The band at Crawley which had been so prominent in the days of James Parker, had become practically non-existent and a new band was formed and taught by Mr. Sippetts. Under his leadership the band progressed through the standard methods; in 1930 they rang Bristol at the first attempt, the first in the method by all except himself and then, on April 20th 1932, they accomplished the first peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major by a local band, again the first by all except Mr. Sippetts, who had in 1927 taken part in the first of such peals ever rung.

Up to the outbreak of the 1939 war a steady stream of peals followed, mostly in advanced methods, although, as will be seen from his peal list, he did not scorn the simple ones. His favourite method was London, of which he rang over 90 peals, and he stood in several attempts for a 14.144 of this method one which he was calling, ending after over 9,000 changes had been rung.

Mr. Sippetts was a splendid striker and a fine method ringer and conductor, one who demanded a high standard from his band for he would not tolerate slovenly ringing. Outside the belfry however, he was a most genial companion and he will be greatly missed. He had been treasurer of the Sussex Association for seven years and was also a Central Council representative and Ringing Master of the Northern Branch. Altogether he had rung 835 peals, of which he conducted 427; 191 were rung at St. John-the-Baptist, Crawley, 61 at St. Peter's, Brighton, and 44 at Warnham. His complete list is as follows:—

Doubles.—1 (cond. 1).  
Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (4). Kent Treble Bob 1 (1). Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 6 (5). London Surprise 2 (1), three Minor 1 (1), four Minor 5 (5), five Minor 2 (1), seven Minor 37 (21), seven Surprise Minor 1 (1).  
Triples.—Grandsire 27 (18), Bob 2 (2). Stedman 43 (1) Oxford Bob 1 (1), Court Bob 1.  
Major.—Plain Bob 36 (27), Double Norwich Court Bob 77 (36), St. Clements 1 (1), Canterbury Pleasure 7 (6), College Single 3 (1), Kent Treble Bob 71 (50), Oxford Treble Bob 8 (7), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2 (2), Cambridge Treble Bob 2 (2), Granta Treble Bob 1 (1), Superlative Surprise 119 (51), Cambridge Surprise 90 (51), London Surprise 92 (49), Bristol Surprise 45 (21), Yorkshire Surprise 21 (13), New Cambridge Surprise 4 (4), Guildford Surprise 1, Norfolk Surprise 6 (5), Dublin Surprise 1, Berkeley Surprise 1 (1), Lincolnshire Surprise 3 (2), Londonderry Surprise 1 (1), Padsey Surprise 3 (3), Rutland Surprise 1 (1), Ipswich Surprise 1, Soliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise 1 (1), four Soliced Surprise 16 (7), five Soliced Surprise 1 (1).  
Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 17.  
Plain Bob Royal 7 (3), Kent Treble Bob Royal 23 (15), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 23 (1), Yorkshire Surprise Royal 8, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 2 (1), Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal 1.  
Stedman Cinques 1.  
Total 835; conducted 427.

### MR. CHARLES TURNER

Whilst on his way to practice at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dover, on April 4th, Mr. Charles Turner, captain of the local band, dropped dead in the street. He was in his 71st year.

'Old Charlie,' as he was affectionately known throughout the Canterbury District, had rung at St. Mary's for 50 years. Always reliable, both as man and ringer, he was as unsparing as he was unselfish in his efforts for the Church and Exercise.

The Vicar (the Rev. Stanley Cooper) conducted the funeral service at the church which was attended by the churchwardens, members of the local band and also Messrs. B. J. Luck, F. Rye, T. Anderson, F. Saywell, H. R. French, T. W. Robinson, J. Willis, Firminger, J. Benfield, W. Evers and F. Whittaker. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by members of the local band.

In the evening the bells of St. Mary's were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grandsire Triples by Mrs. George I. H. J. Saunders 2, C. George (conductor) 3, E. Walker 4, T. Ellender 5, F. Dennis 6, F. Rye 7 and T. Anderson 8.

### MR. SYDNEY DAWSON

For 35 years steeple-keeper of Duffield Church, Derbyshire, Mr. Sydney Dawson died on April 1st at the age of 73 years. The funeral service was held in Duffield Church on April 5th and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, were rung by the Duffield ringers.

### MR. DAN MEADLEY

The members of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Dan Meadley at the age of 69 years, after a long illness. He was always popular at meetings of the Association and also at the Beverley and District meetings. He had a very keen sense of humour and will be missed by both Societies in East Yorkshire.

He was formerly attached to St. James' and All Saints' Churches in Hull but of late years, since both these rings are out of order, he had been a regular ringer at Holy Trinity, Hull.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half muffled to his memory on the bells of St. Mary's, Beverley.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting for March was held in Hull at the towers of St. Mary and Holy Trinity.

At St. Mary's, Lowgate, the ringers had the unique experience of ringing on the terraced steps of the church gallery. In order to reduce noise in the ringing chamber the ropes have been lowered to the next stage in the tower. The noise abatement is a success, but the local ringers are faced with a problem of levelling the new floor and putting up a barrier to stop ringers falling into the church below.

Standard methods were rung after ringers of three and four had become accustomed to looking up for treble and five, and right up for the tenor.

The service was held in the beautiful Perpendicular Church of St. Mary conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Carroll. This is the first time the Society had held its service in this church and to mark the occasion the choir led the singing.

In his sermon the Vicar spoke of his ancient church older than its architecture implies, which had had a ring of bells for 200 years. He paid compliment to his ringers for their unselfish labours and to the brotherly co-operation which existed between the two ringing towers in the city.

The tea and meeting were held in the Y.P.I. and then the bells of Holy Trinity were rung until 9 p.m. in methods up to Cambridge Major.

A pair of leather gloves was left at St. Mary Quay Church, Ipswich, after the Suffolk Guild annual meeting. Will the owner apply to Mr. M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich.

## NOTICES

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### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MAYELL—HILLIAR. — The wedding of Desmond Guy and Mary Patricia will take place at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday, May 19th, 12 noon. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 8736

### HANDBELLS FOR SAUL

SMALL SET OF 14 HANDBELLS (Mears) for sale. Largest 3½ in. diameter, size 11 in G. Good condition. What offers?—T. E. Sone, Paddock Wood, Kent. 8740

### SITUATION VACANT

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### PUBLICATIONS

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### MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head.—B. J. Luck. 8670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8668

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Reading April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, April 21st at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—G. S. Jovce. 8645

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarrington, April 21st. Service 4.30. 8704

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northen District.—Meeting, Knebworth, April 21st. 3 p.m. Unable to arrange tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8718



**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. 8716

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Next meeting, Haxey (6, tenor 18 cwt.), on Saturday, April 21st. 8717

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting. Kingswood, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. 8718

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—April 21st, Goodworth Clatford (6) 2.30—4.30, 6—9. Tea 5 at Abbots Ann (5) 6—9. Transport between. Names to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8697

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Beaminster, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to C. H. Lathey, Bradpole. 8694

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, April 21st, Salehurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8684

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Escrick, April 21st. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon Sec. 8731

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare (6), Saturday, April 21st, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 at Parish Room; free and ample. Notify, if possible, Mr. Orbell, 2, Railway Terrace, Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. Clare (8) at 7.30 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 8745

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Annual meeting in the Dean's Rooms, Clare, Wednesday, April 25th. 9 p.m. 8728

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Batcombe, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 8709

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 25th, to John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8642

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing at Belgrave (8) 11—12; Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6) from 2—4. Service at St. George's Church. 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall at 5, followed by the business meeting and a social evening. Names, by 25th, to W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 8713

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Bells of Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8) St. Peter at Gows (6), available during afternoon and evening. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Schoolroom. Clasketgate, only to those who notify, by Tuesday, 24th, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8721

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). Names for tea by 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Castor, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than April 23rd, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8690

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Wimborne, Saturday, April 28th. Annual meeting, Church House. 2.15 p.m. Guild service in Minster at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Tea tickets from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2s. each, before April 23rd. Bells available:—Poole, Wimborne Minster, St. Giles', Cranborne, Kingstone, Swanage, Bournemouth (St. John's), Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Corfe Mullen, Sturminster Marshall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 5 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 8693

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 8732

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Worle (6), April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Number for tea, by Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. J. Weaden, Hill Road East, Worle, Weston-super-Mare.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 8729

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—April 28th, Thurlough. Bells 3.30. Owing to catering difficulties, send names for tea to Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. No names, no tea. 8750

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—Dedication of new trebles on April 28th at 3. Names for tea must be sent to Leslie Mills, Colchester Road. 8477

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 28th, St. Luke's (8), Derby. Ringing 2.30 until 7.30. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 8747

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Adwick (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8739

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint East and West.—Chester-le-Street, April 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 25th, to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 8734

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8574

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8746

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Bramley and Womersley, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by April 25th, to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 8744

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Ambrose (8) on April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, by April 23rd, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8726

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Deane, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook. 8753

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8755

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Feltham, 3—5.30 p.m.; Bedford 6—8 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th. Cafes in Feltham.—G. Dodds, District Sec. 8749

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Kislingbury, April 28th. Names for tea, by April 23rd certain, to Mr. E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8727

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Blaxhall (6), Ringing meeting, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by April 23rd, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 8725

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly, Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 8733

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD GUILD** (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting, Wolverton, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by April 24th, Mrs. A. Cooper, Fairfield Villa, Wolverton.—John Chesterman, Sec. 8738

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, April 28th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 8735

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 5th. Ringing:—St. Peter's, afternoon and evening; St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd, evening. Hart Memorial unveiling, St. Peter's. 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea, price 2s. 9d. Individual names to me by April 30th. Usual allowances.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton. 8706

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) recently recast, 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, for those who notify, by Thursday, April 26th, Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 8722

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Special meeting, Preston, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, not later than Monday previous, to Mr. F. Stevens, Preston, near Uppingham. Towers of Seaton, Glaston, Uppingham and Belton will also be open. Coach leaves Northampton 12.30 from Derigate (York Bros.) calling at Wellingborough and Kettering. Numbers wishing to travel must inform me by April 28th at latest.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafeld, Northants. 8707

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (5), Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Great Bad-dow (8) available 7 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8682

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8751

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Pulham Market bells (8) also evening. Names, by April 30th, to Ernest Whiting, 25 Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8748

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd, please.—R. Gillling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8741

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croughton (5), Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 1st.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Ryeby. 8730

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley, May 5th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by May 1st, to Mis Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 8719

**HFREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival at Leominster on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. general meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Leominster (10), Eye (6), Kimbolton (6) and Kinesland (6).—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 8737

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident members and non-members, 4s. 0d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available:—Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.; the following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5), Sandon (5). Appointments for lunch and tea tickets to the Hon. Gen. Secretary not later than May 4th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 8742

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Sea-grave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

**TWYFORD, LEICS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Ward (first quarter) 1, Jean A. Brooks (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mary C. Payne 3, Diana Seal 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6.

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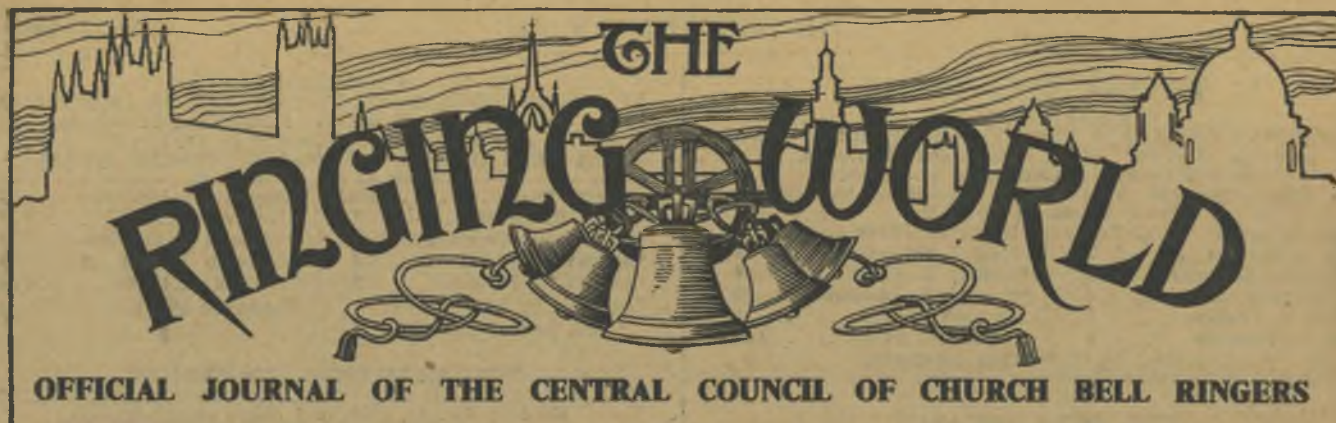
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## RINGERS AND THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

**B**Y appointing a Festival Sub-Committee, the Central Council recognised both its responsibility and opportunity for giving a lead to the Exercise, and last November our report was submitted to the Standing Committee. Now, over five months later, and only a few days before the Festival opens, an announcement from the Council is still awaited. In these circumstances we feel the necessity of issuing a statement in order that ringers should enjoy some measure of guidance before the historic moment of May 3rd passes.

### OPENING THE FESTIVAL

Subsequent to writing our report the Festival authorities approached us to convey a request from the Director-General, Mr. Gerald Barry, that all the bells of Britain should ring out at the opening. This is on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 3rd, when His Majesty the King broadcasts from the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral at the close of a great service at noon. As the King ends his message the bells of St. Paul's, and of cathedrals and churches throughout the land, will herald the inauguration of the Festival, and the co-operation of you all is invited in order that, as ringers, we shall fulfil this honoured role with distinction. Where it is not possible to do so in the early afternoon it is suggested that evening ringing would be appropriate; while throughout the opening week-end of the Festival it is hoped there will be much general ringing, as well as many peals and quarter peals, to celebrate in the traditional manner of our Exercise.

### AT THE FESTIVAL CHURCH

The main opportunity of ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, will be on weekdays from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. prior to the afternoon service, and on certain days from 7 to 8 p.m. before the evening service. In order to attempt some degree of organisation invitations are extended as follows :—

(1) To ringers in the London area who would be prepared to form a pool from which to draw personnel as required.

(2) To bands of ringers prepared to undertake the complete manning of the bells on specific days (possibly in conjunction with visiting choirs singing at afternoon services).

(3) To individual ringers visiting the Festival from the provinces.

Please write with all relevant particulars to :—

The Festival Committee, c/o Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher,  
Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent.

There will be two peal attempts only at St. John's during the Festival period, the first on May 3rd.

### RINGING IN LONDON

We commend with pleasure the initiative of the Middlesex Association in compiling a list of members offering hospitality to ringers visiting London for the Festival, as well as providing details of Sunday ringing and practice nights at a selection of their affiliated towers. Full information can be obtained from the Association's General Secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, Middlesex.

### COUNTRYWIDE FESTIVAL

The publication of the Festival Report in 'The Ringing World' on December 29th enabled the Exercise to know the outcome of the Committee's deliberations, and its members have been much encouraged by the warmth of its reception. One expression of this is the mounting evidence of widespread local activity to celebrate the Festival. It is indeed true to say that we, as ringers, have caught the spirit of the Festival. Nevertheless, it will only be in the future that we shall begin to appreciate the underlying worth of this national venture to put the whole of our way of life on show in our Festival of Britain.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER

GEORGE H. SPICE

Members of the Central Council Festival Committee.  
April 21st, 1951.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT DISERENS .. .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	*ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 9
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble	HENRY STALHAM .. .. 6
*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE .. .. 2	MAURICE O. THOMAS .. .. 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE .. .. 8
*BASIL WHITE .. .. 4	*RAYMOND WOOD .. .. 9
FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 5	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in memoriam Oliver Sippetts.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. LEECH .. .. 6
NOREEN BRAIN .. .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 8
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NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*MISS G. BURCHNALL .. Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 6
*MISS K. BURCHNALL .. 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. 3	STANLEY SLANEY .. .. 8
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 4	FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 9
JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. 5	†HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to D. H. Rooke.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 6
TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 9
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 100th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 8
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
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Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

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At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

FREDERICK ROBSON .. Treble	JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 6
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 7
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 8
ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
MARGARET FIDELL .. .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal on ten bells. 75th peal as conductor.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 8
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 9
†ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5	†ROBERT H. BROOKER .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

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Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*JOHN L. GLANVILL .. .. Treble	†ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 5
†NORMAN MALLET .. .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN .. .. 6
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	*BRIAN PIDGEON .. .. 7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

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\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Brian Pidgeon and also to Mr. C. Mallett, father of the 2nd ringer.

## ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES .. .. 5
*BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. .. 6
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 7
JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in memoriam Oliver Sippets.

## BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR CHAMPION .. .. Treble	*PETER CARBUTT .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	*STANLEY DANCE .. .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 3	BURLEY WALSHAW .. .. 7
*ERIC STAINROD .. .. 4	†HARRY MANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. N. Brown, verger.

## BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*CHARLES WILTSHAW .. .. Treble	JOHN COOKE .. .. 5
†DAPHNE M. WAIN .. .. 2	†STANLEY D. SUTTON .. .. 6
CHARLES C. HULSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH GODDARD .. .. 7
†A. TREVOR SUTTON .. .. 4	§ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 50th peal. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Goddard.

## BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

PETER WOODWARD .. .. Treble	*W. GEORGE TURNER .. .. 5
*FRANK POPPLEWELL .. .. 2	*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. .. 6
HAROLD CHANT .. .. 3	*JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7
*ARNOLD COLE .. .. 4	DANIEL SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal of Oxford Major. A welcome to Rev. Donald Moxon, M.C., who was inducted Vicar of Brighouse on March 31st.

## BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	GEORFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED .. .. 5
	*JOHN A. PRINT .. .. 2	*HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
	REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. .. 7
	*WILLIAM H. MALE .. .. 4	FRED C. LYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5152 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BEST .. .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Arranged by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

## DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

M. ANGELA CARTER .. .. Treble	*JOHN W. SEYMOUR .. .. 5
*MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCKE .. .. 6
MRS. A. E. LOCKE .. .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 7
JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 4	†C. JEFFREY JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOREEN COKER .. .. Treble	*ERNEST GOSLING .. .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2	*E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 6
*MRS. E. D. POOLE .. .. 3	WALTER LEE .. .. 7
ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal in the method.

## LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 5
EDWARD BARKER .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	HORACE HARRISON .. .. 7
FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed).

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

## SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 5
TONY PRICE .. .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 6
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 3	DENIS N. LAYTON .. .. 7
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS.

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal of Surprise.



**TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Rochdale Branch.)  
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

DEREK SANDERSON .. .. Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. . 5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. . 2	*DAVID JOHN GAY .. . 6
J. ALWYN TAYLOR .. . 3	IVAN KAY .. . 7
JAMES TAYLOR .. . 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. . Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to mark the reopening of the bells.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

*ERNEST CHARLES .. . Treble	FRED J. BAILEY .. . 5
PERCY JONES .. . 2	THOMAS YEOMANS .. . 6
STANLEY G. BECK .. . 3	WILLIAM DARE .. . 7
REV. R. A. SLUMAN .. . 4	†ARTHUR LLEWELLYN .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

\* First away from the tenor. † First peal.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-part (7th observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY STANFORD .. Treble	DENNIS SCOTT .. . 5
†DAVID MELLOR .. . 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. . 6
NORMA HOWES .. . 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. . 7
JEAN D. DUNN .. . 4	†JOHN HODGSON .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. A birthday peal for John, son of tenor ringer. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Helen's Church.

**EWHURST, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING .. . 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. . 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 6
FRANK BENNETT .. . 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. . 7
C. ERNEST SMITH .. . 4	T. MARK WHITE .. . Tenor

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Oliver Sippetts.

**TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. . Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. . 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. . 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. . 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. . 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. . 7
*JOHN E. FOX .. . 4	CLAUDE COUSINS .. . Tenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. S. Bartlett, as Vicar.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN .. . Treble	DR. P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS .. 5
GEORGE SCHLUETER .. . 2	*DR. LEWIS CASTLEDENE .. . 6
GEORGE SAUNDERS .. . 3	H. WALTER SMITH .. . 7
ERNEST FURBANK .. . 4	DR. P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

\* First peal in method. A welcome to the Rev. J. A. Kingham, who was inducted on April 8th.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE .. . Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. . 4
ARTHUR PEAKE .. . 2	†RONALD BARLOW .. . 5
†ERIC NIXON .. . 3	EWART H. EDGE .. . Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Edward Steele, a generous benefactor to the North Staffordshire Association.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Pitman's Composition.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD .. Treble	*DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. . 4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. . 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. . 5
FREDERICK J. WOOD .. . 3	FREDERICK W. JAMES .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Frank Hubert Crouchman, Master of South Weald ringers, and Jean Mary MacLeish, married at the R.C. Cathedral, Brentwood, on Easter Monday.

**WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	WILLIAM POSTON .. . 4
REGINALD POSTON .. . 2	ALFRED T. POULTON .. . 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. . 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. . Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. . Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. . 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. . 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. . 5
*CYRIL COUSINS .. . 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. . Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.

**GLEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and the HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 120 each of Southrepps, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, April Day, eleven 120's of Plain Bob and twenty-six 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. . Treble	†DIANA SEAL .. . 4
MARY A. CARPENTER .. . 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. . 5
F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. . 3	JOHN CHAMBERS .. . Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven methods by all the band and for the Society.

**WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN CUTHBERT .. . Treble	HARRY HALL .. . 4
GEORGE BERRY .. . 2	JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER .. . 5
†GEORGE W. PIPE .. . 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal. † 100th peal, aged 15.



## BARMING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSER	.. Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT	.. .. 4
*EDNA M. SILLS	.. .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS	.. .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN	.. .. 3	†DAVID MANSER	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal.

## BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
CHARLES SANGWIN	.. Treble	HENRY W. STOVELD	.. .. 4
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	.. .. 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN	.. .. 5
NORMAN J. SMITH	.. .. 3	PETER N. BOND	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

\* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten callings.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*ALAN CATTELL	.. Treble	*COLIN A. KIRK	.. .. 4
	.. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS	.. .. 5
*MICHAEL E. BROWN	.. .. 3	†JOHN E. PLANT	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.

## SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*JAMES W. FORDER	.. Treble	†PETER KINDRED	.. .. 4
*JOY RAWDING	.. .. 2	ARTHUR E. LONG	.. .. 5
A. WILLIAM BIRD	.. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	.. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods.

## RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 12 callings.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
JACK R. WORRALL	.. Treble	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	.. .. 4
RONALD C. LUCAS	.. .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE	.. .. 5
LEONARD I. HULBERT	.. .. 3	GEORGE E. MONK	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

The first peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. Leonard Farr, a member of the local band, and Miss Barbara Berrow.

## STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
ALLEN MORGAN	.. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE	.. .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	.. .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL	.. .. 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON	.. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

## ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 2,400 Grand-sire, and one 240 of Grandsire, Morris's arrangement.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	.. Treble	GERALD L. BOWEN	.. .. 4
ERIC C. LUCAS	.. .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	.. .. 5
CECILY C. ROBERTS	.. .. 3	GEORGE LEWIS	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

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**ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROY TAYLOR (13) .. .. Treble	†ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 4
GEORGE E. BANNER .. .. 2	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 5
*DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 3	*CHARLES W. HARVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' Rung in memoriam P. A. Richardson, died April 1st, 1951, aged 66 years.

**BOBBING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.  
 Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Treble	*ERIC EADES .. .. 4
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
STANLEY RAYFIELD .. .. 3	BERT W. MAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\*First peal in two methods.

**BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Southern Branch.)

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

*AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 Plain Bob, two 720's Single Court, Cambridge Surprise and Ipswich.  
 Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

RAYMOND WADE .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
*LYDIA CROWSON .. .. 2	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	JAMES W. HAW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\*First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung half-muffled for the Rev. Charles W. E. Horne, who died a few days after his retirement as our beloved Vicar of Bourne for the past 15 years.

**CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS and  
 THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM STAITE .. .. Treble	RONALD WATTS .. .. 4
*BASIL MEADOWS .. .. 2	*TONY COOKE .. .. 5
GEORGE GOULDING .. .. 3	CLIFFORD LAUNDER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GOULDING.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS J. M. S. COOKE .. Treble	†ELIZABETH MORTON .. 4
†BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2	†ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
NORMAN HOUGH .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

**HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents of April Day, six extents of Plain Bob, twenty-two extents and six 240's of Grandsire.  
 Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES R. BURNHAM .. Treble	MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 3
MARY A. CARPENTER .. 2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE. Witnessed by DAVID BOULTER.

\*First peal. †50th peal.

**MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being seven extents each of New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*JOHN BEARDMORE .. .. Treble	ERIC NIXON .. .. 3
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	†RONALD BARLOW .. .. 4

†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\*First peal in six methods. †First peal in six Doubles methods.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 4
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
N. DAVID LANE .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

**SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES WEBB .. .. Treble	*BERYL TYLER .. .. 4
*ROBERT GILSON .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
DENNIS TOON .. .. 3	CYRIL TYLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since augmentation to six.

**STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Southern Branch.)

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 360 each of April Day and Canterbury Pleasure, 1,440 of Plain Bob and 2,880 of Grandsire. 10 callings in all. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*RAYMOND P. ARMSTRONG Treble	THOMAS CHARITY .. .. 3
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2	FREDK. S. PARSONS .. .. 4

H. REGINALD WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by H. REGINALD WOODS.

\*First peal. First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.

**THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being twenty-two 120's of Grandsire, eight 120's of Canterbury, and twelve 120's of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	H. LESLIE WYKES .. .. 3
GEORGE PICKERING .. .. 2	*PETER HALLAM .. .. 4

JOSEPH TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

\*25th peal.

**BURGHCLERE, HANTS.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL J. GOSS .. .. Treble	MAURICE J. DODD .. .. 4
*MRS. ANN STRADLING .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
PHILIP E. DODD .. .. 3	†ANTHONY C. TILLING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\*First peal 'inside.' †First peal.

**WORTH, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES T. LAKER .. .. Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP .. .. 4
LESLIE G. JUPP .. .. 2	ALBERT E. LAKER .. .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Oliver Sippetts, hon. treasurer of the Association.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Tues., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in D.

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 1-2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 5-6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) .. 3-4	A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*

IN ST. GILES' BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

RONALD BARLOW .. 1-2	FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT .. 3-4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Minor in four methods 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY POYNER .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7-8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 11-12

Composed by S. WOODS.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus as conductor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor size 18 in G.

*RONALD BARLOW .. 1-2	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	†ERIC NIXON .. 7-8
†O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 9-10	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

\*First peal on ten 'in hand.' †First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT RED ARCH, WARNER STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 38 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor. First in five methods 'in hand' by all.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of April Day and Spliced Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, two each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 36 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4
*ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5-6	

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

\*First peal 'in hand.' First peal in six methods by all 'in hand.' First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

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Enrol to-day as a postal subscriber for  
'The Ringing World.' Send 5s. 6d. for the  
new quarter's subscription to Mrs. Fletcher,  
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Something new has been  
given to the Exercise by a  
peal of 5,040 Kent Treble  
Bob Fourteen rung 'in hand' by Mr. Harold  
J. Poole's band. This is the first peal of Treble  
Bob ever to be rung on 14 bells.

Seventy peals have been rung on the six bells  
at Wistaston, Cheshire. Mr. Albert Crawley,  
the tower keeper at Wistaston, has had the dis-  
tinction of ringing in each of the peals.

The Rev. J. M. Turner has resigned the  
benefice of Washfield, Devon, and is now  
living at Moulton, Northamptonshire. In 1934,  
when he was Rector of Moulton, he had the  
bells rung, returned and augmented to eight.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Wisbech was  
a happy reunion for the Rev. John P. Pelloe  
and Mr. A. H. Pulling. It was 12 years since  
they last met, the occasion being a peal in the  
same method at Bedford.

This week we record a peal at Packworth,  
Warwickshire. The conductor, Mr. A. W. T.  
Cleaver, would be pleased to hear of other  
peals in this tower. The first peal in the tower  
is believed to have been rung for the Worcester-  
shire Association about 30 years ago.

While Bedford ringers were ringing at Christ  
Church, West Bromwich, during their outing on  
April 7th, they were peremptorily stopped as  
it was noticed that the pinnacle on the south-  
east corner of the tower was rocking to and  
fro and it was feared that it might fall and  
damage the telephone exchange which adjoins  
the church.

To welcome the Kingsworthy band into the  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild,  
four members visited the tower on April 12th  
and rang a quarter peal of Minimus on the four  
bells there. The ringing consisted of 20 extents  
of Reverse Bob, 20 extents of Double Bob and  
13 extents of Plain Bob. This novel welcome  
was rung by R. M. Currie, H. D. Buckingham,  
J. A. C. King and Peter N. Bond.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The 'Rochdale Ob-  
server' carried a three-  
column feature article of  
the 'Under Twenties' ringing class at St.  
Thomas' Church, Newhey, supervised by Mr.  
Irvine Kerr, assisted by 80-year-old Mr. Richard  
Thompson. For 63 years Mr. Thompson has  
been ringing at Newhey and he is the only sur-  
vivor of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung  
there in 1898.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, has been  
bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. Thomas  
Butler, of Ellesmere, Shropshire, on April 12th.

Mr. Albert Gilbert, for many years a mem-  
ber of the Royston, Herts, band, who had to  
give up ringing three years ago on account of  
heart trouble, has been elected churchwarden.  
He has served the parish church for over 50  
years as choirboy and, afterwards, as ringer.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon, has lost a pro-  
mising young ringer in Richard Trestain, who  
has left the parish for Cornwall. He started  
ringing in 1949. A farewell gift of a fountain  
pen was handed to him on April 10th by the  
Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price), followed by 1,260  
Grandsire Triples rung by R. Trestain 1, J.  
Asbury 2, C. J. Turner 3, L. Hine 4, V. Pyne 5,  
E. Marks 6, Preb. E. V. Cox (conductor) 7,  
R. Wood 8.

On Sunday, April 15th, the Lord Mayor of  
Birmingham, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., ac-  
companied by the Lady Mayoress, attended  
morning service at Edgbaston Parish Church,  
where they received a warm welcome from the  
Vicar and churchwardens. Before the service  
the Lord Mayor took part in three courses of  
Stedman Triples in which he rang with his usual  
graceful ability and he expressed his thanks to  
the band for inviting him to take part in the  
ringing. This was reciprocated by the Ringing  
Master on behalf of the Edgbaston band for  
the honour conferred on them by having the  
Lord Mayor to ring with them.

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# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Mr. Tony Price the New Master

THERE was a large attendance of ringers at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 14th. Following the service and tea, the Rev. P. Gough (president) was in the chair for the meeting, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents) and E. C. S. Turner (general secretary).

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the last meeting:—Messrs. W. H. Barber (Newcastle-on-Tyne), C. S. Bird (Heston), I. Corvill (Stanstead), H. Chandler (Heston), G. Charge (Holloway), C. Dean (Croydon), J. Lovell (Twickenham), C. H. Marten (Hendon), G. S. Mayers (Norwich), W. Pickworth (Richmond), J. Radley (Broxhorne), W. H. Seabrook (Surbiton), G. W. Steere (Sutton).

The secretary presented the annual report which stated that the most important event of the year, from the Association's point of view, was the installation of the new bells at Finchley to complete the octave. One of the bells, the second, was a memorial to the late general secretary and bore the following inscription:—'In memoriam. Charles T. Coles, 1882-1946, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, 1910-1945.' The committee thanked all who had generously subscribed to the Fund. The balance of the cost of providing the bells was subscribed locally, mainly due to the efforts of Mr. B. F. Tubbs.

New members elected totalled 64, consisting of 18 non-resident life and 46 ordinary members.

## NEW METHODS RUNG

Fifty-nine peals were rung, ten more than last year. They included the first peals in four Surprise methods and the first peals for the Association in eight others. Of these, Stanmore Surprise was rung at St. John's, Stanmore, conducted by H. G. Cashmore, to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

All the others were rung at Willesden—Radlett, conducted by H. G. Cashmore, Camden and Devon, conducted by P. A. Corby, Bedford, Berkshire, Bolton, Dublin, Eastbourne, Rochester and Watford, conducted by C. W. Roberts, and Whitminster, conducted by R. F. B. Speed. Twelve members rang their first peals and three members (J. G. Nash, F. C. Price and R. E. W. Wenham) their first as conductor. Mr. W. J. Nudds rang his 500th peal on November 28th at Stanmore. Two peals worthy of mention were nine Spliced Surprise methods 'in hand' and twelve methods at Willesden. The total number of quarter peals recorded was 145 with the Holloway band heading the list with 20.

They were pleased to welcome two new bands—Hampton, largely due to the energies of Mr. T. Price, and Barnet. Towers where progress had been reported were Brentford, Hornsey, Hounslow, Stanwell, Sunbury, Upper Clapton and Wood Green.

The treasurer's report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £3 8s. 1d. and a credit on the general fund of £170 14s.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. P. Gough; vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, C. E. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Jenner; Master, Mr. Tony Price (vice Mr. C. W. Roberts); treasurer, W. H. Oram; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, W. H. Oram and E. C. S. Turner; Central Council representatives, E. C. S. Turner, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and C. W. Roberts.

## INDEBTEDNESS TO MR. C. W. ROBERTS

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts for his great services to the Association and hoped that they would have his services in an advisory or in any other way for years to come.

Mr. T. Price seconded and said he did not expect to be elected against Mr. Roberts. They had always been firm friends but he did not consider himself in Mr. Roberts' class as a ringer. He promised to do his best to build up the Association.

Mr. C. C. Mayne: We must not lose sight of the fact that we have two ringers of outstanding ability in Mr. Turner and Mr. Roberts. They have done more for ringing than any other two men.

Returning thanks, Mr. Roberts said all he had done for the Association had been with the greatest of pleasure and had been done in order that the ancient art would carry on and increase in usefulness. He hoped the Society would carry on, particularly on the higher methods as in 12-bell ringing.

Mr. Tony Price moved an amendment of rules that a condition of membership be capable of ringing the treble to 120 of Doubles. He said he did not want to be misunderstood; he was not against call changes; if there was a tower doing call changes now, the amendment was not intended to interfere with its membership.

Mr. C. W. Roberts supported the amendment and said the tendency of to-day was for people to get a smattering of the art—just as much knowledge so that a bell was not dangerous. They then thought that they had the right to march into any tower and generally spoil the ringing. In every other art there was a standard and many associations had rules to that effect.

A question was asked of the position of a member who rang the tenor to a peal of Triples and could not hunt the treble.

Mr. W. H. Coles pointed out that if the amendment was accepted it would be necessary

to have a new class of membership—probationers.

By a substantial majority the meeting voted in favour of no change of the rules.

Clerkenwell was selected for the place of the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. Brown for conducting the service, and also to Mr. W. Prockson for making the local arrangements.

## FESTIVAL PLANS

The general secretary said last year it was decided that the Association should organise some ringing for the Festival of Britain. A questionnaire had been sent out to all towers and those who did not ring twice on a Sunday in their own church were asked to ring in a London church. Some 30 or 40 had replied and it was possible to ring at St. Giles' each Sunday evening and for some Sunday mornings at St. James', Clerkenwell. They also asked if anyone had accommodation for ringers coming to London to submit names. Some 12 or 13 ringers had responded and to anyone interested he would be pleased to send the list. They had also prepared a list of all towers where there was ringing on Sundays and giving the practice nights. This was available for anyone visiting London.

Mr. Hodgson asked if St. John's, Waterloo Road, was to be the Festival Church.

Mr. Turner replied in the affirmative but said it was outside the area of the Association.

The meeting conferred honorary membership on Mr. Harry Kilby, of St. Mary's, Willesden, in appreciation of his services to the Association, and also on Mr. E. M. Atkins, who was in charge of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and had recently left for Teignmouth.

# ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

## Peal Booking Fee Introduced

A very successful quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at the Parish Church, Aston, on April 7th. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. F. G. Warman) who also acted as organist and gave a very helpful address. Fifty members sat down to an excellent tea, after which the business meeting was held, presided over, in the absence of the Master, by Mr. Albert Walker (vice-president).

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. James George, a vice-president of the Guild. In doing so, Mr. Frank E. Haynes said that although Mr. George had lived away from Birmingham for the last few years of his life, he had been closely associated for many years with most of the older members of the Guild and had been a very fine heavy bell ringer. The chairman asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

Miss Freda Morton (Handsworth), Mr. Douglas Harrison (Hatton) and Mr. Harry Dickens (Sutton Coldfield) were elected full ringing members and the tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Mrs. T. Francis (Camden) and Messrs. Roydon Davies, Frank E. Darby, E. W. Razzell (Croydon), Noel J. Diserens (Reading), Thomas J. Southam (St. Albans), Eric Edmondson (Hatfield) and Hubert E. Ashley (Bulkington).

The problem of meeting the cost of recording peals was introduced by Mr. John Pinfold, who considered that, in view of the increase in the number of peals rung, the time had come when peal ringers should bear a portion of the cost of writing up the peal book. It was unanimously decided to institute a peal booking fee of sixpence per ringer for each peal, the conductor to be responsible for its collection. In this connection the chairman mentioned that the Guild had been the recipient of a new peal book, beautifully bound, the very generous

gift of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and he asked the secretary to record the gift in the minutes.

A letter from the manager of the Imperial Hotel was read, stating that the Connaught Room was in great demand for 1952 and that the only suitable date that could be offered to the Guild for the Henry Johnson Dinner was March 15th. The chairman regretted the necessity of departing from the custom of holding the function on the first Saturday in March, but there seemed no alternative, and he hoped that everyone would make a note of the date.

The chairman referred to the proposed summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths which would be held in Birmingham on June 9th and he hoped to see a good attendance from members of the Guild particularly those who were also College Youths.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Guild be held at Yardley Parish Church on July 7th, subject to the approval of the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. J. Fitter, to the Vicar for conducting the service, and to the ringers of Aston for organising the tea.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

When the Bristol Rural Branch met at Olveston on March 31st, Mr. C. R. Harding, who was voted to the chair, as the Association's Master (Mr. J. G. Jefferies) declined the honour, commented on the branch's strong official position. He pointed out that Mr. F. Skidmore was again hon. secretary and Mr. J. G. Jefferies Master of the Association.

John Pitt (Tytherington) and Donald Meredith (Olveston) were elected members and the forthcoming meetings suggested were Warmley (6), April 28th, and Tytherington (5), May 26th.

Dr. Lowe (Vicar) conducted the Association's new form of service assisted by the Rev. Allan (chairman of Wotton-under-Edge Branch). Ringing to satisfy all tastes was provided



## THE GUILDFORD

### New Form of Service: Other Associations Invited to Co-operate

**H**OPES that special ringing in every tower would mark the opening of the Festival of Britain were expressed in the annual report presented to the Guildford Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting at Guildford on April 7th.

Previous to the meeting there was ringing on the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells and the Guild service was held in the Saxon church of St. Mary, where the six bells are shortly expected back from the foundry after retuning. Canon R. G. Clitherow conducted the service and gave the address. Tea was served in S. Nicolas' Hall, arrangements being made by Miss W. Oliver assisted by other helpers.

The Master (Mr. A. Harman) presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover), the assistant secretary (Miss W. Oliver) and the hon. auditor (Mr. Leslie Hunter). The officers were re-elected and a ballot resulted in Messrs. G. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden and A. H. Pulling being returned as representatives of the Guild on the Central Council.

The Executive Committee's report, presented by Mr. G. L. Grover, gave a total membership of 577 (ringing 465, honorary 112). Restorations reported were the augmentation of Esher ring from six to eight, recasting of Ash bells, work on Ockley bells, Capel's and Frensham's in the hands of the bell founders, and St. Mary's, Guildford, bells shortly to be rehung.

Losses by death included Mr. Jonathan Corbett (Guild treasurer and chairman of the committee that promoted the foundation of the Guild in 1927), Messrs. C. Edwards and T. Upshall (Farnham), W. Holden (Cobham), G. W. Steere (one-time member of the band at Guildford Cathedral).

There was a marked decrease in peal ringing activity. Only 34 peals were rung as against 42 in the previous year. The Guild's first peal on 12 was achieved by the way of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields as an 'In Memoriam' peal to George Steere. The fresh methods added were Banstead Surprise Major (by the local band at Banstead) and Aldenham Surprise Major rung at Ewhurst. There were 17 conductors.

The accounts presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter showed balances of £86 9s. 1d. (against £40 5s. 5d.) on the Guild account, £110 15s. 7d. in the Benevolent Fund and £58 5s. 4d. in the Cathedral Bell Fund.

Seventeen new members and two compound-member members, Mrs. B. C. Castle and Mrs. A. J. N. Rance, were elected.

## DIOCESAN GUILD

The main business was the revision of rules which were accepted with an amendment that live ringing membership should be abolished and honorary ringers' life subscriptions be one guinea. A new rule was added on the proposition of Mr. T. W. White that all moneys in the possession of the Guild and District should be banked in the name of the Guild and Districts respectively.

Mr. G. S. Joyce reported on the revision of the Guild's form of service and that the draft form was acceptable to the Norwich Diocesan Association, some very good suggestions having been made by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Other Guilds were invited to join in and costs would be appreciably reduced if the initial printing order was substantial.

On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Lindley, the Executive Committee was authorised to spend up to £15 on printing the form of service when authorised by the Bishop.

### RELATIONSHIP WITH SURREY ASSOCIATION

A discussion was initiated by Mr. W. Simmonds with a view to the Executive Committee meeting the Surrey Association and defining boundaries so as to prevent overlapping.

Mr. T. W. White pointed out that the Central Council were concerned over this matter.

Mr. A. H. Pulling commented that the matter had been in dispute since he was a boy.

Mr. Dan Cooper expressed the view that there was no solution to the problem.

Mr. R. Whittington thought a lot more harm than good would be done by re-opening the discussion. It generated bad feeling and had been talked about 40 years ago, when Guildford was part of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On the proposition of Mr. H. V. Young it was agreed to approach the Surrey Association with a view to the two executives meeting and seeing if some plan could be formulated.

Another discussion ensued on the question of whether or not the Guild should make official appointments of instructors. Mr. Simmonds, who advocated this step, said progress would not be made until they tackled the question from the bottom—in the towers themselves.

The hon. secretary pointed out that Districts were empowered to spend 2s. 6d. a time on instruction.

Mr. Young proposed that, if possible, those wishing to be instructors in the Guild should have that recognition. The matter was left to the Executive to make any such appointments.

Guildford was selected for the next annual meeting and it was decided to hold the Guild Dinner on October 20th.

## CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

**R**INGERS in Cumberland and North Westmorland made their way in a snowstorm to St. Bees on Easter Monday for their annual general meeting and were joined by ringers and their ladies from Barrow.

Ringing up to Double Norwich preceded the meeting, which was presided over by the president, the Rev. C. E. Last (Vicar of St. Bees). On the motion of the secretary, those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. G. W. Tembey, a staunch supporter of change ringing in Cumberland for 50 years.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the activities of the Association had been good especially in the Western Branch, but the Eastern Branch had great travelling difficulties which was the reason for Penrith and Kirkby Stephan having withdrawn from the Association. This also accounted for the slight decrease in subscriptions in the treasurer's financial report which, however, showed an increase of just over £2 in the balance as compared with 1949, although expenses had occurred which would not happen again for some years.

The ringing secretary reported that several peal attempts had been made without success but the prospects for 1951 were much better. The ringing at meetings had been good and the number of methods rung had been increased, but he stressed the need for more care in the striking.

Before the election of officers, the retiring president was thanked for his very keen interest in the Association, he having been to every meeting during his year of office. The Rev. G. D. Jackson, Keswick, was elected as president for the ensuing year, and the following were re-elected:—Hon. general secretary, J. W. Brownrigg, Keswick; hon. treasurer, R. F. Grisdale, Keswick; ringing secretary, S. Richardson, Hensingham.

A long discussion followed on the motion that the proposed first annual report of the Association should be printed and the amendment that owing to the cost it should be typed and duplicated; it was eventually decided to print the report.

The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Last who, in his address, thanked the ringers for the fine work they were doing, but not to forget, in their enthusiasm for ringing, that it was work for the Church, and if there was no Church there would be no ringing.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of St. Bees ringers and the day finished with some more ringing on this rather moderate-going but lovely-toned night.

## ST. IVE, CORNWALL, REOPENING

On Easter Monday, despite the inclement weather and the fact that the county football cup finals were in progress, a good number of ringers gathered at St. Ive to attend the opening of the six bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. G. Martin, who also gave the address. Tea was served in the schoolroom, where the Rector thanked the ladies for providing the tea.

The visiting ringers were from Liskeard, Callington, Linkinghorne, Crantock, Kea, Kenwyn and Truro Cathedral. All were thanked by the captain, Mr. G. Hoskins, for helping to make the gathering a success.

After tea the ringers returned to the tower where the ringing was held up for a time to allow ringers to inspect the work done by the local bellhangers. Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been fitted with new headstocks and ball bearings. The tenor is also on ball bearings. The whole frame has been strengthened and some parts renewed. The work has been carried out by R. H. Libby and Son.

## SOME SPRING OUTINGS

### BEDFORD AND NORTHANTS

Leaving St. Peter's, Bedford, at 6.30 a.m., Bedford and Northants ringers visited four 12-bell towers and two 10's on April 7th. Ringing took place at West Bromwich, Coalbrookdale (where is the grave of the late ringing captain with an unusual stone showing ten bells complete with ropes and sallies) St. Chad's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, St. Matthew's, Walsall, and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

At tea, at Shrewsbury, Mr. W. A. Farmer and Mr. Russell (formerly St. Paul's, Bedford) were welcome guests. After tea, Mr. Ernest Whitmore expressed appreciation to Pat Chapman for arranging such an ambitious programme.

The writer left the coach at Kettering at about 1.15 on Sunday morning and some of the other had still 40 miles to go. P.I.C.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guildsborough and Daventry Branches had a full but rainy day on Easter Monday leaving Long Buckby at 8 a.m. Ringing took place in the towers at Welford-on-Avon (6), Norton (8), Bretforton (8), Broadway (6) and Mickleton (8).

### THAKEHAM

Seven six-bell towers in Surrey were visited by Thakeham (Sussex) ringers on Easter Monday. The party included guests from Washington, Storrington, Itchingfield and Horsham.

The towers were Ockley (newly rehung but care required on the back two bells), Newdigate (a light six in a 15th century wooden tower), Charlwood (a grand six in a Norman central tower), Leigh (ringing here under difficult conditions, as ringing chamber is on the ground floor under a west gallery), Buckland (a light six in a wooden turret), Merstham (where one rope broke and another cast wheel), Burstow (good ringing here, although the treble proved difficult to hear). The thanks of the party are due to the captain of the Thakeham band for his excellent arrangements.

The Oxford Society will be broadcasting on Thursday between 9 and 10.15 p.m. Bells to be heard are Carfax (6), Magdalen College (10), Merton College (8) and Christ Church (12).



## VETERANS WHO RANG IN THE LAST CENTURY

We have this week some interesting names to add to our record of veterans who rang in the last century.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kington Magna, Dorset, writes that he thinks his first peal was of Bob Major on handbells at Cambridge on December 1st, 1896. On May 2nd, 1897, he rang 9-10 at Cambridge in the first handbell peal of Bob Royal ever recorded in the College Youths' peal book. Both these were conducted by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse.

'My few tower bell peals,' he adds, 'include Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Cinques. One of Grandsire Triples was at Colerne, Wilts, the first rung by Royal Arch Masons.

'Recollections of a personal interest to me are that I rang at St. Saviour's, Southwark (as it then was) for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee; at Westminster Abbey for Queen Alexandra's funeral; at St. Margaret's for King George V.'s Jubilee visit to Westminster Palace and at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Christopher Wren Tercentenary. I have rung or chimed church bells in eleven different countries.'

### SURREY FIRST PEALERS

Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, has supplied us with the following list of Mid-Surrey ringers who rang their first peal in the 1890's:—

David Anscombe, Ashted, 1894; John H. White, S. Nicolas', Guildford, 1894; Alfred A. Dobinson, Dorking, 1894; Thomas Newnham, Ashted, 1897; Arthur C. Otway, Ashted, 1898; John Hoyle, Christ Church, Epsom, 1898.

William R. Crockford took part in a peal at Leatherhead in 1896 but Mr. Winch is not certain whether it was his first. In addition John Crawford and Alfred Mann rang in several peals at Christ Church, Epsom, in the late '90's.

Mr. Alfred E. Reeves, of Totterdown, Bristol, 3, rang his first peal on October 6th, 1896, at St. Giles', Reading, and by the end of 1899 he had rung 77 peals.

### ESSEX 'OLD TIMERS'

Mr. Harry Allen, of Chelmsford, and Mr. George Green, of Great Baddow, rang their first peal together at Widford, Essex, on February 14th, 1890. The method, Grandsire Triples (Penning's one part), was conducted by the late Arthur Edwards. Now, at the age of 81 years, Mr. Harry Allen still takes an active part in ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford.

Mr. George Green is Master of the band at St. Mary's, Great Baddow, where for the past 63 years he has taken his place to ring the bells on all occasions. At 79 years of age Mr. Green still has a very keen ear and when they are well and truly rung a smile is a sure sign that George is satisfied.

Mr. T. East, of Gidea Park, Essex, who rang several peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, Berks, on St. Andrew's Day, 1892.

Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Greenstead Green, near Halstead, Essex, rang a peal in seven minor methods at Stisted, Essex, on January 16th, 1898. Mr. Walter Burst, of The Green, Earls Colne, also took part in this peal.

### MACCLESFIELD VETERANS

There are three Macclesfield veterans of the last century—Mr. William Gayes (leader of Christ Church) Mr. Wilfred Matthews (leader of the Parish Church) and Mr. John Minshall (who still rings occasionally). Mr. Gayes' first peal was Grandsire Triples, on January 10th, 1893, and he rang in Mr. Wilfred Matthews' first peal (Grandsire Triples), on February 7th, 1893. Mr. John Minshall scored his first peal on May 16th, 1893 (Grandsire Caters). All the peals were rung at St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

### THREE LADY RINGERS

Mr. W. T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, writes calling attention to the omission from the list of veterans of the last century of the Misses Dora and Alice White. He had the pleasure of ringing his first touch of Bob Major with them in 1899 conducted by their father, Mr. Henry White.



THE MISSES ALICE AND DORA WHITE  
From a photograph taken in the last century.

Miss Alice White was the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells. This took place at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on February 12th, 1896, when, at the age of 15, she rang the treble to Holt's ten part of Grandsire Triples. She rang in many peals and is now Mrs. Y. C. Sullivan, Box 457, Georgetown, Ontario.

Mrs. E. D. Mack (née Dora White) of Keswick, London Road, Basingstoke, has sent us details of her first peal, rung at the age of 13, at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on July 17th, 1897, the method being Grandsire Triples. She writes: 'My sister and I rang our first peal of Stedman Triples together in 1902 with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. I was made a performing member of the Winchester Guild at 11 years of age and rang a tower bell at nine years. When I was a school girl my father had a very small set of handbells made that he could put in his coat pockets when he took us away ringing. We (father and myself) rang four each. He taught me to ring a plain course of Treble Bob Major four-handed. We also did a good deal of tune ringing. My sister and I still both love tower and hand bells.'

There was a third lady who rang a peal with them in the last century—Miss Frances Whyley, daughter of the Rev. F. Whyley, Vicar of Alton. She rang her first peal at Basingstoke (Grandsire Triples) on December 8th, 1898. Our correspondent does not know whether she is still alive.

### BOLTON'S FIRST PEAL

The first peal for the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was Grandsire Triples on December 16th, 1895, at St. George's, Bolton. It was the first peal for all the band except the tenor man. There are three survivors, viz., Messrs. Henry Moss (conductor), William Tebay and Alfred Rushton.

Mr. Frederick J. Lambert, of Horsmonden, Kent, rang six peals in the last century, his first being Grandsire Triples, on April 15th, 1893.

### GLOUCESTER'S VETERAN

Mr. Sidney E. Romans, vice-president and Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who is now in his 83rd year, is still a regular service ringer at Gloucester Cathedral. He joined the Association in 1885, and rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1887. During the last century he rang just over 100 peals.

Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, writes that his elder brother and himself both rang peals of Stedman Triples with the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the 19th century, the first having been rung in the autumn of 1899. His brother still rings in an Oxfordshire village. Mr. Miles is the last survivor of the band that rang in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal.

Mr. George Halksworth (aged 84), of Scarborough, and formerly of Doncaster, rang his first peal on February 13th, 1897 (Holt's 10 part, Grandsire Triples) for the Doncaster Society of Change Ringers. He is now the only survivor of the band. Mr. Halksworth has rung about 100 peals and but for a bad knee which prevents him climbing the belfry steps would still be an active ringer.

From Los Angeles, California, Mr. Ernest Weatherby writes that he learnt to ring with the late Mr. W. H. Shuker at Market Drayton in 1887 and rang his first peal in that tower in 1895. Mr. John Gibson, of Whitchurch, who is now 96, walked 14 miles to take part in the peal.

### A BRIGHTON TRIO

Three members of St. Nicholas', Brighton, rang peals in the last century, viz., G. Ades, 1890; H. Stalham, 1896; and F. Bennett on March 2nd, 1899. All were Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Harry Warnett, of Lewisham, took part in 72 peals during the last century, his first being on February 28th, 1891.

Mr. George Daynes, of Greenwich, rang his first peal on April 18th, 1891.

Mr. Henry G. Miles, of 31, Aldensley Road, London, W.6, took part in three peals during the 19th century, all at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and conducted by Mr. W. E. Garrard. 'The first,' he writes, 'was in November, 1899, the others in 1900, one being in May for the relief of Mafeking. I cannot understand why some people think that the year 1900 was in this century; a cricketer out for 99 has not scored a century.'

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

Over 100 members attended the District's annual meeting at Coleraine on Easter Monday when Mr. W. Pratt (president of the Association) presented the Attendance Shield to St. Donard's Society, who won it in the first year of their existence.

Officers re-elected were:—Messrs. W. Rogan (Belfast) vice-president of the Association and chairman; J. T. Dunwoody (Holywood) hon. secretary; J. Dixon (Coleraine) hon. treasurer; H. Brown (Holywood) Ringing Master; J. J. Fielding (Londonderry) assistant hon. secretary.

The Festival of Britain programme was outlined by the hon. secretary; it includes ringing in all towers on May 3rd from 7—9 p.m.; peal attempts in all towers by best ringers; special peal attempts at St. Donard's on June 1st and at Hillsborough on June 2nd for the visit of H.M. the King to the Northern Ireland Festival Exhibition. The B.B.C. are co-operating with the District for broadcasts on April 10th, the bells of St. Colmba's, Londonderry, will probably be heard on May 3rd as well as the bells of Enniskillen.

Placings in the competition for good striking which followed lunch were:—1. St. Donard's (Belfast). 2. St. Thomas' (Belfast), 3. St. Patrick's (Ballymena).



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. CHARLES DEAN

Mr. Charles Dean, of Croydon, whose regretted death on April 9th, at the age of 79, was reported a fortnight ago, was one of the oldest members of the Central Council, which he joined in 1898. He served to 1911 as representative of the Surrey Association and again from 1914-1932. He became an honorary member in 1933 and served until 12 months ago. For many years he was convener of the Peals Analysis Committee and evidence of his thoroughness was the tabulated tables that have appeared annually in 'The Ringing World,' which give such an accurate picture of peal ringing.

Born at Highworth, Wilts, on April 25th, 1871, he started ringing at Benhilton in 1891. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Christ Church, Epsom, on June 23rd, 1894, and had rung approximately 120 peals. He conducted one peal—Stedman Caters.

His work for the Surrey Association was outstanding. From 1897-1911 and again from 1922-25 he was secretary of the Association. He had also held the posts of treasurer and auditor. From 1912-1938 he rang at St. Peter's, Croydon, and afterwards at St. John's, Croydon.

Mr. Dean was managing director of the Anglo-American Pharmaceutical Co., where two of his sons are employed. Previously he was accountant at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service at Croydon Parish Church on April 12th was conducted by the Rev. A. C. F. Davies, a ringing colleague. In a brief address he spoke of Mr. Dean's services to the Church as a ringer, and added, 'It is a long record of distinction, and the Church has much to be grateful to him for in this wealth of voluntary service, which he gave so willingly, so quietly and so unassumingly.' Interment was at Green Road Cemetery.

Among the ringers present were:—Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Messrs. B. Newson, H. M. Howard and —, Stephenson (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.), J. F. Smallwood, A. B. Peck and W. Passmore (Ancient Society of College Youths), H. Langdon (St. Paul's), J. Chapman (St. Leonard's, Streatham), A. Lancaster (Borough), W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham), I. Blow (St. Peter's, Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Messrs. D. D. Cooper, F. E. Collins, R. Abbott, G. Lodge, G. H. Humphries, W. F. Oatway, C. Parks, R. Davies and Mesdames D. Cooper and H. E. Oatway (Croydon Parish).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by H. Langdon 1-2, D. D. Cooper 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, R. Davies 7-8.

The tower bells were also rung half-muffled before and after the service.

### MR. WALTER GORTON

Bolton, Lancashire has lost an old stalwart by the death of Mr. Walter Gorton. He joined The Saviour's band, Bolton, when the bells were installed in 1885, and rang in the first peal on the bells. Mr. Gorton rang his first peal in 1883 and his last at the age of 85. He would have been 90 next June and was eagerly looking forward to hearing a peal rung for that occasion.

The funeral took place at Bolton Cemetery on April 11th, where handbells were rung by A. E. Sandiford 1-2, E. B. Webster 3-4, Peter Crook, sen., 5-6 and J. Frederick Hilton 7-8.

A muffled peal was rung at The Saviour's on April 18th.

### TO OLIVER SIPPETTS

And there we leave him. Beneath the chancel window, with his feet towards the dawn, where the sound of his beloved bells float over his grave. So ring them well, you Crawley ringers, and keep the standard of striking that he set you.

A. B. P.

### MR. GEORGE HOLMES

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. George Holmes which took place at Blackpool on March 29th in his 90th year.

Born at Dronfield, he lived in Sheffield from the age of four, and for many years worked as an edged tool forger. He came from a bellringing family and joined the old Parish Church company (now the Cathedral) in 1879 and his membership of the Yorkshire Association dated from the same year. For the Association he rang 58 peals and conducted four of them. He was a member of the old Midland Counties Association and one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

His peal ringing career extended from the end of the Franco-Prussian War in 1871 up to VE Day, 1945, and he took part in the ringing for the coronations and deaths of all the sovereigns since Queen Victoria.

Mr. Holmes was a staunch Sunday service ringer and although afflicted with approaching blindness in his latter years, he was able to attend fairly regularly up to the time of his death. He possessed a remarkably easy style when ringing and his handling of heavy bells was an example that others admired.

Being of a musical turn of mind he taught many the art of handbell tune ringing and was for many years conductor of the Sheffield Hallamshire Handbell Ringers. For a time he was a member of the St. Marie's (R.C.) Company.

A widower, he had only just gone to live with his married daughter at Blackpool when he had a stroke and passed peacefully away.

S. F. P.

### MR. C. CHILDS

A bellringer since his boyhood days, Mr. Charles Childs, of Queen Street, Godalming, died on April 16th at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, aged 77. For more than 50 years he had been associated with Godalming tower and he took part in a peal at Godalming to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. For a long period he had been captain of the tower.

The bells of Godalming Parish Church were rung half-muffled previous to the funeral service on April 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham) who officiated, spoke of Mr. Childs' devoted and faithful service to the church, to which he was attached not only as a ringer but as a worshipper.

Ringers attending were:—Messrs. A. H. Pulling and A. C. Hazelden (Guildford Diocesan Guild) W. Balchin, C. Steele, H. G. Steere, G. Savage, A. J. Booker, A. Edwards, C. E. Smith, C. J. Pugsley, V. H. Smith and Miss S. Steere (Godalming), Messrs. A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) and E. Stenning (Dunsfold).

Wreaths included those from Godalming ringers, Guildford Guild and Dunsfold ringers.

### MAYOR'S VISIT RECORDED

A plaque was unveiled in the tower of Dagenham Parish Church on April 12th recording the first visit to the belfry of a Mayor of Dagenham.

This unusual ceremony was preceded by a course of Grandsire Triples by the local band, rung in the presence of the Mayor (Mrs. A. E. Prendergast) and her chaplain, who is the Vicar (the Rev. H. Siviter).

Before unveiling the plaque, Mr. Chalk (Master of the S.W. Division, Essex Association) expressed his pleasure at the Mayor's interest in ringing matters and of acceptance of life honorary membership. He gave the Mayor a comprehensive account of ringing societies and mentioned the spirit of friendship prevailing throughout the Exercise.

The Mayor, in reply, said she considered herself to be not a visitor but a great friend of the ringers.

The ringers afterwards entertained their distinguished visitor in the Parish Hall with handbell ringing followed by refreshments.

## THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

### Sixteen New Members Elected

The 19th annual meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held at St. James' Church, Paisley, on April 7th when there was a good attendance of ringers. The bells were rung to rounds, call changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Plain Bob and Kent during the course of the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held in the church and conducted by the minister, the Rev. Sydney Still. After the service the ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea which had been kindly supplied by the St. James' ringers.

At the business meeting the Master reported on the ringing activities of the past year, which included the scoring of two peals (the only other time this has been done by residents was in 1932, the year of the founding of the Association) and seven quarter peals. In both peals there were several firsts.

The secretary reported that at the end of the year they had an active ringing membership of 60 which was drawn from five of the eight towers where bells were rung at present in Scotland and a life ringing membership of 33. There had been a fair amount of publicity given to ringing in the local papers and particularly a half-page article in the 'Scottish Daily Mail'; and the Editor of the Year Book of the Scottish Episcopal Church had readily agreed to give space to the Association in the Year Book, and it was only because the Church of Scotland had gone to press somewhat earlier than usual that they had missed being in it too. The treasurer reported that the funds had increased from 13s. 6d. to £4 10s., largely due to the fact that the expense of teas and peal writing had not been taken from the funds this year.

The names of 16 new ringers were put forward for membership and were unanimously approved. Of these, eight came from St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, and several from St. James', Leith, both of which towers wished to rejoin the Association, thus leaving now only one ringing tower not affiliated.

Both the president and Ringing Master had given notice that they did not wish to be re-elected and they were thanked by Mr. Pickett for all the work they had done for the Association in their several ways during the tenure of their respective offices. Mr. W. H. Pickett was elected Master in place of Prof. R. O. Street and Mr. C. R. Raine Ringing Master in place of Mr. John Marshall. Mr. Beardsall, of East Relford, was elected as Central Council representative for the next three years. It was also agreed that the Bishop of Glasgow (the Right Rev. J. C. H. How) and Dr. W. White Anderson, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, be asked to become patrons in place of the late Duke of Argyll.

The next meetings are to be held at Alloa in October and at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, next April.

Several of the Paisley and Glasgow ringers entertained the ringers to tunes on handbells before a return to the belfry.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### South-Western District

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Rayleigh on April 7th when about 50 members enjoyed ringing on this musical night.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. S. Carver), who extended a cordial welcome to all the ringers. Among the large number of new members elected was the Rector, who consented to become an honorary member. He mentioned that his interest in bells went back a long way and that he was a founder member of the Guildford Guild.

Ringing was in charge of the Master, Mr. J. Chalk, who saw that everybody was well catered for from rounds upwards, all the standard Surprise methods being brought round.



# QUARTER PEALS

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—On April 5th, 1,500 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Chilvers 1, H. Drury 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, R. Armstrong 6. Longest length for 1 and 6.

**BLACKBURN, LANCs.**—On April 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Tomlinson 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, J. Skats 3, J. A. Tomlinson 4, A. Swindlehurst 5, L. Henrys 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. E. Wilson 8, C. M. P. Johnson 9, H. Anderson 10.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On April 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, Miss J. Wright (first quarter) 2, L. Coc 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, J. Saxton 5, Miss B. Moss 6, S. Slaney 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At Holy Trinity on March 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. F. Hilton 1, J. W. Kay 2, J. Kay 3, T. Bratby 4, E. Iddon 5, R. Edge (first of Triples) 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Pendlebury 8.

**BOSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Doubles: F. W. Lewis 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (cond.) 3, H. W. Stovell 4, C. Sangwin 5, P. N. Bond 6. First quarter peal in the method for all the band.

**BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): A. Hodgson 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, G. McKay 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, C. Lightning 6. First quarter on the bells.

**BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.**—On March 25th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Roger Willis (12 years) 1, Audrey Castell 2, F. Castell 3, H. A. Jarvis 4, J. C. Berry (cond.) 5, S. J. Turley 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose on April 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Clarke (first in method) 1, A. C. Baker 2, Miss M. Bennett 3, N. Denson (first in method) 4, F. Skidmore 5, Miss M. R. James 6, Eric Sutton 7, R. G. Hooper (first as cond. in method) 8. Rung on St. Ambrose's Day.

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. A. Rose 1, H. Taylor 2, Miss H. J. Holloway 3, T. Stone 4, E. Boardman 5, A. R. Peake 6, P. Angers (cond.) 7, B. Bladon 8. First Triples for 1, 4, 5.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on April 5th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: R. Price (first on ten) 1, Jacqueline Evans 2, D. G. Clarke (first on ten) 3, W. Dare 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, F. J. Bailey 6, L. I. Hulbert 7, D. J. King 8, T. Yeomans 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Vaughan (first as cond.) 1, A. Wiggins 2, M. L. Baughan 3, D. R. Jones 4, E. L. Baughan 5, H. Tucker 6, H. Osborne 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Kathleen Proctor 1, Shelagh Proctor 2, Joyce Bray 3, Dinah Benford 4, A. Ballard 5, E. Soman 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. E. W. Clarke.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On April 15th, at St. James's, 1,280 New Gloucester Surprise Major: W. Prockton 1, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 2, Anne B. Stockdale 3, L. H. Bowler 4, M. Hodgson 5, J. G. Prior 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, W. Williams 8. First in the method by all.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Clarke 1, J. Worrall 2, W. Dare 3, T. Yeomans 4, F. Bailey (cond.) 5, H. Black 6, R. E. Coles 7, I. Jones 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gwyneth Clarke.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On April 1st, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,297 Stedman Caters: D. Cooper 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, P. Humphries 4, R. Davies (cond.) 5, R. Abbott 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins 9, W. Oatway 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 4 and 6.

**DODFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Deacon 1, K. Deacon 2, F. Robinson 3, V. Perry 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, B. Hill 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is joining the Army.

**EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Allum (first quarter) 1, R. Lester (first of doubles) 2, D. Mitson 3, F. Sterry (cond.) 4, V. Lockwood 5.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On April 4th, 1,344 Spiced Grand-sire, Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and College Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Barram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First in 5 triples methods by all the band.

**EDGASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Mumford 1, J. F. Atkins 2, J. N. Lindon 3, A. Jones 4, J. Eaton 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, T. Russell 8. Rang half muffled as a tribute to Col. F. C. Danielson, C.B., D.S.O., a former churchwarden.

**FELPHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Horton (first of minor) 1, N. J. Smith 2, Enid Lonnin 3, G. W. Hollis (first of minor 'inside') 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Ellis (first quarter) 1, R. Mackrell 2, H. Belcher 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, J. Stephenson 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

**GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.**—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Everitt (first quarter) 1, L. Toseland 2, Miss J. Walklate (first quarter) 3, G. E. Watson 4, B. S. Cope (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 5.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 8th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss F. Clapton 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, E. Thurlow (first in the method) 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss Davey 1, Mrs. Gould 2, A. Jaques (first quarter) 3, H. Bromfield 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, H. Baguley 6.

**HORBURY, YORKs.**—On April 8th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley 3, J. W. Milner 4, J. Dews 5, M. T. J. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 7. To mark the 62nd anniversary as a regular service ringer at St. Peter's of 83-year-old Herbert Rowley, who rang the 3rd.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: 1. Windwood 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, D. Paice (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Garner 4, J. Smart 5, J. Branch 6, S. A. Paice 7, C. Denyer 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKs.**—1,280 London Surprise Major: J. D. Kape 1, A. E. Cox 2, F. D. Borcham 3, A. R. Blaby 4, E. F. Timpson 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the Misses Doreen and Sylvia Coker.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—On April 1st, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 1, L. J. Fox 2, Frances A. Edgar 3, T. G. Fox 4, D. W. Beard 5, G. Dadds 6, W. Williams 7, N. J. Diserens 8, C. H. Kippin 9, B. D. Threlfall 10. First of Surprise Royal 3 and 5.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Hollingsdale 1, C. D. Linington 2, P. F. Romney (cond.) 3, J. Backshall 4, A. Backshall 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Backshall.

**LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.**—At the Cathedral on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan McKinlay 1, J. Fielding 2, Lily Hughes 3, W. Young 4, J. Campbell (cond.) 5, A. D. Fielding 6.

**LUTON, BEDs.**—On April 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Enid Preston (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, J. Herbert 5, R. Kendall 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

**LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Chaplin 1, C. Green 2, S. Summers 3, E. Orland 4, L. Townsend (first quarter as cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Eales on their wedding anniversary.

**MAPLETHORPE, Lincs.**—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Brealey 1, T. Asquith 2, G. Paul 3, H. C. Caunt (cond.) 4, L. Mason 5. First quarter for all except 4.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, F. A. Cluett 4, H. Argent 5, R. A. Constant 6, J. Burles (first as cond. in method) 7, W. Gorringe 8. Rung for the dedication of the new lych gate in the churchyard and a birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Mitchell.

**NETTLEBED, OXON.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hope 1, J. Pinchin 2, R. Grove 3, R. Cummins 4, E. Belson 5, H. Wells (cond.) 6. First quarter by local band, and farewell to R. Grove on joining H.M. Forces.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKs.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Lathall 1, Miss M. E. Roe (first of Triples) 2, N. Beard 3, I. Dickinson 4, R. Evans 5, K. M. Grayson 6, E. G. Bennett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, K. Perkins (first of Triples, 13) 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's, April 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, S. Earl 3, F. Benfield 4, E. Frost 5, G. Valentine (cond.) 6, H. Bryan, cover bell. A birthday compliment to H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe.

**NORTH MIMMS, HERTs.**—On April 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Salter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, P. J. Coles (first in method 'inside') 3, J. R. Lofty (first in method) 4, G. Spencer 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6.

**NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKs.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. E. Hancock 1, G. Turner 2, W. Noble 3, Jack Turner (first quarter) 4, W. Geo. Turner 5, L. Healey (first 'inside') 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, F. Jagger 8.

**PATISHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon, Northrepps, Cliffords Pleasure, St. Culum, Southrepps, Kennington, Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, 60 of Grand-sire): K. D. Perkins 1, K. M. Grayson 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, I. Dickinson 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Cozens 6. First in 11 methods for all; a 15th birthday compliment to the 6th.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. R. Carlsson 1, C. Knight 2, G. Watts (cond.) 3, L. Allen 4, F. Neate 5, R. Haskins 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a farewell to the Rev. C. R. Forrester.

**PURITON, SOMERSET.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. T. Jeanes 1, H. Emery 2, E. Reasons 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, T. G. Burge 6.

**RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): B. Chaplin (first quarter) 1, S. Summers 2, R. Spring 3, L. Townsend 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Ward 1, B. Pike 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, F. Wright (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw on 38th anniversary as organist.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKs.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, B. Holland 2, R. Birch 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, B. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Maurice Proctor, accidentally killed on Easter Day.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Rathbon (first quarter) 1, B. Moore 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, P. F. Romney 4, C. D. Linington (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. W. Garner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rector of Itchingfield (the Rev. A. Godfrey).

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's, on April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Faithfull 1, W. Glasspool 2, Alan Jaques 3, G. Craine 4, R. Spittle 5, D. C. Williams 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, Miss Joyce Cox 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor, Miss Cox has now rung a quarter peal from every bell in the tower.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Nash 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, M. Fensom 8, S. G. Peck 9, S. Wade (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 4 and 8, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Manchip.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At St. George the Martyr's, on April 8th, 1,280 Spiced Surprise Major (London, Ealing, Rutland, Bristol, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge): T. G. Fox 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, D. W. Beard 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, R. H. Begrie 6, N. J. Diserens 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First quarter in eight methods by all except 2nd.

**STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Jackson 1, W. Schofield 2, G. Crowdy 3, F. Allthorp 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (cond.) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Noble 5, L. W. Fisher 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Clements 8.

**STREATHAM, SURREY.**—On April 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, F. J. Matthews 3, W. J. Ellis 4, S. Howard (first quarter in the method) 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (first quarter in the method as cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. A 58th birthday compliment to S. Howard.

**SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—On April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. A. Fitch 1, Rosemary Seabrook (15) 2, W. Scott 3, H. G. Herbert 4, L. J. Mills 5, L. Johnson 6, L. Pryke 7, E. Hynard (cond.) 8.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDs.**—On April 3rd, 1,440 Disley Delight: Miss D. Hare 1, A. Smith 2, C. Woodhead 3, R. Stephens 4, Miss J. Ashton 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Ashton.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss J. Richards (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, J. L. S. Glanville (cond.) 3, W. Wills 4, R. Coles 5, W. Gibbins 6. A wedding compliment to John Pym.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,280 April Day Doubles: K. Knight (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 3, C. H. Wickens 4, F. F. Godsmark 5.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKs.**—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, S. Birch 3, A. Armstrong 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam of Mrs. F. A. Konig.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, Keith Minter (first quarter) 3, A. S. Richards 4, John Cannell (cond.) 5, Michael Fuller 6.

**WILBY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Watson 1, Miss D. Wykes 2, H. Wooding 3, J. E. Skerritt 4, R. C. Noon 5, G. Care (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Partridge.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On April 8th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: P. C. Barrett (first quarter) 1, S. Haw 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Higgins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Storey 6, F. Moves 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—At St. Paul's Church on April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 1, S. G. Day 2, J. White 3, A. Fleet 4, W. J. Brooks 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, L. D. Millard 8. First quarter on the bells since rechanging.



## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH Winchester District

Freakish weather, consisting of sun, rain hail and snow, marked the Winchester District's quarterly meeting at Hursley on April 7th. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Holt-house) preached at the service.

The business meeting followed tea and was attended by a company of 50. The District chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) congratulated Mr. W. C. Lampard on completing 60 years as a ringer at Winchester Cathedral. Mr. C. McCuddeon was elected District auditor.

Ten new ringing members were elected, namely:—Mr. Peter N. Bond and Miss R. Phillips, of St. Maurice's, Winchester, Messrs. A. F. Fry, H. Street and L. Horne, of Kingsworthy, Mr. E. Long, of Preston Candover, the Misses A. Halford and D. Wild and Mr. C. Eades, of Hursley, and Miss P. Pittaway, of Winchester Cathedral. In addition, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, and Mr. R. C. Spittle, of West Ewell, were elected compounding members, and 14 honorary members were also elected.

The meeting agreed to Mr. J. A. C. King's proposal to hold a monthly practice meeting between quarterly meetings. These meetings are to take the form of general practices during the afternoon and a specialised practice of an advanced method in the evening. The first two meetings will be held at Wonston and Twyford.

A letter was then read from Mr. W. Linter thanking the District towers for their contributions to the George Williams Memorial Fund, amounting to £12 15s. 6d.

## MR. G. E. PIPE'S 100 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, at the age of 15, completed his 100 peals on April 4th. These have been rung in 33 different towers, all on tower bells, and for five Guilds or Associations, with 115 different ringers:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (cond. 1), Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2, two methods 1, three methods 5 (1), four methods 3 (2), five methods 10 (6), six methods 8 (4), seven methods 4 (1), Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (2), Double Norwich 5, Kent Treble Bob 9 (1), Cambridge Surprise 6 (1), Superlative Surprise 6 (1), New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Lincolnshire Surprise 1, London Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 2, Liverpool Surprise 1, Spliced 4, Surprise 1.

Caters.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total 100; conducted 21.

## 5,040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By R. O. FRY

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35264 — — 3

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62354 — — 2

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32546 — — 3

24536 — — 3

35426 — — 3

25436 S — —

45326 — — 2

23456 Repeat B.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LARGEST TOWN WITHOUT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re the above, Clacton-on-Sea ('Ringing World,' April 13th, page 235) is suggested by Mr. F. Farrant. This is not correct as there is an unringable ring of five with a tenor (cracked) of approximately 8 cwt. at the Church of St. John, Great Clacton.

Great Clacton and Clacton-in-Sea are amalgamated under Clacton U.D.C., but for official purposes all is in the parish of Great Clacton. The population is about 24,000 to 25,000, so the claim does not stand that there is not a ring of bells in Clacton.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

### ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Clift's description of Redcliffe bells but think he is in error about No. 10; this is not of 1622 like the 11th, but by T. Bilbie, and dated 1763. Being interested in Bilbie's bells wherever they are, I should like it known that the foundry is represented by one of the heavy bells in so famous a ring as Redcliffe.

Mr. Price, of Yatton, will find a pre-Reformation bell (undated) at the neighbouring tower of Cheddar. It has the letter M five times repeated. It is the fifth of the ring and weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. When the cannons were removed for rehanging, they were retained and may be seen in the ringing chamber. They weigh exactly 56 lb.—Yours faithfully,

R. ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

### METHOD NAMES

Dear Sir,—Some of the names given to methods in recent years call for comment. Change ringing has many times been spoken of as essentially an English art. I doubt if it is practised in Albania—a country which is not only hostile to Britain but, like all other Communist countries, is noted for its suppression of the Christian religion; why then 'Albanian Surprise'?

Another ridiculously-sounding name is 'Princess Marina Surprise,' rung a few years ago. And to many outside ringing circles, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' sounds equally a mouthful and raises many a query. The names of St. Anthony and St. Paulinus have many times been acclaimed as connected with bells and one would have thought by now someone would have chosen these for preference to some of the absurd names decided upon. After all we have St. Dunstan, St. Simon, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Giles, St. Miles, St. Blaise, St. Martin, St. Columba, St. Vedast and others in use. What's wrong with St. Anthony and St. Paulinus? In addition there is St. Alphege, who followed St. Dunstan as Archbishop of Canterbury, a student and friend of the latter whose martyrdom deserves to be commemorated in this country probably more than it is.

There is a tendency to dedicate some of our modern churches to our early English saints (we have one in Northampton, built in 1937, dedicated to St. Alban) and it might be a good thing to have ringers and composers of new methods thinking on the same lines.

Weston Favell, Northants.

P. AMOS.

### LATE NOTICES

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Bratton, May 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service and tea. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8787

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 2nd.—J. C. Gouding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 8788

## NOTICES

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

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

### DEATHS

**BARNES.**—On Thursday, April 19th, 1951, Clara Helen, the devoted and beloved wife of Alfred Barnes, passed away at her home, 3, Longford Road, Reddish, in her 87th year. Cremated at Stockport Crematorium, April 21st.

**CLAYDON.**—On April 14th, 1951, at his home, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Walter Claydon. Aged 65 years. 8769

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, after May 1st, will be No. 1, Holborn Estate, Garrett Lane, S.W.17. 8759

### PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

**THE CARD OF INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CARE AND USE OF CHURCH BELLS,** which has been out of print for some years, has been completely revised by Mr. F. Sharpe. It contains concise notes on the proper attention to be paid to all vital parts of a bell frame, bells and fittings and ringing chambers together with other useful advice. Price 6d., post free, from the Librarian, The Central Council, Oslington School, Tring, Herts.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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

### MEETINGS

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District. — Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 8642

**OXFORD GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th. 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.** — Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 8732

**BURES, SUFFOLK.** — Dedication of new trebles on April 28th at 3. Names for tea must be sent to Leslie Mills, Colchester Road. 8477

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 28th, St. Luke's (8), Derby. Ringing 2.30 until 7.30. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 8747

**ELY ASSOCIATION.** — Ely and Wisbech Districts. — Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8574

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8746

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District. — Meeting at Bramley and Womersley, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 8744

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — South and West District. — Meeting at Feltham, 3—5.30 p.m.; Bedfont 6—8 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th. Cafes in Feltham.—G. Dodds, District Sec. 8749



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 8770

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Ramsbottom, Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 3. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 8780

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Blaxhall (6), Ringing meeting, April 28th. 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8725

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD GUILD** (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting, Wolverton, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. John Chesterman, Sec. 8738

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, April 28th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 8735

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Special meeting, Preston, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, not later than Monday previous, to Mr. F. Stevens, Preston, near Uppingham, Towers of Seaton, Glaston, Uppingham and Belton will also be open. Coach leaves Northampton 12.30 from Derigate (York Bros.) calling at Wellingsborough and Kettering. Numbers wishing to travel must inform me by April 28th at latest.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8707

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (5), Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Great Baddow (8) available 7 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8682

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8751

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Pulham Market bells (8) also evening. Names, by April 30th, to Ernest Whiting, 25, Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8748

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd, please.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8741

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley, May 5th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by May 1st, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 8719

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD—FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN RINGERS' RALLY.**—Exeter, May 5th. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea (2/-) at hall at bottom of South Street. 4.15. Tower open; Cathedral, 1.30—2.45, 6—8; Alphington from 5.30; Broadclyst 6—8; Heavitree 6—8.30; St. David's and St. Mark's 6—7; St. Thomas' 1.30—2.30 and 6—8. 8772

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify A. Bennett. 8771

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Festival of Britain Ringing on Saturday, May 5th.—Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames, Oatlands Park and Chertsey. All ringers welcome. Times next week.—F. E. Hawthorne, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 8776

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5.15. Names, by May 2nd, to R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8786

**HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Minfield (10), May 5th. Bells 2. Cups of tea provided, bring own sandwiches. Business meeting. Six-bell ringers welcome. 8758

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—Meeting at Lyonshall, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to those who notify me by Tuesday, May 1st.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 8763

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon, on Saturday May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 2nd, to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 8756

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Accrington, on May 5th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Six bells. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special methods: London and Cambridge. Tea 1s. each. Names for tea by May 4th to Mr. Leigh, Newstead, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey. 8779

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Scorton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8), recently rehung, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, near Garstang. Buses to Hamilton Arms. Preston and Fylde Branches kindly note.—John Woods, Sec. 8785

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Hallaton, May 5th. Bells (6) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Outing fare to be paid by then.—L. W. Allen. 8773

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby (6), May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Monday, April 30th. Don't leave me to guess who requires tea, please post me a card.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 8774

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 5th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8761

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Shenley, Saturday, May 5th. Bell (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8766

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, May 5th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8757

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Whiston, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley. 8765

**SOUTH OF ENGLAND RALLY.**—May 5th. Ringing: Christchurch Priory 11 a.m.—1 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.—5 p.m.; St. John's (Surrey Road) 2 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. A few tickets still available at 10s.—A. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8778

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Holbrook, Stutton, Harkstead, May 5th. Meet Holbrook 2.45. Tea, King's Head, Stutton, 5. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 8775

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 12th at Havering-ate-Bower (6) 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Tea at Havering. Romford (8) from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 8764

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8777

**MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.**—Annual Ringers' Service, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Will all requiring tea please notify by May 8th?—W. A. Prescott, Oakleigh, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 87. 8768

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, May 12th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8767

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival at Leominster on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. general meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Leominster (10), Eye (6), Kimbolton (6) and Kingsland (6).—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 8737

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident members and non-members, 4s. 0d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available:—Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.; the following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5), Sandon (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the Hon. Gen. Secretary not later than May 4th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 8742

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddingdon 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival at St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, May 19th. Service at 3 p.m., accompanied by the Norbury Handbell Ringers; preacher, the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tickets for tea obtainable from branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. J. Barker, 34, Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, not later than Tuesday, May 15th. Towers of Stockport St. Mary, Norbury, Cheddle and Bredbury available 1.30—3 and from 7 p.m.—J. Kingdon, Hon Sec. 8760

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster, May 19th. St. George's bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Arksey bells (8) also available 2.30—3.30 and after meeting, if required. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) in schools at 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. E. Dalingwater, 27, Hexthorpe Road, Doncaster, by May 17th. Meeting, same premises, immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8783

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, with a meeting of the N.W. Essex Association. Lunch and tea. Book this date and make it a great day. Details later.—L. E. Pistow, Sec., 23, Highfields. 8762

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Acting Sec. 8782

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The commemoration dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 29th, 1951. Will members and intending visitors please reserve the date? Full details later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8784



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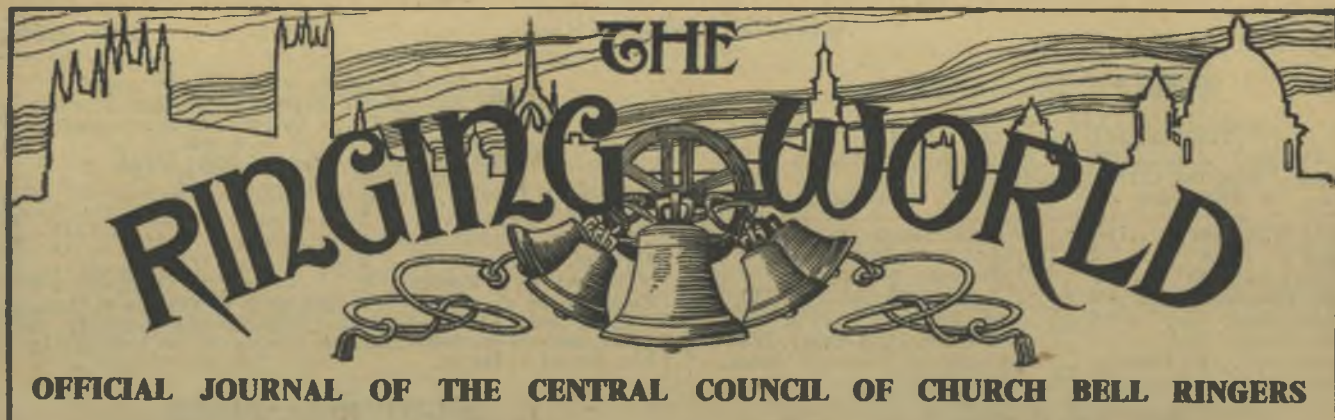
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## FINDING A SECRETARY

ONE of the characteristics of the Exercise generally is the long service of men and women in key positions. When good officers are found the rank and file are not prone to change. Thus is established a wealth of experience and precedent and the Exercise generally is fortunate in having this measure of stability. Some might deplore such circumstances and visualise that continuity wears a groove and creates officials not susceptible to change and the assimilation of new ideas. But with an art such as change ringing, built upon a centuries old tradition, it is only those immersed in the subject and with long practical experience who can give the lead. As ringers cannot be created in a few months (although many an incumbent thinks he has only to install a ring of bells and get eight or ten volunteers and, hey presto, his Sunday service ringing is accomplished!), so a secretary cannot be found as a result of six or twelve months' training at a secretarial college.

For 20 years Mr. G. W. Fletcher has held one of the key positions of the Exercise as secretary and treasurer of the Central Council. When he accepted the office he was a young man, but even in those days he had a solid background of not only practical ringing, but of experience in the administrative side of the Exercise, being one of the products of the Middlesex County Association which has given to English ringing such a wealth of talented exponents of our art. He and Mrs. Fletcher have formed a wonderful team. The orderliness about Central Council meetings has been an example to every Guild and Association, and whoever is selected by the Council to succeed him will have before him an example of perfect organisation.

It is not only in the purely secretarial side that Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have revealed their ability. Mr. Fletcher's business acumen has been prominent in the difficulties surrounding 'The Ringing World.' His statements to the Council have been models in clearness and grasp of the subject matter, and those who have at first differed from him have invariably changed their viewpoint after his logical presentation of the case. There is no denying the fact that some of the problems that have confronted him have called for firmness and most men would have taken an easier or laissez-faire course. The passing of time has given the answer, and in surrendering the reins of office

the Council can look back with gratitude on 20 years of faithful service.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have been handicapped by their residence in Norfolk. This has necessitated a heavy correspondence, and personal contact with the main body of the Council, so very valuable to a secretary, has thus in the main been denied them except on the occasion of the annual conference. The choice of a successor will not be easy, but we feel that geographical considerations will have to be reviewed. The secretary appointed should live within easy access of London, Birmingham and Leicester. It might with advantage ease the duties if the treasurership of the Council was separated from the secretarial responsibilities and that 'The Ringing World' Committee and treasurership be a separate entity.

Would it be in the interest of the Exercise and the Council that the Standing Committee should meet between Council meetings? Even if only a majority of the members could be present we think it would be a definite advantage and we would suggest that a meeting should be held in London on the afternoon of the College Youths' dinner, a function invariably attended by many members of the Council. If another meeting was desired the afternoon of the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham would be a convenient centre. The Methods Committee recently found it advisable to meet in London and discuss their problems, and one of the members informed us that they accomplished more at that meeting than could be achieved by six months of correspondence.

We are confident that a successor to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher will be found. No one who accepts the office will have an easy task, but the real pleasures of life are invariably experienced by travelling along the hard course and the surmounting of these obstacles brings its own reward. The office calls for a big sacrifice, and if the new secretary has at his disposal assistance in his own home or office the burden is lightened. At Chester there will be an opportunity of saying 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for their services. While in no sense desiring to anticipate those sentiments, we feel sure that we are expressing the general wish of all ringers when we acknowledge with gratitude their long and distinguished service over the past 20 years. We are not losing them; they will still be members of the Council and endeavour from the floor of the House to help forward the advancement of our art coupled with the peculiar service it is able to render to the Church in this and other lands.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

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*SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE .. 7
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PHILIP WALKER .. 6	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. Treble	*BRIAN AUSTIN .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 2	†S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
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SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 6
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 2	*LEONARD J. FOX .. 7
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\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Rung for H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's birthday and St. George's Day.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5163 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 2	*JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 3	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 8
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

DOREEN COKER .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE .. 6
FRED HAYES .. 2	†ARTHUR CLUTTON .. 7
RALPH COLES .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 8
SYLVIA COKER .. 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 9
*PETER BALDWIN .. 5	WILLIAM HENLEY .. Tenor

Composed by FRED HAYES.

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung in celebration of the coming of age on April 16th of the Misses Doreen and Sylvia Coker.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Treble	†PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 6
*MRS. F. A. PENN .. 2	FRANK A. PENN .. 7
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. 8
*†FREDK. S. SLATFORD .. 4	RONALD G. BECK .. 9
*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 5	GILBERT H. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal for the Salisbury Guild. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Samuel J. Hector.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
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ALFRED G. HILL .. 4	FRANK I. HAIRS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

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Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

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†WILLIAM PRATT .. 2	†JOHN CAMPBELL .. 6
†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 3	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 7
†THOMAS SMELTZER .. 4	†§AUBREY D. FIELDING .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First in the method on tower bells. § First tower-bell peal. First peal in the method by an Irish band on the bells. Peal No. 5 in the Northern Ireland Festival of Britain programme.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK A. PENN .. Treble	†FREDK. S. SLATFORD .. 5
CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST .. 6
*DONALD LEE .. 3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL .. 7
†PERCIVAL W. HARDING .. 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together.

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**BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
WILFRED NEWMAN .. .. Treble	† HAROLD WEBB .. .. 5
*IVOR GOULTER .. .. 2	LESLIE ASTON .. .. 6
PETER BAKER .. .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 7
†CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 4	WILFRED FOLLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † 25th peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells, which have recently been augmented by Taylors.

**BRADPOLE, DORSET.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. .. 6
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 3	J. LEONARD GLYDE .. .. 7
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 4	CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band and in the county.

**CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 ROTHERHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.	
WILLIAM GREEN .. .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 6
GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

The first peal rung in the method.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.	
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 7
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Oliver Sippets, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Treble	*GORDON F. CLARKE .. .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 6
*ROY DUESBURY .. .. 3	EDWARD B. SMITH .. .. 7
*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4	RONALD G. BUGG .. .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in method 'inside.' An engagement peal for R. Bugg and Miss E. Jackson, chorister at this church.

**LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HARRY BROUGHTON .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. .. 7
*HARRY POYNER .. .. 4	FRANK K. MEASURES .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. .. 5
*RUTH M. K. HOW .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 6
MARK W. MARSHALL .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 5
JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3	THOMAS J. SETTER .. .. 7
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

**SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, PENDLETON,

**A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.	
JOAN CARTER .. .. Treble	ERIC NIXON .. .. 5
ALAN WARD .. .. 2	CYRIL BYARD .. .. 6
JAMES B. ROBINSON .. .. 3	JAMES CARTER .. .. 7
PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

The first peal in the method as conductor, and the first peal in the method for the rest of the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

**SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble	DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. .. 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. .. 7
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 5th.

**SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 20 cwt.	
STANLEY ANDERTON .. .. Treble	JAMES E. BURLES .. .. 5
CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 6
JOHN WOODS .. .. 3	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. .. 7
JOHN F. WOOD .. .. 4	*RICHARD P. DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the visit of the King and Queen to the district.



WOODFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	*FRANK V. GANT .. .. 5
*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 2	*JOHN F. GROVE .. .. 6
JOHN G. NASH .. .. 3	*CHARLES E. WILMINGTON 7
HARRY TURNER .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of London as conductor.  
Rung to the memory of George A. Black, of Woodford Green, ringer for many years at the above church.

WROTHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.	
JAMES BENNETT .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 6
*EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\*First peal in the method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR	
Tenor 9 cwt.	
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5
REGINALD POSTON .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 6
WILLIAM POSTON .. .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON .. .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.  
First peal of Major as conductor.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES	
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER .. Treble	SIDNEY R. ELWICK .. .. 5
HAROLD SPENCER .. .. 2	HARRY SHORT .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON .. .. 3	ALBERT V. COATES .. .. 7
*JAMES S. BEDLINGTON .. 4	BERT SUTTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT V. COATES.

\*First peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. D. DEXTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
The first peal of Bristol on the bells. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

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

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR	
Comprising 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 114 changes of method.	
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.	
H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. TOPP. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES	
Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt.	
HAROLD GORTON .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. EASTHAM .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	JOHN F. WOOD .. .. 6
EDWARD B. WEBSTER .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JACK KAY .. .. 4	*KENNETH ROBERTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\*First peal. In memoriam Walter Gorton, a ringer in this tower for 64 years.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR	
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.	
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	*RONALD CHAFER .. .. 5
JACK BRAY .. .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 3	*HARRY HALL .. .. 7
*HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.	
*REGINALD T. JONES .. Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
MONICA DAVIS .. .. 2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*LESLIE EVANS .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. †100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.	
*EDWARD BARKER .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 2	*CLAUDE COUSINS .. .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	*ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 7
*NORMAN V. HARDING .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\*First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge for the Association. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5184 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR	
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.	
JOHN W. BEST .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Hereward Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK SAVAGE .. .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	E. JOHN TARGETT .. .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Julian, son of the Vicar of Wellow, the Rev. L. W. Fussell, M.A.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. .. 4
BETTINA A. DUFFY .. .. 2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 5
ERNEST BRITTAIN .. .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

\* 25th peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble	DOROTHY OSBORN .. .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY .. .. 2	*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 5
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in four methods.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. Treble	*RAYMOND W. SELBY .. .. 4
*JACK HARRISON .. .. 2	†DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 5
*J. ROGER NIBLETT .. .. 3	*J. ALFRED SELBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, and first peal ever at Cleeve Prior. Rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*GORDON HERD .. .. Treble	†FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 4
†ROGER POSNETT .. .. 2	†JAMES BROOKS .. .. 5
†BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Minor. † 13th peal. ‡ First peal. 20th peal on the bells. Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the second, who is the first to circle this tower.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP .. .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 4
*JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 5
DENNIS KNOX .. .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

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## WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.  
 HAROLD KILBY .. .. Treble W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.. 4  
 ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2 PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5  
 JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3 HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd, and first for the Guild.

## STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
 WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4  
 \*C. WILLIAM NUTT .. .. 2 REGINALD T. JONES .. 5  
 MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3 LESLIE EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of St. Simon and Northrepps and 480 each of Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Treble IVOR DICKIN .. .. 3  
 \*M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 2 \*KENNETH M. GRAYSON.. 4

EDWARD G. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal in 11 methods by all and on the bells.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Place Bob, one each of Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Spliced Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's and 35 of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARY A. CARPENTER .. Treble B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4  
 GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 2 F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 5  
 ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 3 JOHN W. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by F. KEVIN THOMPSON.

First peal as conductor on tower bells. First peal in nine methods by all and on the bells.

## FYFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire and two 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt.

DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. Treble HERBERT G. GODDARD .. 4  
 FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. 2 DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 5  
 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 FREDERICK W. JAMES .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

## BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.  
 FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble T. ANTHONY FLINT .. 4  
 GEORGE PICKERING .. 2 PETER HALLAM .. 5  
 CECIL E. CARR .. .. 3 \*JOSEPH TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

\* 50th peal.

## GREETHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 EDWARD COX .. .. Treble HERBERT GOAKES .. 4  
 CECIL MATTHEWS .. .. 2 RONALD RUSSELL .. 5  
 \*PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3 \*JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* 25th<sup>th</sup> peal together. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23 cwt 19 lb. in E flat.  
 \*F. JOHN PERT .. .. Treble ALBERT H. KEMP .. 4  
 REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2 MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 5  
 ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3 S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* First peal. Fastest peal of Minor on the bells. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters and the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kemp.

## LYNCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

\*MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble MAURICE HELPS .. 4  
 LEONARD COLES .. .. 2 \*REGINALD W. PERRY .. 5  
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 3 CLAUDE S. KNOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to William G. Brown (towermaster) and Amy Comley, who were married this day at this church.

## MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

RUSSELL W. CURSON .. Treble A. ERNEST LONG .. 4  
 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2 WILLIAM CLOVER .. 5  
 GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 3 \*HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* 250th peal for the Association. First peal of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4  
 MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 MOSES BILLINGS .. 5  
 \*DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. John Eastoe and Miss Beryl Musson, niece of the conductor, who were married on the above date in London.

## TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Netherseale, (2) London, Wells, Cuncecastre, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Norfolk, Hull, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

THOMAS CUMMINS .. Treble ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4  
 \*OWEN NEEDHAM .. .. 2 EDWIN FISHER .. 5  
 ARTHUR YOUNG .. .. 3 JOHN R. YOUNG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal in 14 Surprise methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT .. Treble ALLEN MORGAN .. 4  
 GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 2 CYRIL TANSELL .. 5  
 GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 3 THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

IN ST. NICHOLAS' BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 240 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire.  
Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung to mark the election of Mr. W. G. F. Somers as warden.

**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

JOHN BRAMLEY .. 1-2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4 | COLIN HARRISON .. 7-8

Holt's Original. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

**COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.**

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN .. 1-2 | \*HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5-6

\*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4 | \*H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. 7-8

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\*First peal of Kent and Oxford. First peal of Kent and Oxford

'in hand' as conductor; also first for the Guild.

**LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.**

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING .. 1-2 | FRED E. DUKES .. 3-4

\*AUBREY D. FIELDING .. 5-6

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

\*First peal in method and 'in hand.'

**BATH, SOMERSET.**

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. O. FRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

\*PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 1-2 | ROGER O. FRY .. 3-4

†EDWARD J. FRY .. 5-6

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\*First peal of Doubles and on handbells. †First peal 'in hand.'

**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN**

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 7-8

HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4 | HARRY POYNER .. 9-10

PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6 | TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11-12

DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 13-14

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpires: ERNEST MORRIS and JOSEPH S. CARTER.

First peal of Treble Bob ever to be rung on 14 bells.

**EWELL, SURREY.**

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 1-2 | JILL BRITAIN .. 5-6

EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 3-4 | \*JOHN HILL .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\*First peal of Major on handbells. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

**HEREFORD.**

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CLOSE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

\*F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\*First peal on handbells.

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We are pleased to announce that Mr. Harold  
G. Cashmore was successful in ringing the first  
peal in 12 Surprise methods on handbells on  
April 25th at the residence of Mr. C. W.  
Woolley. The umpire, Mr. W. Wenban,  
checked every lead end throughout the peal.  
This is a new record in handbell ringing.

His many ringing friends  
will regret to hear of the  
tinued illness of Mr. Sam  
Hector, of Trowbridge. Sam is still interested  
in ringing and recently two friends visited him  
and rang touches of Grandsire Doubles on  
handbells with him. In honour of his 70th  
birthday a peal of Royal was rung on the bells  
of Tonbridge Parish Church, the installation of  
which was due largely to Mr. Hector's work and  
enthusiasm. All best wishes go to him for a  
speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Jack Kerry, Winchester District of the  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild,  
has rung his first peal at the 13th attempt. This  
was at Brockenhurst on April 21st, where the  
bells are believed to be the second lightest in  
the world.

Mr. E. W. Tipler, of Rugby, thanks all those  
who sent him messages of goodwill during his  
stay in hospital. He is now at home for a few  
weeks before going back for a minor operation.

Mr. Cuthbert W. Powell has completed the  
circle of Bradpole tower, Dorset, and Mr. E.  
E. Davey has four times 'circled' Kirby-le-Soken  
tower, Essex.

By a peal of Superlative at Maresfield, Sussex,  
on April 21st, Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, has  
rung a peal in each eight-bell tower in the  
county.

Morpeth bells, Northumberland, have arrived  
back from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. It is  
hoped that they will be ringing for the carnival  
week in June.

Evercreech bells will be heard on the West of  
England Home Service next Tuesday in the pro-  
gramme 'The Faith in the West,' between 7.20  
and 7.45 p.m. Would interested listeners write  
to The Director of Programmes, B.B.C., Bris-  
tol 8, if they like the programme, and to Mr.  
J. T. Dyke or to Mr. H. J. Sanger, Evercreech,  
Shepton Mallet, Somerset, if they have any  
criticisms or helpful suggestions.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Midland Counties  
Guild Festival of Britain  
programme on May 5th  
includes a 60-mile tour, free to members, leav-  
ing Burton at 12.45. Short touches will be rung  
at Rolleston, Repton, Ticknall, Ashby, Measham,  
Appleby, Netherseale, Lullington, Winshall, All  
Saints and the Parish Church.

Sibbertoft Church, Northants, heard its bells  
rung for the first time in 15 years on April 21st.

The last false course end to St. Giles Surprise  
Major (see page 224) is 54263, not 54236 as  
published.

A correspondent informs us that Bluntisham,  
Hunts, bells are hung dead. The eight bells in  
a five-bell frame are clapper-chimed as the  
tower and spire are considered unsafe. The  
tenor is about 11 cwt. 1 qr.

To commemorate the long peal of 10,304  
Plain Bob Major rung at Leiston, Suffolk, on  
April 21st, 1888, a quarter peal was rung on the  
bells on this year's anniversary. Richard Stan-  
nard, of Barking, and Frederick J. Tillet, of  
Ipswich, who rang in the former, are still alive.

At the meeting of the Lewisham District of  
Kent County Association, on April 21st, it was  
reported that during the ringing that afternoon  
a fire had been ignited at the foot of the belfry  
staircase at one of the towers. Whether this was  
an act of irresponsible hooliganism or something  
more sinister was not clear.

April 17th may be regarded as a Kent Treble  
Bob date, for reference to the 'Ringer's Diary'  
shows that on this date in 1820 the first peal  
of Maximus was rung at Birmingham. On the  
same date in 1911 the 12,240 of Maximus was  
rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and five members of  
the Leicester Cathedral band, with the assistance  
of Terry Thornber and Alfred Ballard, rang the  
first peal of Kent Treble Bob on 14 handbells  
on April 17th this year. A good show by the  
youngsters, Derek Goodman, 16 years, Terry  
Thornber, 17 years, and Harry Poyner, 19 years.

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# BELLS OF ALL NATIONS

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**P**ROBABLY the most important addition to ringing literature since the war is the 'Bells of All Nations' (Robert Hale, 21s.) which Mr. Ernest Morris has compiled after many years of research. It is a book with a wide appeal; to practising members of our art it is of great value as the interest of most change ringers to-day is not confined to ringing. Bells in all forms evoke their curiosity and it is in this respect they will enjoy Mr. Morris's book and at the same time broaden their knowledge of the subject.

The author traces the development of the bell from that first reference in Exodus xxviii, 33-4, in the adornment of the Ephod of Aaron, through Greek and Roman times where the hour of bathing was, according to Pliny, announced on bells. The association of bells with the Christian Church dates from Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, Italy, in the year 400 and probably reached this country about 680, the Venerable Bede recalling in his writings of bringing a bell from Italy, which he placed in the Abbey at Wearmouth.

Mr. Morris has taken advantage of researches by the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., in compiling his list of old dated bells, the first being at Ingensbach, Lower Bavaria, 1144, followed by the 20 cwt. bell at Fez, Morocco, 1219. The first bell in this country, St. Chad's, Cloughton, Lancashire, is No. 27, and is dated 1290, followed by Cold Ashby, Northants, of which a special reference was made in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' (No. 1296). No mention is made in the list of the Caversfield bell of an earlier period, the date of which Mr. Frederick Sharpe authentically established by considerable research.

## SIGNAL FOR MASSACRES

Customs and usages of bells to which Mr. Morris devotes an entertaining chapter have been the subject of special articles from his pen in 'The Ringing World.' The massacre of the French in Sicily commenced with the ringing of the Vesper bells in 1282 and three centuries later the slaughter of the Huguenots in Paris was signalled by the tolling of the bell. We as ringers, like, however, to think of our bells being associated with the services of the Church, as is inscribed on a bell at Banbury, Oxon:—

'I ring to sermon with a lusty bome,

That all may come, and none stay at home'

Perhaps even more striking is the inscription on Halsowen tenor (1707):—

'When sound of bell doth pearce your ear,

O com to the Church, God's word to heare.'

The curfew bell, so familiar for centuries in this country, is also to be found in other countries. In South America it is called the Stay bell, being rung at ten o'clock, after which the use of the streets was forbidden the inhabitants of Quito. There were two curfews at Charles-town in 1851—one for young children to say goodnight and another when the watch for the night was set.

Chimes date back to the earliest times and St. Dunstan, who died in 988, is said to have made a set of chimes for Canterbury. The large barrel or cylinder mechanism is being superseded by the electro-pneumatic apparatus. The largest chime barrel in the world is that of Bruges, the reputed weight of which is over eight tons. It is made of gunmetal and is pierced with 30,500 holes into which the studs or catches are fixed. Another chapter deals with carillons and the development of this art.

## GREAT BELLS

Of the great bells of the world, the author gives a comprehensive list headed as follows:—

Moscow, 'Kolokol'	1733	193 tons
Troitzkoi, Russia	1746	171 "
Moscow	1817	110 "
Mandalay, Burma	1780	87 "
Chion-in Japan	—	74 "
Moscow (Wspenski)	1760	63 "



## THE AUTHOR

Mr. Ernest Morris

In Western Europe, Cologne Cathedral 'Kaiserglock,' cast in 1874 (25 tons), is the heaviest bell. It was destroyed, however, during the 1914-18 war to make munitions but replaced in 1925. Lisbon Cathedral has a bell of 21 tons, and at Montmartre, Paris, there is another of 20 tons. The heaviest in America is at the Riverside Drive Church, New York, weighing 18 tons 6 cwt.

Ships' bells have found their way into many churches. The five churches in the Scilly Islands have each a ship's bell and there is even one in a Japanese temple and dated 1577. The story of the bell of the German cruiser Emden which on November 9th, 1914, was destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney, had a somewhat chequered history. It disappeared in 1932 from the naval depot at Sydney and later was found buried in Hyde Park, Sydney. It was then placed in a museum, again to be stolen. Finally it was restored to the German people.

Mr. Morris devotes a chapter to the Ancient Bells of Celtic Saints, a number of which are still preserved in private collections and museums in Wales. The most famous of the Irish bells is that called 'Clog-an-Eadhacta-Phtraic,' or 'Bell of St. Patrick's Well.' This bell is formed of two plates of sheet iron fastened together by iron rivets and bronzed. Some 40 examples of these early Irish bells are in the National Museum of Ireland at Dublin.

A considerable portion of the book is devoted to the English style of ringing. The chapter dealing with the Continental style is new to most of our readers. 'Sallies' and 'stays,' however, are largely unknown on the Continent, although at Ostend bells are rung up and down again in peal. Belgium is, however, famed for its carillons and some 60 are listed.

In France bells are generally rung with ropes often from the ground floor. The bells are more highly decorated than English and American bells. In many towers the 'Angelus Electro-Automatique' apparatus has been introduced and against this Mr. Morris registers his pro-

test, writing: 'This seems all wrong, and the bare idea of a machine calling men to divine worship is abhorrent.' The largest bell in France is 'La Savoyarde,' being at the Church of Sacre Cœur, Paris, and weighs 19 tons 8 cwt.

Switzerland abounds in fine, deep-toned bells which are chiefly rung by means of ropes attached to levers. The large bell at Fribourg Cathedral is rung by three or four men working treadles. At Zurich the bells of all churches are rung on Saturdays at 7 p.m. to herald the approach of the Lord's Day.

## ST. MARK'S, VENICE

Of Italy the wonderful campanile of St. Mark's, Venice, which fell down in 1902 after standing for 1,000 years, is specially mentioned. It was rebuilt in 1912. Out of the five historic bells, four were destroyed but the fifth was undamaged. Each of the five bells had a special function. The carpenter's bell at dawn and sunset, 'Nona,' the second, at noon, the third, which announced meetings of the Senate, the fourth to summon the nobles to the Grand Council and the fifth (Maleficio) sounded when a prisoner was put to death.

Apart from carillons and chimes, bells in Germany are swung frame high. The bells are not tuned in consecutive notes in the scale but chosen to form as many chords as possible.

Of the German bells, probably that which was best known was the Emperor Bell of Cologne, which was cast from French guns captured during the Franco-Prussian War and previously referred to.

Special mention is made of the ringers in the Girada Tower at Seville being carried by the ropes outside the tower. The Rev. L. Edwards is quoted regarding his visit to Burgos Cathedral, where he once heard the only bit of change ringing on the Continent to find, on investigation, a man and woman standing on the frame and controlling the bells by treadles.

Holland's contribution to the art of bell founding by the Hemony brothers is familiar to most of our readers. An idea of the place of bells in that country may be gained from the fact that 6,500 church bells were surrendered in Holland by the end of 1943 under German requisition orders and 4,500 of them, totalling 1,700 tons, were sent to Germany.

Russia is given due prominence in the book as a country of great bells. Their heavy bells are fixed to beams and their tongues are slung by means of leather bands and are moved by ropes drawn in such a manner as to cause the blows to fall upon the surface at irregular points. All this is far distant from the English method of change ringing.

Probably the nearest approach to English enthusiasm for change ringing is to be found in Australia. The author gives special attention to Australian bells and also gives details of the visit of the Australian tourists of 1934. The towers in Africa are listed and the only peal rung in that continent, at Woodstock, on December 15th, 1904, of Grandsire Triples, recorded.

## THE LIBERTY BELL

To the citizen of the United States the Liberty Bell is a national relic. The original bell was cast in London and reached Philadelphia in 1752. Within a month it was cracked and recast by Pass and Stow, of Philadelphia. It is still suspended from its old yoke or headstock and its inscription is: 'Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof. Lev. xxv., v. 10.' While change ringing has not made the progress in the States that English ringers would desire there are in a number of towers bells hung for ringing. The first peal rung in America was at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on June 9th, 1850, by the following, who comprised a hand-bell band touring the States with Barnum's



**BELLS OF ALL NATIONS—Cont.**

'Greatest Show on Earth':—Thos Le-Saye 1, Charles Rahill 2, Frederick Wade 3, Henry W. Haley 4, James Hewett 5, William Lobb 6, E. W. Sawyer 7, Richard Dodd and John Davey tenor. The peal was Holt's ten part of Grand-sire Triples.

The development of carillons in the States has been remarkable and the services of the English founders have been in great demand. The largest is in the Riverside Church, New York, where there are 72 bells, the largest of which weighs 365 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Canada is also famed for its bells but most are hung dead for chimes. British Columbia is, however, a bright spot as far as the art of change ringing is concerned. The first peal in Canada was rung at Vancouver on July 1st, 1911, being Holt's Original, conducted by George W. Foster. The largest bell in Canada is that of Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, which weighs 24,780 lb. It is ornamented by images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John-the-Baptist, together with the emblems of agriculture, commerce and industry.

The concluding chapter deals with bells of the Far East.

'Bells of All Nations' is illustrated with 65 full-page plates. The book is specially commended by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, who writes: 'Here is a book which deals with every kind of bell from the tiny tinkler on a sheep to the mighty Bourdon Cathedral and Temple Bell. It is a mine of information and shows that the author has given much time to the preparation of the work.'

We feel certain that the Exercise will be pleased with this work and to those who cannot afford to purchase a copy for themselves we would suggest that they approach their Public Library. It is an encyclopedic book that every ringer will desire to possess. Copies may be obtained from the author, Verger's Lodge, St. Margeret's, Leicester, price 21s. (postage 9d.).

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Canterbury District at Dover**

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Dover on April 21st. Fine, if somewhat cold, weather attracted some 80 people to the town. 21 towers in the district being represented.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper). In the course of his address, the Vicar paid tribute to the late Mr. Charles Turner, mentioning his many years' service to St. Mary's. He had grown up in the parish and had given 50 years' service to the Church. He had served on the Parochial Church Council and was a valued member of the Old Boys' Association. But it was his love of the bells for which he would be best remembered. At the close of the address, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung, while the congregation stood. A fitting tribute to his memory.

At the business meeting one new member was elected. From a nap hand of towers nominated, Margate was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting and Ash for a previous by-meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were expressed to all those who had helped. The chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, mentioned the fact that the Ladies' Guild were holding a meeting at Birchington in the near future.

More ringing took place during the evening though this was somewhat curtailed through the breaking of a clapper. As a result of the visit of Mr. J. Willis there were quite a few of the new ringers' badges to be seen later in the evening.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Angel 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, S. R. Cockell 5, G. R. Eyles 6, W. C. West 7, J. F. Allen (first quarter of Stedman) 8.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL****ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN**

Headquarters: Blossoms Hotel, Chester.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12th**

Towers available:—Chester: St. Mary-within-the-Walls, 7.30–9.15 p.m.; St. Mary, Hand-bridge, 7.30–9 p.m.; Christleton (8), 7.30–9 p.m.

**WHIT SUNDAY**

Chester: Cathedral (10), 9.15–10.25 a.m., 2.45–3.30 p.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.; St. Mary-within-the-Walls (8), 6.30–7.10 a.m., 9.45–10.45 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Hand-bridge (8), 5.45–6.30 p.m.

Ecceleston (8), 10.15–11 a.m., 5.45–6.30 p.m.; Christleton (8), 10–10.45 a.m., 5.45–6.30 p.m.; Hoole (6), 10.15–11 a.m., 5.45–6.30 p.m.; Wrexham (10), 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Gresford (8), 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Buckley (8), 10–10.30 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Hawarden (6), 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Tarporley (8), 10.15–11 a.m., 6–6.30 p.m.; Aldford (6), 10.30–11 a.m., 6–6.30 p.m.

**WHIT MONDAY**

Conducted tours of the Cathedral. Meet Abbey Square at 11 a.m.

Chester: St. Mary-within-the Walls (8), 10.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m. (if no peal attempt.)

Ecceleston (8), 2.30–4.30 p.m.; Gresford (8), 2.30–4 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 7.15–8.45 p.m.; Tarporley (8), 7.30–9 p.m.; Backford (6), 7.30–9 p.m.; Hoole (6), 7.30–9 p.m.

**WHIT TUESDAY**

Holy Communion in the Cathedral choir, 8.15 a.m.

Council meeting 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Rectory.

Tea after meeting, by kind invitation of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Admission by ticket, which will be sent to members.

Social in the evening at Blossoms Hotel.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

**5,440 RUTLAND SURPRISE****MAJOR**

By D. N. LAYTON

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

Sixth extent home. All combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

Rung at Ewell by the Surrey Association on November 12th, 1949, conducted by the composer.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Mr. Donald G. Clift has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. The sequence was completed with a peal of Minor at Westoning, Beds, on April 12th.

Two ladies (some years ago) hearing Charing (Kent) bells caused one to remark that the ringing was 'a little rough.' 'Oh,' said the other, 'I thought it proper that there should be dotted notes and quavers.' From 'The Belfry.'

A part of the peal rung in honour of the Festival of Britain at Holywood, Northern Ireland, will be broadcast on the Northern Ireland and North of England Home Service (261 metres) next Tuesday between 10.15 and 10.45 p.m.

**BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION**

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on April 21st. Ringing on the heavy octave (tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.) preceded the Association service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knapman), who gave a few words of welcome. Mr. D. G. Yeo was at the organ.

At the business meeting which followed tea, one new member from Bristol was elected. Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting will be held on the recently-restored ring at Yatton in July, with practices at Weston-in-Gordano and Tickenham in May and June respectively. The bi-annual Corporate Communion will be held at Clapton-in-Gordano on July 22nd.

Arrangements for the Festival of Britain were discussed at some length and a committee consisting of Messrs. L. Derrick, H. Knight and E. Shearn was set up to arrange one or more 'Deanery peals' to be rung during the period. It was pointed out that these peals were in no way connected with any arrangements that individual towers may have made for the Festival but were essentially Deanery 'efforts.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies who helped with the tea concluded the meeting. Ringing in a wide variety of methods was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

**Bath Deanery**

The quarterly meeting of the Bath Deanery was held on April 14th at All Saints', Weston, Bath. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and concluded at 4.30 p.m. with a touch of Stedman Doubles for the service. The chairman of the Branch (the Rev. Beaumont Russell) officiated, helped by Mr. Davis, a lay reader of the parish, and Mr. Sealy S. Woodburn, the secretary, read the lesson. A vice-chairman, the Rev. Henley, gave an excellent address and the Rev. Rowe delivered the Blessing. The choral service was noteworthy for the excellent rendering of the Magnificat in D (Brewer) and 'O Taste and See' (Sir J. Goss).

Over 130 sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Room. At the conclusion of the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and ringing ranged from rounds and queens to an attempt of London Surprise Minor.

The meeting was thought by many to be the most successful ever remembered in the Bath District. T. J. H.

**MR. CHARLES TURNER**

Mr. Charles E. J. Norris, of Chatham, writes:—

It is with regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Charles Turner, of St. Mary's, Dover. By his death I believe I am the only one left of eight Kent men who rang a 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major to a 'Charles' peal at St. Nicholas', Linton, Kent, on October 16th, 1926, composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Sone.

**5,088 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE, SUPER-LATIVE, YORKSHIRE, PUDSEY AND LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

ARRANGED BY E. A. BARNETT

23456 B W H

45236	—	CCLCPYC
24536	—	YSPCCSS
52436	—	(P)PYP(L)CP
43526	—	LPLYPLL
54326	—	YLCLYCY
35426	—	CYPSSSP
35264	X	LLLY
23564	—	CSSY(Y)PS

Twice repeated, ringing S for (P), (L) and (Y) in one part.

Contains 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire and 960 Pudsey, with 126 changes of method and all the work of all five methods.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SPliced PEALS AND UMPIRES

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. John Freeman's letter regarding umpires with much interest and great respect.

To my mind, any check upon a conductor's honesty is entirely repugnant. The chief satisfaction in ringing a peal as such is to those who take part and there will always be the tiny majority of unscrupulous conductors who are not above 'cooking' a peal if occasion demands. Such 'cooking' is a possibility in almost any peal and not in any way limited to 'Spliced'.

However, all questions of honesty apart. I do feel that there is a genuine risk of an error by the conductor in the class of peals Mr. Freeman has in mind. The conductor could call the wrong method or combination of methods without ever being aware of having done so.

In the case of four spliced with all the work, the alternative method arrangements are comparatively few, but in calling five spliced with all the work, I found that the additional possible method arrangements demanded greater care. Later, in an attempt for six spliced with all the work, I had to set up about half way, having realised that I had called the wrong methods with the right bobs. Incidentally, from memory I think seven ways are used by Mr. A. J. Pitman in getting from the Home to the Middle, and again from the Wrong to the Home in this particular peal.

Mr. James C. E. Simpson is the only conductor to have called six spliced with all the work successfully and his opinion as to the risk of a conductor calling the wrong methods inadvertently would be of great interest.

The fact that all peals with all the work so far rung have been without an umpire is no argument at all. What guarantee is there that the peals in question were true other than the conductor's possibly fallible memory? It should be remembered that so far only some half-dozen or so conductors have called peals of the type in question and the more the number of conductors increases, the greater the risk that men with less accurate memories will make genuine errors.

I consider that this is a question which the Exercise should approach with an open mind as it has no relation to the now out-dated notions regarding umpires for handbell peals.

May I make it quite clear that I am not in any way suggesting that the 'all the work' peals so far rung were incorrectly called. I have every confidence that all were correctly called, but I was considering the widening of the field of conductors that one hopes will take place in the future.

Much the same arguments apply to multi-method peals and I wonder if the Exercise has not already let the matter rest too long.

I hope the opinion of other conductors may be forthcoming.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Forest Hill, S.E.23.

## FORMULA WANTED

Dear Sir,—In 'Variation and Transposition' by the late J. Armiger Trollope, it is stated that by the means of a short formula it is possible to write out hundreds of methods.

Is this formula simple or does it involve a complex series? If simple, or otherwise, would it not be possible for one of the mathematical geniuses of the Exercise to publish this formula?

I have tried several times to derive a formula but I have always finished up with some horrible complex series, out of which I could see no conceivable method of abstracting rows of changes.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, near Lincoln.

## USE OF BELLS FOR BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of April 6th, I notice that the Master of the Bath and Wells Association requests no peal ringing in Lent, but surely he has drawn the line in the wrong place. If it is not in keeping with the season of Lent to ring 5,000 changes then it is not to ring 500 changes. Does he disapprove of a meeting on a Saturday when very often, from the start of the ringing to the end, a matter of five or six hours has passed?

As broadcasting and recording was brought to the fore, I would like to draw your attention to the 'Office for the Dedication of Bells':—'By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these Bells, now dedicated to the glory of God for the benefit of His Holy Church.'

'Receive these bells as a sacred trust committed unto you as the appointed minister of Christ in this Church and Parish and take heed that they be ever and only used on God's service and for His Glory.'

We, as ringers, are under the same solemn obligation as the incumbent in the use of bells and however we twist the meaning of the above, one thing is certain, that it does not allow the use of church bells in the Church of England to be used for broadcasting or recording. It was for this reason I said a few weeks ago, 'Had our bells been used for a broadcast I should have been absent.'

If the B.B.C. wants bell records for their intervals, etc., those records of bells that are not hung in churches could be used for the purpose.—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

NOTE.—We were under the impression that the view complained of was that of the Suffolk County Association report and not that of the Editor.—Ed.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL, TONBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the appeal in 'The Ringing World' of April 13th by Canon Russell B. White, for donations towards the restoration of the bells of SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, Kent, ringers in the district of which Tonbridge is the centre were hoping for a first-class job to be made but are at a loss to understand why it is intended to recast the treble, second and third bells and leave the old wooden frame in the tower. Surely it would have been better to have rehung the existing bells in a new frame.

I may add the second bell has been hung on ball bearings for a number of years but has never been a success. When restorations are contemplated, let us not forget those who built the towers which hold the bells we ring. 'They started with sound foundations'—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. LADD.

## ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, N.Y.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago someone wrote to your paper saying he had heard a broadcast of change ringing on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

I was very doubtful of the accuracy of that observation and wrote to St. Patrick's Cathedral and received the enclosed answer.

Will you please inform your correspondent, as I have now lost his name.—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET H. SHURCLIFF.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Shurcliff,

In answer to your letter of January 21st, let me first say that I do not know of any program here which could have been broadcast.

Secondly, we have 19 bells ranging in weight from 173 pounds to 6,600 pounds. However, we do not have any change ringers now, nor do I know of any time in the history of the Cathedral when we had them.—Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH F. FLANNELLY, D.D.,

Administrator.

## ST. IVES AND ST. IVE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your list of inaccuracies in Mr. Dove's 'Bellringer's Guide' published in 'The Ringing World' of March 30th. You might add these:—

At St. Simon's, Rockley Road, W.14, off Shepherd's Bush, there are eight bells in the steeple hung for chiming, tenor, I should say, 9 cwt.

On page 96 St. Ives and St. Ive are mixed up. St. Ives, a town on the north coast of Cornwall, population about 8,000, has a church with a very fine tower, but it only contains two bells, one about 8 cwt. and the other about 18 cwt. They are hung on bearings and have wheels, but are sounded by means of ropes tied to the clappers.

St. Ive, pronounced St. Evc, is a village four miles east of Liskeard, on the Callington road. The church has a roomy tower with three pinnacles at each corner. It contains six bells, tenor reputed to be 19 cwt. Dove, in his guide, says it is 13½, if it is St. Ive he means. St. Ive bells have just been renovated and their going is now excellent.

I think this last correction should be made, as ringers might quite likely turn up at St. Ives, hoping to ring in a six that does not exist.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA  
Secretary of Truro  
Diocesan Guild.

## THANK YOU, B.B.C.

Sir,—I think at last the B.B.C. realise the average Englishman likes bells. We had the pleasure of eight minutes' half-muffled ringing from Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, 24th April, in memory of Ernest Bevin.—Yours truly,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

P.S.—Thank you, ringers and B.B.C.

## THE FESTIVAL AT OXFORD

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, May 5th (the eve of the official opening of the Festival in Oxford), the Oxford Society is arranging for all the bells of the city to be rung simultaneously between 5 and 6 p.m. To achieve this it has been necessary to arrange for ringers to come into Oxford from East Hagbourne, Appleton, Wicken, Alderbury and Radley. We are, of course, very grateful for their assistance on this occasion. The total number of bells to be rung is 129.

After the ringing there is to be an informal gathering which is being held at the 'Greyhound,' and we hope that as many as possible of those taking part in the ringing will meet there.—Yours faithfully,

P. WALKER, Hon. Sec.,  
Oxford Society of Change Ringers.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD HISTORY

Dear Sir,—As it is now several years since copies of the Guild History were available, it has been suggested that we should publish a second edition, being a re-issue of Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake's volume, together with additional chapters covering the years since our golden jubilee in 1929.

Because the cost of printing even a limited edition is considerably in excess of the funds which the Guild has available, it is proposed to publish the history by subscription and, if members wish, to append a list of subscribers after the title page. We are planning to publish the book with the same plates as the first edition bound in light blue cloth. Provided sufficient support is forthcoming, the cost will be between 5s. and 7s. 6d. a copy.

Any suggestions, comments on these proposals or offers of help will be very welcome and any subscribers who would like to supply material which might be incorporated in the text are asked to send it to E. J. Lindley, 74, Hookfield, Epsom, to whom also all replies to this letter should be addressed.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. BLYTH, President.  
E. J. LINDLEY, ) Editorial  
A. G. G. THURLOW, ) Committee.  
(Letters continued on page 284.)



## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE Lancashire Association held its annual meeting at Blackpool on April 21st. The day opened for those enthusiastic enough to arrive in Blackpool by 10 a.m. with the bells of the Parish Church, St. John's, The Sacred Heart R.C. and Holy Trinity, South Shore, and ringing continued throughout the day in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Bristol and London Surprise. The day was extremely pleasant and old acquaintanceships were renewed in the brilliant sunshine with ringers from as far afield as Ulverston and Barrow to Manchester. Our good old stalwart, Mr. G. R. Newton, was in great demand, receiving best wishes from both young and old.

The service was held in the Parish Church of St. John and was conducted by Canon W. Yates, M.A., assisted by the president, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Dr. Wood, organist, and the choir boys. Canon Yates had the happy knack of making everyone feel at home and in a short but extremely pleasing sermon, thanked the ringers for their services to the Church. After the service about 130 sat down in the Parish Hall to an excellent tea.

It was pleasing to note that the widely-scattered branches and towers were mixing at the tables and one could see a Liverpudlian in animated conversation with a Manchurian and members from Barrow and Ulverston mixing with members from Blackburn and Bacup, which shows that the roots of our fraternity go deeper than purely change ringing, for friendships which were made many years ago are renewed at these annual gatherings. After tea Canon Yates expressed to the ladies, who had given up their afternoon to look after our wants, the company's sincere thanks and he extended a welcome to any member present to come to visit St. John's, Blackpool, at any time.

The business meeting was opened by the president, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, who expressed deep sorrow at the loss of the general secretary, Mr. William H. Shuker, who for 40 years had served the Association with all the vigour at his command. He said that in Mr. Shuker one had an excellent organiser who, had he had in his younger days the opportunities which were available to-day, would have attained great heights in organisation. He asked the meeting to stand in silence as a token of respect.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president read out the result of the ballot for president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith being elected. Mr. G. R. Newton, the unsuccessful candidate, wished the new president success and a happy term of office. The new president took the chair from the Rev. F. F. Rigby and suitably thanked the meeting for their confidence in him.

Mr. F. Dunkerley was elected general secretary, unopposed. The following were elected for three years as Central Council representatives:—F. Dunkerley (Rochdale branch), L. J. Williams (Blackburn branch), J. Ridyard (Wigan branch) and C. Sharples (Fylde branch).

### COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The annual report to the members this year should be a document which is up-to-date as most branch secretaries have assisted by securing any information which has been asked for. We have lost by death 20 members including the Rev. T. W. Wareham, M.A., and the Rev. F. Bonner and a very old committee member, Mr. F. G. Bradley. The Association membership is 1,491, made up as follows:—Hon. life members 66 (4 new), non-resident members 440, ringing members 985 (78 new).

The ringing members are divided among the branches as follows:—Blackburn 110, Bolton 101, Furness 88, Fylde 64, Lancaster 52, Liverpool 124, Manchester 98, Preston 105, Rochdale 99, Rossendale 53, Wigan 91. There is a possibility that the ring at Liverpool Cathedral will

be rung for the Festival of Britain and this, of course, will be a great day for the Association.

### 132 PEALS

The ringing secretary's report stated that during the year 132 peals were rung which is 30 less than in 1949. Whilst the number of peals is less the quality of the peals is superior. We record first peals for the Association of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, Pudsey, Painswick, Rutland, New Cambridge and Wembley Surprise Major and a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. This is truly a record year in method advancement in the history of the Association and we trust it will be an incentive to further advancement of our art. The committee is pleased to record its congratulations to the band who rang the record peal of 21,600 changes Bristol Surprise Major at St. Chad's, Over, on November 4th, in which the ringing secretary, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, rang the 7th. This peal was conducted by Mr. John Worth, Macclesfield, who deserves high praise for the brilliancy of his conducting.

Forty-three members rang their first peal; 170 their first on 10 or 12 bells or in some particular method: 14 their first on an 'inside' bell; two their first as conductor and 13 their first in the method as conductor.

Mr. A. Tomlinson rang his 450th peal for the Association. Mr. P. Crook his 300th, Mr. T. W. Hammond his 250th, Mr. S. L. Parry his 150th and Messrs. T. W. Hesketh, I. Kay, C. W. Blakey and A. Mawdesley their 100th. Messrs. C. Clegg, J. Clegg, F. J. Gower, A. Greenhalgh, J. E. Burles, S. Flint and D. Vincent rang their 50th peal for the Association.

### SPECIAL PEALS

Peals were rung to celebrate the birthdays of H.M. The King, H.M. Queen Mary and H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. A complimentary peal was rung to Mr. E. Burrows, age 93, a ringer at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, for over 50 years. Complimentary peals were also rung at West-houghton to commemorate the 41st anniversary of the Ordination of the Vicar, and at Newchurch to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rector. Birthday peals were also rung for Canon Peter Green on his 80th birthday and to the late Mr. W. H. Shuker on his 80th birthday.

A half-muffled peal was rung in memory of Mr. James Taylor, over 50 years a member of Christ Church, Aughton, and a memorial peal rung at Southport to Dr. David, a former Bishop of Liverpool. Centenary celebration peals were rung at St. Paul's, Painswick, St. Bartholomew and St. George, Whitworth, and at Christ Church, Healey. Peals were also rung at a dedication service of the War Memorial Chapel at St. John's, Farnworth. A Masonic peal of Plain Bob Maximus was rung at the Town Hall, Manchester.

### LEADING CONDUCTORS

Turning now to performances, Mr. A. Tomlinson again heads the list with 30 peals, Mr. T. W. Hesketh with 20 peals and Mr. J. Ridyard and Mr. F. Dunkerley with 19 peals each.

Forty-one members are responsible for conducting the peals, Mr. A. Tomlinson and Mr. J. Ridyard having conducted 17 each and Mr. F. Dunkerley 9.

The ringing secretary would be grateful if the small minority of conductors would send in their peal booking fees without delay, together with particulars of the peal and ringers' full names. This prevents a time lag of approximately three weeks in the final compilation of the report. Once again the ringing secretary must place on record his thanks for the assistance given by Mr. S. L. Parry and Miss E. H. Bastow, whose services are invaluable to the Association.

### ALTERATION OF RULES

Rule 3 of the Association was altered to make entry into the Association easier for country bands where change ringing is taught under

great difficulties. After a long discussion and a very close ballot the rule was adopted.

Rule 7a, to allow auditors to serve on the committee, was passed on a show of hands.

Rule 7b was adopted on a show of hands with a very substantial majority. This rule reverts back to previous arrangements whereby officers of the Association are eligible for re-election after serving their term of office.

Rule 7c was altered on a show of hands to allow a ballot vote to take place and the result announced before December 31st of the Central Council representatives.

Rule 11 was altered to allow rules of the Association to be altered or added to at an extraordinary general meeting.

A resolution from the Liverpool branch criticising the committee was defeated on an amendment by a large majority.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Rossendale branch were invited to arrange the next annual meeting.

A donation list was opened to assist the Association's finances. Advertising matter in the annual report was also discussed.

Votes of thanks were given to the ringing secretary from the body of the meeting and the president thanked the Fylde branch, and in particular Mr. J. H. Foster, for making such excellent arrangements for the annual meeting. It is most noteworthy that on each of the annual meetings the local band of ringers rise to the occasion magnificently and make arrangements that are worthy of the Association.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman who, in responding, said he would do his best to further the interests of the Association and the art of change ringing.

After the meeting, ringing was continued until 9 p.m. when the company dispersed at the conclusion of a very enjoyable day. F. D.

## LETTERS—Continued

### BLISTERS

Dear Sir.—Although I have rung in nearly 200 peals, I suffer badly from blistered hands, especially in hot weather. When I read of men ringing big bells to peals week after week I think their skin must be of a different texture to mine and I know I could not emulate them, but I wonder if anyone who blistered easily and then found a remedy, would kindly write to you so that some of us could ring a peal in comparative comfort. Some time ago Mr. R. F. Deal suggested glycerine in lieu of another liquid—what effect would glycerine have on soft skins? Beneficial, or otherwise?—Yours faithfully,

BLISTERED.

### 'SUFFOLK PUNCHES'

Dear Sir.—In connection with your leading article of last week's issue, because of the very fact that it has come to be regarded as a sane and impartial review, I must express regret that you have, probably unwittingly, chosen to present a report which is not representative of the Suffolk Guild. In company with many others of the Guild, I wish to dissociate myself from the view that so-called 'highest-class strikers' should be permitted to ring for a broadcast, to the exclusion of the local band. In addition to this, the whole tenor of the report—one of talking down to the wayward Guild—does not help to give ringers in other parts of the country that respect for Suffolk to which you refer in the first paragraph of your article.

I appreciate that you have a difficult task in selecting material for the leader of 'The Ringing World,' and that I have not made your task easier by criticism, but I feel I must speak in this instance.—Yours sincerely,

PETER G. PARROTT.

Ipswich.



## OBITUARY

### MR. WALTER CLAYDON

His many friends in ringing circles will learn with deep regret of the death of Walter Claydon, of Reigate, on April 14th. He had been ill for about six months and took to his bed a fortnight previous to his passing. The end came rather suddenly.

Born at Stebbing, in Essex, in 1885, 'Walt' Claydon, as he was popularly known, came to Reigate about 1907 when he joined the police force there and from which he retired in 1933. During this time he was an enthusiastic ringer, joining the local company in 1908. Following his retirement from the police he maintained his keen interest in ringing, acting as secretary of the Southern District of the Surrey Association and subsequently as Master of the District, and Central Council representative.

A good ringer of the standard methods, he called peals in several methods from six bells to ten and was one of the keenest Surprise ringers in the District where he was the first resident member to call a peal of Cambridge Major. He rang 81 peals for the Surrey Association and conducted 15. He was always willing to assist in the teaching of learners, as the towers of Reigate and Redhill well know.

Not only was he a member of the Surrey Association but belonged also to the College Youths, the Police Guild and the Sussex Association. His membership in the last-named extended over many years, during which time he rang a number of peals and was a regular attendant at Crawley practices. It is a coincidence that his friend and fellow-ringer for many years, Oliver Sippetts, should predecease him by only a fortnight.

He was buried on April 18th in Reigate Churchyard under the sound of the bells he loved so well. A number of his friends came at midday to pay their last respects to an old comrade, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar of Reigate. After the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on hand-bells at the graveside by the following:—A. B. Peck 1-2, G. F. Hoad 3-4, C. H. Kippin 5-6, D. D. Cooper 7-8.

The following ringers attended the funeral:—Miss F. Wyman, Messrs. A. Bull, L. Tidy, L. Stillwell, A. Willett, C. Parks, A. B. Peck, F. Jeal, C. H. Kippin, F. T. Hoad, G. F. Hoad, G. Olliver, E. G. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,259 changes, was rung at Reigate Parish Church in the evening by the following—Miss B. Myers 1, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 2, F. Jeal 3, Miss V. Look 4, F. T. Hoad 5, J. Crouch 6, A. P. Cannon 7, A. B. Peck 8, A. Shelton 9, H. Hoad 10.

A man of genial disposition, Walt Claydon was good 'ringing company' and although one of the old school was not averse to mixing with the younger generation for the purpose of helping the learner or of advancing his own knowledge and proficiency in ringing. His name will for long be connected with Reigate and, not least, probably, for the reputation of his teas which became almost a byword in the Surrey Association. Many also will remember the convivial gatherings which were held at Chartfield Road and which often followed a peal or committee meeting.

A half muffled peal of Kent Major was attempted at St. John's Redhill, on April 24th in his memory. Unfortunately the effort was not successful but it is hoped that a second attempt to be undertaken shortly will achieve its object.

### MR. F. W. WOODWARD

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost a faithful member by the death, on April 18th, of Mr. F. W. Woodward, of Chalgrove.

For 21 years he was secretary of the South Oxfordshire Branch and retired in 1926 when he was succeeded by Mr. H. Badger.

Mr. Woodward, who was about 75 years of age, was a competent instructor.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Festival of Britain Arrangements

Winhill, situated in the southern part of the Diocese of Derby but within the Borough of Burton-on-Trent, was the venue for the Guild meeting on April 7th when over 30 ringers were present.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Redfern, conducted a service and in a short address said the exacting art of ringing was one which certainly ought to be encouraged in a world where so many people were prepared to accept in a passive manner ready-made recreation and entertainment.

Following tea in the Church Hall, the usual business was held and the chairman outlined the committee's recommendations for the Guild's observances of the Festival of Britain. Following some discussion it was decided to accept the recommendations, which include a peal attempt on the opening day, May 4th, to be followed on Saturday, May 5th, with a bus tour to ring an opening Festival touch in every parish covered by the activities of the Guild.

The next meeting will be held at Measham on May 19th and will be a joint meeting with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Guild.

Thanks were expressed for the hospitality of Winhill to which the Vicar suitably replied. Methods rung during the visit ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On Saturday, April 14th, the Guild visited Buxted, at the Rector's invitation, to ring for the dedication of the new belfry screen, the gift of Mr. Basil Ionides, of Buxted Park, in which the church is pleasantly situated.

Ringing commenced just after two o'clock with Plain and St. Clement's Bob Minor and with more arrivals, Triples and Major were brought round.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. P. Hall, while the dedication was performed, and the address given, by the Archdeacon of Lewes, the Ven. J. H. L. Morrell, and it was rather nice to see several of the local band in the choir.

After more ringing, up to Double Norwich and Superlative, the company of 38 made their way to the nearby schools, where they were entertained to tea by the Rector, who afterwards took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. E. J. Ladd asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments as a token of respect to Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who was the Guild's first chairman.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. G. Billenness, of Hawkhurst, and Douglas MacIntosh, of Wadhurst. Reigate was chosen for the June meeting.

The collection for the local tower realised £1, which was gratefully received by the local captain.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The ancient church at Winterbourne St. Martin, with its six bells, was selected by the Dorchester Branch for its meeting on April 14th. The Vicar (the Rev. C. Hughes) conducted the service and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby (branch chairman) gave the address.

Following tea, served in the school by ladies of the church, Canon Markby presided at the business meeting. Mr. R. Fitch and Miss J. Croft (Puddlehinton) were elected ringing members and Mr. D. W. A. Jeffery (Ewell) non-resident life member. Arrangements were made for members to attend the Guild Festival at Wimborne Minster including ringing at various towers on the way. Bere Regis was suggested for the next quarterly meeting.

The chairman thanked all who had helped to make the meeting such a success and a programme of ringing followed, under the direction of Mr. F. Precey. St. Peter's, Dorchester, bells were also available during the evening.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Meeting at Totnes

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Totnes on April 21st, when the fine ring of bells was kept going throughout the afternoon to touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Triples as well as rounds for the less experienced.

A short service was conducted by the new Vicar of Totnes (the Rev. G. H. Samuel), who gave an excellent address.

After tea in the Central Hotel, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. An apology for absence was received from the president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox); one honorary member and one associate member were unanimously elected. The secretary reported that a joint meeting with the South-West Branch would be held at Diptford on June 23rd and that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Dartmouth on July 21st, both subject to the necessary permission.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Totnes by the chairman, who mentioned that the first peal of Grandsire Triples for the Guild was rung at Totnes on December 28th, 1901, which was conducted by his father, the late Mr. C. R. Lilley.

Ringing took place at Littlehempston Parish Church in the evening.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch took place at Benson on April 14th.

Members and visitors to the number of nearly 60 were present including the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild), Captain A. R. Poyntz (Deputy Master), Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss Cross (librarian), Mr. Lock (secretary of the North Berks Branch) and Mr. Kinch (secretary of the Bicester Branch).

The address at the service was given by the Rev. G. Palmer, branch chairman, and, afterwards, tea was partaken of at the spacious Riverside Cafe.

At the meeting the secretary (Mr. H. Badger) reported an increased membership for the year 1950 and also a slightly increased balance. The increase in membership was due to the tower of Bledlow which had now 14 members.

The secretary congratulated Bledlow ringers on the progress they had made and said that generally there was more enthusiasm and less apathy in the branch.

After the meeting, ringing was resumed at Benson while others went to Dorchester Abbey, Ewelme, Berrick Salome and Warborough.

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## QUARTER PEALS

## ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 each of St. Simons, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: W. G. Trevett 1, H. J. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman (16) 6. First quarter in five methods by all except the conductor.

**BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On April 13th, 1,320 Doubles, 1 extent of St. Colum and 2 each of Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire: R. B. Morris 1, S. Golding 2, J. Bagley 3, B. Harris (cond.) 4, R. G. Corby 5, D. N. Peers 6. First quarter for 1 and 6, and first in six methods by all.

**BATHWICK, BATH.**—On April 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. F. Medway 1, Betty Smith 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. F. White 4, P. W. Weeks 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. Hallett 7, R. O. Fry, jr. (cond.) 8. First Bob Major for 2 and 5.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Ansell 1, R. Wilson 2, Miss A. Bowers 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, H. Wood 6, C. Wood 7, R. Knight 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples by 1, 3 and 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Peggy Wood, daughter of Raymond Wood.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, S. Pulker 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. W. Tompkins 8. An 81st birthday compliment to M. W. Coleman, foreman and sexton for many years at Chastleton. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On April 16th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss K. Barnes (first quarter) 1, G. Preston (cond.) 2, Mrs. Marshall 3, R. Darvill 4, Mrs. Williams 5, H. Harrison (first quarter) 6, G. Scragg 7, J. Hartless 8, L. Stone 9, D. Reed 10, F. Price 11, H. Gillard 12. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Miss Welshman.

**CORSCOMBE, DORSET.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Holloway 1, R. Honeybun 2, J. Frampton 3, R. Durden 4, P. Davis 5, H. C. R. Vine 6. Conducted by H. D. W. Bishop. First quarter by all except conductor.

**CROYLAND ABBEY, Lincs.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Minor (180 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob): J. T. Bates 1, M. Strickland 2, C. Pepper 3, R. Strickland 4, W. Smedley 5, H. Makey (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter in three methods by an all-local band.

**DERBY.**—At the Cathedral on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with 8, 9, 10 covering: A. D. Taylor 1, K. I. Tivey 2, F. R. Lowe 3, J. B. Stennitt 4, M. J. Barker (first as cond.) 5, G. Margates (first 'inside') 6, S. Merry 7, H. Taylor 8, J. Wilkinson 9, D. J. M. Hudson 10.

**EDINBURGH.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on April 14th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, J. Hutchinson 3, Miss K. M. H. Branson 4, E. Boughphey 5, D. R. Marshall 6, L. Boughphey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, C. R. Raine 9, R. W. Wear 10.

**ETHAM, S.E.9.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, R. Laming 2, Miss C. Smith 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, E. B. Crowder 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Sharman 8. For the retirement of Mr. D. G. Ashdown as churchwarden.

**EYNESBURY, HUNTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Franklin 1, H. Fields 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, K. Peck 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, R. Reeve 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. H. Norman (a member of the local company) and Mrs. Norman. Also for the 81st birthday of Mr. W. C. Chamberlain, father of the ringer of the third bell.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Crooks 1, F. Orris 2, A. Binfield 3, A. Kedwell 4, J. Willis 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, T. Farley 7, W. Evers 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Turner, of Dover.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, Miss J. England 2, R. Mackerill 3, H. Shutt 4, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 5, D. E. Parsons 6, H. Belcher 7, W. Watts 8, T. J. Setter 9, J. Phillips (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal for 4th and 5th.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Wear 1, J. Hutchinson (first as cond.) 2, H. F. Sargent 3, A. E. Haynes 4, L. Boughphey 5, E. Boughphey 6, T. C. Winderam 7, W. Wainwright 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 14th, 1,440 Pudsey Surprise Royal: T. E. Davies 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, R. Joyce Pett 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, R. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for all the band.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's on April 8th, 1,025 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Morris 1, E. J. Clements 2, J. H. Drewery 3, T. H. Bent 4, D. Clements 5, W. Tanser 6, E. Morris (cond.) 7, G. Olliffe 8, T. Thorneby 9, J. Bramley 10.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On

April 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. S. Bailey 1, A. R. Bridges 3, G. Berry 4, E. C. Pizzey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, J. Preistner (first quarter of Major as cond.) 7, J. M. Bailey 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's 25th birthday and to commemorate the anniversary of 10,304 Plain Bob Major rung on April 21st, 1888.

**LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On April 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. G. Roast 1, P. J. Came 2, Miss K. Knight 3, J. West 4, P. Childs (cond.) 5. First quarter in the method by all. First quarter on the bells. Also, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Gardener (14) 1, H. W. Egglestone (14) 2, J. West (18) 3, P. J. Came (16) 4, J. E. G. Roast (15, first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Average age 15 years 2 months. A birthday compliment to Miss Jean West and H. W. Egglestone.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles in the Fields on April 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockton 2, F. Barker 3, G. Parsons 4, A. W. Coles 5, R. Bgrie 6, R. Bird 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. First quarter Surprise Major by 2, 3 and 4.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes (first quarter) 1, M. Jefferies 2, Miss B. Poole 3, Mrs. N. Dart 4, P. C. W. F. Scudamore 5, E. Palmer 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cookley 8. In memoriam to J. Hewitt (aged 80), an old ringer.

**MARDEN, KENT.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Heasman (first quarter) 1, C. Claeys (first 'inside') 2, J. T. Pert (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Mitchell 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, T. Pert (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Percy Knight Miskin.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Darch 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Peter Dadds 3, R. G. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, W. Fairbaird 8.

**MORECAMBE, LANCs.**—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Braithwaite 1, Miss D. Schofield 2, Miss B. Schofield 3, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 4, H. Anderton 5, H. Palmer 6, W. Gerrard (15) 7, B. Seddon 8. First quarter of Major for 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Richard Morris.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss D. Mansfield 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, A. A. Livings 3, C. W. Sams 4, B. G. Burton (cond.) 5. Rung to mark the dedication of an Altar Book, presented to the church by the congregation of St. Mathias, Ilsham, Torquay, in memory of the Rev. J. R. Sutherland, M.A., Vicar, 1933-1950.

**OTTERTY, ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Down 1, J. Arbury 2, L. Hine 3, V. Pyne 4, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 5, C. Turner 6, E. Marks 7, R. Wood 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. King (first quarter) 1, J. R. Smith (cond.) 2, W. Eagling 3, Dr. P. H. Jonason (first quarter) 4, W. E. Garrard 5, W. G. Saunders 6.

**RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bustin 1, W. Walker 2, E. Dale 3, Maureen Pinder 4, S. Pinder 5, C. Knapp 6, A. Lygo (cond.) 7, S. Loach 8. Rung to mark the 70th birthday of S. Loach.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On April 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Mayers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, F. B. Jeal 3, V. Look 4, F. T. Hoad 5, J. W. Crouch 6, A. P. Cannon 7, A. B. Peck 8, A. T. Shelton 9, H. A. Hoad 10. In memoriam Walter Clayton, interred this day.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On April 8th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Manning 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, R. Davidge 3, Miss M. Skinner 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. W. Daniell 6, R. Townsend 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 3.

**TWERTON, BATH.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Baverstock 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, T. F. King 4, P. W. Weeks 5, R. O. Fry, jr. (cond.) 6.

**UBLEY, SOMERSET.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of three 120's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, four 120's of Reverse Canterbury and one 60 of Grandsire: K. Collier (first quarter) 1, R. Williams 2, W. Saint 3, Reg Williams 4, G. Gilling (cond.) 5, C. Andrews 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At St. Cuthbert's on April 7th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: E. Sales 1, R. Webb 2, A. Wear 3 (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Roberts 5, F. Sandys 6, G. Salmon (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Dunkerton (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 8.

**WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Roy Walker 1, S. G. White (cond.) 2, J. Walter 3, F. Ellen 4, E. Wood 5, S. Walter 6. A welcome to Canon A. W. Parsons, the new incumbent.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Eglington 1, W. Baker 2, W. G. Hartnell 3, F. Caseley (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, G. Alderman 6, G. Sparkes 7, A. Gale 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartnell, the former being a ringer here since 1896.

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## DEATH

**GOOD.**—On Thursday, April 26th, 1951, Charles Frederick, of 10, Town Mead, Charing, Kent, passed away at Willesborough Hospital, aged 60. Cremated at Kent County Crematorium, May 2nd. 8805

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## MEETINGS

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division — Meeting at Sandon (5), Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Great Baddow (8) available 7 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8742

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8751

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley, May 5th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 8719

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN RINGERS' RALLY.**—Exeter, May 5th. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea (2/-) at hall at bottom of South Street, 4.15. Tower open; Cathedral, 1.30-2.45, 6-8; Albington from 5.30; Broadclyst 6-8; Heavitree 6-8.30; St. David's and St. Mark's 6-7; St. Thomas' 1.30-2.30 and 6-8. 8772

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Festival of Britain Ringing on Saturday, May 5th.—Thames Ditton, 11-12; Walton-on-Thames, 2.45-4; St. Mary's, Otlands Park, 6-7; Chertsey, 7.30-9. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 8776

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby (6), May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec.



**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Ipswich District. — Meeting. Holbrook, Stutton, Harkstead, May 5th. Meet Holbrook 2.45. Tea, King's Head, Stutton, 5. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 8775

**LINCOLN GUILD.** — Lincoln District. — Meeting. Navenby (6), May 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8799

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.** — Ringing practice at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.2 (Tottenham Court Road Station) on Monday, May 7th, at 7 p.m. — T. J. Lock. 8794

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — S.W. Division. — Crusader meeting on May 12th at Havering-atte-Bower (6) 3 p.m. — 4.30 p.m. Tea at Havering. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards. — F. V. Gant. 8764

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western District. — Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. — P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8777

**MARKSBURY NEAR BATH.** — Annual Ringers' Service, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Will all requiring tea please notify by May 8th? — W. A. Prescott, Oakleigh, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 87. 8768

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. St. James', Clerkenwell. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8807

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Meeting at Cawthorne, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, not later than May 9th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8815

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northwich Branch. — Meeting. Lower Peover, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided. — H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 8811

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wirral Branch. — Meeting. Thurstaston (5), Saturday, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Shotwick (6) 7 p.m. — 8.30 p.m. Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each) must be obtained from me before 9th. — A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8817

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Nuneaton District. — Meeting at Nuneaton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 9th, please, to Mrs. Allen, 43, Vicarage Street, Nuneaton. 8806

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Ilkeston District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, West Hallam (8). Ringing 3. Support from visitors welcomed. Tea at reasonable price. Please notify Denis R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risleley. Tel. Sandiacre 3272. 8797

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — Hever (6), May 12th. Tea at Henry VIII. Inn Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 8795

**FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL.** — Spend Whit Saturday in North Bedfordshire. Ringing at the following churches: Oakley 2.30. Stevington 3.45. Pavenham 6. Tea, 5, at the Red Lion, Stevington, for those who send names before May 10th to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. Special methods: Carter, Place, New. 8804

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at Farnworth, May 12th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names to Miss M. Dwerryhouse, 133, Pit Lane, Widnes. — J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8812

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Practice meeting, St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8813

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, May 12th. Bring own food. Buses from Preston. Southport, Liverpool and Standish via Eccleston. — L. Walmsley. 8808

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at East Crompton, St. James', May 12th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. — F. Pritchard. 8791

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, Rainford. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea, by May 9th, to Mr. S. Cadwallender, 51, Church Road, Rainford. — J. Burns. 8814

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.** — North and East District. — Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. — T. J. Lock. 8793

**SOUTHWICK GUILD.** — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, May 12th. Meat tea for those who notify, by 9th, Mr. F. Bunney, The Sun Inn, Everton, near Doncaster. — H. Denman. 8801

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly Meeting. Hambledon, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names by May 9th to Mr. J. Turner, The Firs, Hambledon, Portsmouth. — John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 8792

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.** — Meeting at North Cave on May 12th. Bells (6) from 2 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea for all who notify, by Wednesday, May 9th, Mr. A. Cockin, Everthorpe, Brough. 8819

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Practice. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, May 7th, 7.15 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 12th, Christ Church, Ealing, 3—4.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 6.30 p.m. Surprise practice. Wednesday, May 16th, 7.45, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8820

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual meeting and festival at Leominster on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. general meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Leominster (10), Eye (6), Kimbolton (6) and Kingsland (6). — Rev. E. G. Benson. Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 8737

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Annual meeting. Chelmsford. Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.: preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident members and non-members, 4s. 0d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: — Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.; the following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5), Sandon (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the Hon. Gen. Secretary not later than May 4th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. — Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.** — Joint branch meeting at Kirkby Stephen on Whit Monday. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by May 11th, Mr. A. G. Morland, South Road, Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. — J. W. Brown-rigg, Hon. Sec. 8809

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Festival meeting, St. Albans, Whit Monday. St. Peter's (10) open 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Public and ringers' admission, 6d., in aid of the Bell Fund. — H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 8802

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets. Towers available: — Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1: Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend. — Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

**NORTH MYMMS, HATFIELD, HERTS.** — Whit Monday Fete will be open from 2 to 6.30 p.m. Sideshows, competitions, dancing, teas. Conducted tours to North Mymms House to see art treasures, old masters, Flemish tapestries, etc.; grounds and gardens open; by kind permission of Mrs. Burns and Lt.-Col. W. A. G. Burns, D.S.O., M.C. Bells of Parish Church in the Park grounds will be available from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lunch can be obtained at: — Corner Cafe, five minutes from church. Intending visitors please communicate with Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms. Brookmans Park Station 1½ miles. Bus service — 340, 343, pass entrance gates; 303, one mile. 8810

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual Festival at St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, May 19th. Service at 3 p.m., accompanied by the Norbury Handbell Ringers; preacher, the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tickets for tea obtainable from branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. J. Barker, 34, Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, not later than Tuesday, May 15th. Towers of Stockport St. Mary, Norbury, Cheadle and Bredbury available 1.30 — 3 and from 7 p.m. — J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 8760

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster, May 19th. St. George's bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Arksey bells (8) also available 2.30 — 3.30 and after meeting, if required, Tea (2s. 6d. per head) in schools at 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. E. Dalingwater, 27, Hexthorpe Road, Doncaster, by May 17th. Meeting, same premises, immediately afterwards. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8783

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.** — Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, May 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 3.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, May 14th. Coach will leave Bath Road (Waterloo Road end), Wolverhampton, 2 p.m. A few seats only are left. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 2s. 6d. — Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8798

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**OXFORD GUILD**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss M. A. Carter, Westminster Bank, Abingdon. 8796

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. After tea, Double Norwich practice. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mr. J. King, 29 Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8803

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Newark District.—Meeting at South Scarle, Saturday, May 19th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Bus leaves Newark for South Scarle at 2.30 p.m.; returns 6.55 p.m. 8790

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5, ringing after. Names for tea by May 16th to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebew, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 8800

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The annual Shield Contest will be held at Darfield, June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8816

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY**.—Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, with a meeting of the N.W. Essex Association. Lunch and tea. Book this date and make it a great day. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec., 23, Highfields. 8762

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Acting Sec. 8782

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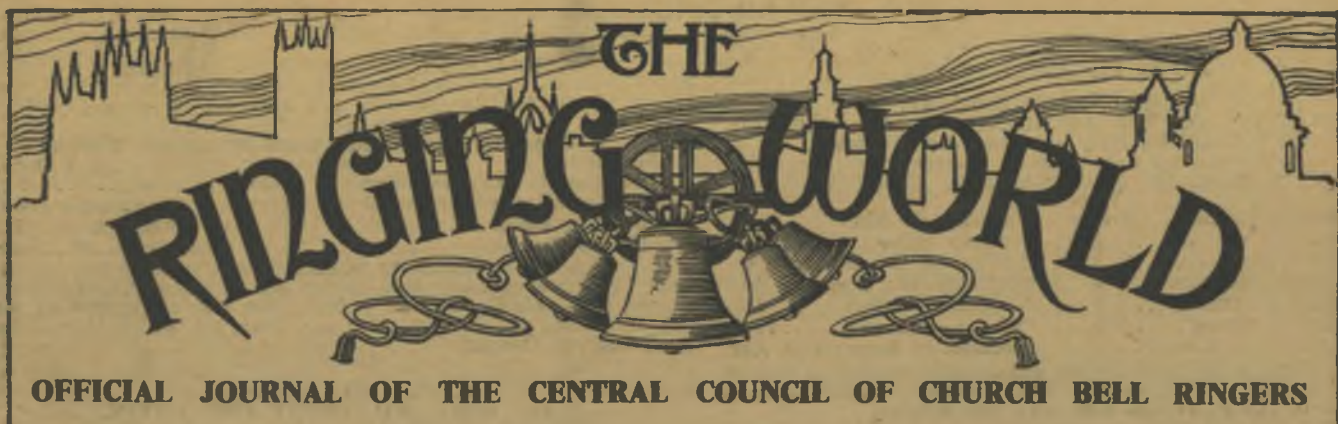
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## CHESTER

**T**HE selection for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday is a happy choice. Chester holds a unique place among the Cathedral cities of our land, as there are few which retain so many of the trappings of an ancient county town. Its walls are intact with its four gateways, although they were reconstructed during the 18th century. The Cathedral is within the city walls and contains a range of styles from Norman to late Perpendicular, all built of local red sandstone.

Last December we recalled salient features of the Cathedral bells, when we reviewed the booklet the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke) had written on the bells of the City of Chester. The bells were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1927, and ten years later, to mark the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild, two more bells were added to make the present ring of ten, which has a tenor of 29 cwt. in C.

With such an atmosphere as Chester possesses we feel sure that the Council meeting will be enjoyable. But it is an important one in the life of the Council, as in a sense it marks the end of one chapter and the start of another by the retirement of the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Last year the rules were revised and an important addition was the creation of a new class of membership—in life membership. This is probably the highest honour the Council can confer and it was designed for past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary and hon. librarian, and those who by merit have deserved this distinction. By the adoption of this rule Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton and E. Alex. Young are automatically life members. It would indeed be a fitting compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, who has been so closely associated with Mr. Fletcher, if this privilege was conferred upon her. It is true that Mrs. Fletcher is an elected member of the Council as representative of the Ladies' Guild; nevertheless, she is well qualified as one 'by reason of their services to the art of ringing merit the conferment on them of the honour.'

Those who have followed the annual meetings of Guilds and Associations will have noted a number of changes in

their representation. There are ten vacancies for honorary members, and the members of the Council when it comes to a ballot would be wise to pay particular heed to this question. It is not a matter of what a man has done for the Exercise, but what is the contribution he can make towards its furtherance. If his past services have been meritorious, then life membership is the appropriate reward. But what we want to emphasise is that honorary membership is not just a comfortable arm chair to enable one to 'hob-nob' with fellow-members, but an appointment that calls forth a willingness and ability to work for the Council in one particular sphere or another. We feel certain that with the many prominent men in the Exercise a ballot will be necessary.

It is somewhat singular that although the Central Council has appointed committees to deal with practically every problem within their purview, only once during the year with most of them do they come alive. Their reports are invariably interesting when presented, but, unfortunately, with perhaps two exceptions, they create the impression among the rank and file of the Exercise that they are moribund. With some committees, such as Peal Analysis and Records, their work is largely statistical and interim reports are out of the question. The Editor feels, however, that it would be of advantage if convenors of these committees would take advantage of the columns of 'The Ringing World' and indicate not only what they are doing, but be prepared to comment on matters within their province.

Critics of the Central Council, perhaps with a degree of uncharitableness, have deplored that while the Central Council meetings invariably convey a sense of vitality, the interval between sessions conveys an impression that nothing is taking place. We know this is not true and that there are members who are weekly engaged on direct business of the Council. The remedy as we see it is more publicity, either directly or indirectly, as our president has done by the medium of after-dinner speeches. With travel costs so high it is impossible for the Council to hold more than one session a year. We do, however, emphasise the point we made last week of the desirability of a second meeting of the Standing Committee a year. Constant publicity is the life-blood of any organisation.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
NOREEN BRAIN .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 8
*ERNEST STITCH .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
*HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 10
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5	†GEORGE L. RODEN .. 11
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. 6	*ALAN E. ELSMORE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques and completes Doubles to Cinques in the method. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's 25th birthday.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Treble	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3	FREDK. W. STOKES .. 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 9
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith, of Lincoln, and of a son to Mr. and Mrs. K. S. B. Croft, of Southampton.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 8
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
*ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Royal by all and for the Guild. Contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former being rung to the Wrong, the latter for the Wrong to the Home.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
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L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

WALTER G. SOAR .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 5
*SIDNEY H. JONES .. 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
*ALFRED MOULD .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* The first peal of London. The first peal of London Surprise on the bells.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	†WALTER G. SOAR .. 5
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
†MAURICE BAILEY .. 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the birth of a son, John, to Mr. and Mrs. John Quimby, of Overseal.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
THOMAS J. CLARK .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATERSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Mrs. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	†STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
*ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 7
†CYRIL WANDER .. 4	*ROBERT HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. E. Bennett.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
DAVID SMITH .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
HENRY PARKER .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Believed first peal of Little Bob on the bells. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
EWART A. ANDREWS .. Treble	PATRICK HARRIS .. 5
REGINALD W. KYTE .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	*ALBERT H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal. Rung on the 101st birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, widow of Mr. John Hopkins, for 64 years parish clerk at St. Peter's in Bengeworth.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

MAX PAGE .. Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. 6
*LESLIE G. FORSTER .. 3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal in the method.



HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. Treble	E. JOHN BERRY .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 2	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 6
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 7
†BRIAN BLADEN .. .. 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being 12 methods, viz.: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, New Gloucester, Wembley, Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

HENRY O. BAKER .... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE .. Treble	MAURICE THOMAS .. .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 6
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

*GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
†WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
JACK BAILEY .. .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER PATRICK WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Holy Trinity Cathedral Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE .. .. 5
*AUDREY MORRISON .. .. 2	COLIN A. HOPPER .. .. 6
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 3	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday. Also a birthday compliment to G. E. Clode.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. George's Var. of Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
JOHN NEALE .. .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
WALTER WILLS (80) .. .. 2	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 4	FREDK. J. BINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Healey, a member of Leicester Cathedral.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GEORGE SAYER .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 2	WALTER FORD .. .. 6
*VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 7
HERBERT F. LASKEY .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in two Treble Bob Major methods.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
E. JEFFRIES .. .. Treble	F. PLUMMER .. .. 5
*R. SHARP .. .. 2	R. KENDALL .. .. 6
†J. HERBERT .. .. 3	A. BURTON .. .. 7
A. RUSHTON .. .. 4	C. MANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BURTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung for St. George's Day.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Edward T. Lloyd .. .. Treble	†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
*MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 7
†HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal in the method. † 400th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

THOMAS G. FOX .. .. Treble	*FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIB .. 6..
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
†DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 4	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.



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# CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 6
FRANK REED .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Association. In memoriam Mr. George Holmes, of St. Marie's, Sheffield.

# EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON .. 6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

Rung for the rededication of the Festival Church.

# NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

HAROLD PAILING .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5
MRS. J. NIBLETT .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 6
JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. 7
FREDK. A. SALTER .. 4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE (C.C.C. 70). Conducted by J. K. WAGSTAFF.

First peal of Major as conductor.

# CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 4	CURZON H. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples away from tenor.

# ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
FRANK I. HAIRS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Barnett.

# FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD A. C. ALLEN .. Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
ERIC NAYLOR .. 2	VICTOR A. JARRET .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
JOHN BURLS .. 4	GEORGE KENWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* 250th peal.

# ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 5
*IAN JONES .. 2	*FREDERICK BROWNLOW .. 6
*THOMAS TURNER .. 3	JOHN CHARNOCK .. 7
*ERIC BALDWIN .. 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by C. CROSSTHWAITE.

# COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
BETTY SMITH .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 6
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 3	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
GILBERT C. WEEKS .. 4	HERBERT MERRET .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP W. WEEKS.

First peal as conductor. Birthday compliments to Mr. G. C. Weeks,  
Mr. C. Bell and Mr. W. Starr.

# HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 5
*ARTHUR CHAMPION .. 2	CYRIL WRIGHT .. 6
†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

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

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

# MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP .. Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON .. 5
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2	†FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
C. HENRY HARDING .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung for  
Rogationtide.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

# NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. Treble	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
†DENIS MADDOCK .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\* 100th peal. † First in the method.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

# NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 16 methods, viz.: 640 London, 320 each of Cambridge, Cray,  
Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative,  
Rutland, Wembley, Wordsworth, Yorkshire and Bristol, and 160 each  
of Uxbridge and Watford, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	PETER LAFIN .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

The first peal in 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild,  
in the county and by all the band. Rung for the wedding anniversary  
of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fernley.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS****BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,****A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, nine callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AUDREY B. CASTELL .. Treble	SIDNEY J. TURLEY.. .. 4
*ALFRED H. JARVIS.. .. 2	*JOHN O. BERRY .. .. 5
*DAVID H. SLADE .. .. 3	FRANK C. CASTELL.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN O. BERRY.

\* First peal.

**BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.****THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 4
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal on the bells since rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,****A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

EDWARD BARKER .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,****A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

JACK COUSINS .. .. Treble	ALBERT COOTE .. .. 4
JACK WILLIAMSON .. .. 2	TONY OWEN .. .. 5
DONALD PEGG .. .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

**SUTTON, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. L. SLACK .. .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
BARRY LAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A farewell to the Rev. E. G. M. Evans on his leaving the parish for Durham.

**TILNEY, NORFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., Apr. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN E. FOX .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
EDWARD BARKER .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Flatman.

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### BURSTOW, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 3,840 Grandsire, 1,080 Plain Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID WILSON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. 4
LESLIE W. PENFOLD .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL .. 5
†JAMES EDE .. .. 3	WALTER HUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles by all the band except conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Oliver Sippetts, Walter Clayton and Charles Dean, also of Horace Dench, an old Burstow ringer.

### EAST PECKHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Double Court, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS .. .. Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 4
LUTHER HONESS .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

25th peal as conductor and first in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Jean Burton, of Boxley, and Robert Datson, of Upchurch.

### HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and eight of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris's and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

DAVID COBB .. .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 4
TIMOTHY COBB .. .. 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 3	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A farewell to the ringer of the treble before joining H.M. Forces.

### BOXLEY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS .. .. Treble	*ALFRED W. BODIAM .. 4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 2	JOHN H. R. BETTS .. 5
REGINALD L. SILLS .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\*First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung in honour of the marriage of Jean Burton, of Boxley, and Robert Datson, of Upchurch. Also in honour of the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bodiam.

### HARTLIP, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College Single Reverse, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BASIL A. EDWARDS .. Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor.

### CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called.  
Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	REGINALD C. TIPLER .. 4
PETER HALLAM .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 3	WINIFRED MAY BURTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of 2nd Lieut. Michael Simms-Reeve, son of the Rector.

### GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 720's each of Norwich and Bourne and three 720's of Cambridge.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER W. CROFT .. Treble	†GEORGE CHERRY .. 4
†LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' in three Surprise methods. A 13th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

### HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 6 Southrepps Pleasure, 9 April Day, 12 Plain Bob, 7 Grandsire.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*ROGER B. MORRIS .. Treble	†J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
JOHN BOUTLAND .. 3	*DEREK N. PEERS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First peal in five methods by all.

### BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

### COLCHESTER, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 right way.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN RICHER .. Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
†DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 2	*FRANK G. OLIVER .. 5
*ROY W. SPENCER .. 3	†HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\*First peal of Surprise. †First in the method. Farewell peal for Lance-Corpl. D. Latchford, Essex Regiment, who returned to Minden, Germany, the following day.

### ABBOTSBURY, DORSET. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*IRENE J. CORDIER .. Treble	†CHARLES G. J. FORD .. 4
BETTY J. DYKE .. .. 2	HENRY J. FORD .. .. 5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE .. 3	*WILLIAM C. FORD .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Chalker, a ringer at Upwey Church, and Mrs. Chalker. Also a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

### BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE. THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.  
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

JOHN H. GILBERT .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2	†JACK A. C. KING .. 5
*WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,  
At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Walter R. Beebe.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
IN THE LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. 7-8  
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3-4 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 9-10  
ALBERT WALKER .. 5-6 | ALD. A. PADDON SMITH .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Witnesses: LT.-COL. DONALD PADDON SMITH and GEORGE E. FEARN.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,  
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Southrepps, one each of April Day, Spliced Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, twenty-one of Grandsire, two 240's of Morris's arrangement and one 240 of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor size 9 in D.  
F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

\*KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by KEITH E. LOVETT.

\*First peal 'in hand.' First peal in seven methods by all. Rung on St. George's Day.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7-8  
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4 | FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 9-10  
ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 11-12

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8). Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

ON THE TOP OF THE PARISH CHURCH TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 2,160 of Grandsire.  
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A fourth birthday peal for Peter T. Tallis, son of a local ringer.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Consisting of 640 each of London, Ealing, Wembley and Rutland, and 320 each of Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Ashtead, Radlett, Berkshire and Bristol, with 139 changes of method.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6  
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

First peal in twelve Surprise methods on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

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## LATE NEWS

The Cumberland's peal attempt for the Festival of Britain at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, was stopped by the police after ten minutes' ringing. There was a May Day celebration in Trafalgar Square proceeding at the same time and police feared the sound of bells would make speeches inaudible and make the crowd restless.

Congratulations to the Copt Oak, Leicestershire, band on a new record of a peal of Minor in 105 methods. The band desire to express their thanks to Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn and C. K. Lewis for figures and advice and to Mr. Ernest Bowley and Mr. A. E. Rowley, who have so often made up the band when short for practices.

Among the 500 guests at the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Ball were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fearn.

A Sunday service band to score the first peal of Minor in their own tower is that of Tucknall, Derbyshire.

A footnote intended for the letter 'Suffolk Punches' was, in our last issue, placed under the letter 'Use of Bells for Broadcasting.' The error is regretted.

A quarter peal has been rung at Little Bad-dow, Essex, the average age of the band being 15 years 2 months. The band would be pleased to hear of a quarter scored by a younger band.

We do not know what St. Paul's Cathedral ringers think of the description in the 'Daily Telegraph' on their ringing at the Festival of Britain service. 'Jangling beauty' is hardly applicable.

The peal at Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, is believed to be the first peal on the bells by the Sunday service band. They enquire whether anyone with memories of past generations knows of a previous peal here by such a band.

Guildford Cathedral band visited Olney, Bucks, on April 21st, the birthplace of one of their esteemed members and tower-keeper, Mr. W. J. Robinson. A peal of Stedman Triples was satisfactorily brought round. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Robinson.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Billenness is the new secretary of the Hawkhurst and District Guild. He started ringing at Rye, Sussex, in 1899 and has about 100 peals to his credit, most of which he conducted. Mr. Billenness was out of ringing for some years but returned to the art in 1949.

Mr. C. E. Brown has 'circled' Blankney, (Lincolnshire) tower and Mr. J. K. Wagstaff, St. Peter's, Nottingham.

After a lapse of over 40 years, another peal has been rung at Brandeston, Suffolk. Mr. W. Wightman, who took part in the former peal, was, owing to indisposition, unable to stand in this time. The band all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bath ringers were impressed by the way in which 12-years-old James Fitzgerald rang the treble to his first quarter peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Michael's, while in Bath for a cycling week-end with his cousin, both from Newport, Mon.

We are pleased to state that the paragraph that appeared in our issue of April 27th, that Mr. Albert Gilbert of Royston, Herts, is suffering from heart trouble, is incorrect. Mr. Gilbert, who has been ringing since 1904, is still a service ringer and on March 26th participated in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

Princess Elizabeth visited Chester on April 27th in connection with the passing-out parade at the Officers' Cadet School at Eaton Hall and in the afternoon visited the Cathedral. After ringing to welcome her, the ringers assembled in the Chapter House, where the Princess spoke to Mr. Percy Swindley, the captain of the band, and asked him questions concerning the ringing of the bells. The bells were again rung on her departure. Fifteen ringers, including five ladies, were present. It will be remembered that the ringers at the Cathedral met Their Majesties the King and Queen in 1946.

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## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BELLS RESTORED

**W**EDNESDAY afternoon, April 11th, saw the fulfilment and the consummation of the 800th anniversary of the beautiful Norman church of St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, when the restored bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

The service began with the professional entrance, via the West door, of the Bishop of St. Albans, together with the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood), the clergy from the various churches in the district and the choir. Clergy attended from Berkhamsted, Northchurch, Apsley, Great Gaddesden, Bovingdon, Bourne End, Boxmoor, St. Paul's, with the local Congregational and Methodist ministers. The Mayor and Town Clerk were also present.

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Brigadier Watkins and the bellfounders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) by Mr. M. Howard and Mr. Stephenson.

At the rededication the rope, representing the proper ropes, was handed to Mr. H. Gates, the local captain. The immediate rounds were rung by:—W. C. Hughes, Joyce Lewis, A. W. Dix, Anne Stockdale, L. Baines, P. Holness, D. Latchford and W. Ayre. Following the dedication, the Bishop took as the text for his sermon, 'O praise God in His Holiness,' words in Latin and English on two of the bells, one of which is pre-Reformation.

At the close of the service 84 Grandsire Triples were rung by the same band except for H. Gates instead of Anne Stockdale. Other touches were rung before the tea which followed in St. Mary's Hall, when the Bishop commented on the beauty of the church and hoped that the people would continue to do their utmost for its maintenance.

Councillor Selden (chairman of the Restoration Committee) explained that the restoration had not been only of the bells, but that the fabric of the tower had been saved from further damage by restorative work.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 194 cwt.), dating from 1400(?) to 1767, have been eighth turned, tuned and completely rehung in an iron frame on massive steel girders concreted into the walls, thus making a sound contribution to the preservation of this ancient building.

The 'go' is excellent, the tone has been improved, the sound in the ringing chamber is much more balanced and there is a better circle. The bells themselves have been moved round one, the tenor now being where the seventh was.

After the tea and speeches, the ringers returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing from rounds to London Surprise. Towers represented, in addition to Hemel Hempstead,

were:—Apsley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Stoke Poges, Linslade, Kings Langley, Abbots Langley, St. Albans, Watford, Luton, Sawston, London, St. Ives, St. Neots and others. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the work which had been done.



**MR. F. J. GOLDEN**  
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### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A very successful meeting was held at Reading on April 21st. Some 40 members and friends attended and ringing took place at St. Mary's during the afternoon, methods up to London being successfully brought round. After service, and an address by the Vicar, tea was provided at the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, presided at the short business meeting. Five new members were elected—Mrs. V. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Eric Hotine (Rickmansworth), Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Castle (Winnersh) and R. F. Diserens (Reading).

Guildford was confirmed as the venue of the next meeting on July 14th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, not forgetting the choirboys.

### A NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Thurcaston, Leicester, on Saturday, March 17th, which I conducted, is to be withdrawn from the Midland Counties Guild, and should be non-Association.—Yours faithfully,  
G. ARMSTRONG.

Barwell. Leics.

## A GOLDEN GOLDEN WEDDING

**O**N Saint George's Day, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk, celebrated their golden wedding. Members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal in seven methods, the first of its kind on the bells, in honour of the event, conducted by his nephew, Nolan Golden.

Although no ringer, Mr. Golden has been connected with the Church all his life and has a lively interest in bells. He recalls many stories of the village ringers of his youth, of whom his elder brother was one. His speciality was collecting the key of the tower from the clerk's house, raising the bells, lowering them, returning the key and to work all in the space of ten minutes, a feat which was rewarded with two gallons of beer.

When the treble stock of the old five was broken in 1924, when Mr. Cyril Pooley was teaching one of the numerous young bands at the tower, Mr. Golden rehung the bell, complete with all new fittings, and the practices continued. Then, when the 17th century oak frame was replaced by a new steel one, the wood found a resting place in his builder's yard, but not for long, for Mrs. Golden suggested that a table should be made of it and presented to the Church. This has been done and our photograph shows Mr. Golden, at the age of 80, finishing the table, whose legs are shaped like bells with an inscription on the 'sound-bows.'

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

We have received from Mr. E. H. Lewis president of the Central Council, the following statement regarding the report of the Festival of Britain Committee:—

The Standing Committee agree generally with the report of the Festival Committee and the recommendations with the following exceptions:—

They are doubtful whether, at the present times, it would be possible to instal a memorial ring of bells and in any case are not willing that the Council should undertake any financial responsibility.

They do not favour the proposal to select and name a special method for the Festival.

## VETERANS WHO RANG PEALS IN THE LAST CENTURY

Mr. Charles Ball (85), of 16, Lambridge Street, Bath, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Twerton, Bath, in 1888, for the Bath and Keynsham Association. On his birthday, April 28th, 1892, he conducted a peal of Bob Triples which was one of the first peals for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. A peal he remembers with affection was a 'Charles' peal of Grandsire Triples which he conducted at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in 1895.

With reference to 'Surrey First Pealers,' that appeared on page 267, Mr. Newnham, of Alresford, writes that Mr. William R. Crockford rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Ashted, on September 28th, 1895. Mr. Newnham's first peal was Union Triples at Ashted on April 2nd, 1895. Both these peals were conducted by George Chantler.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.** — On April 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. C. Johnson 1, Miss O. Martin 2, A. Dale 3, C. F. Sayer 4, H. G. Mason 5, D. G. Clift 6, R. W. Darvill 7, W. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, F. J. Bailey 10.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of Cambridge University Guild held on April 25th at the Dean's Room, Clare, the following officers were elected for the coming year:—

President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth; Master, Mr. W. J. Ridgman; secretary, Mr. R. D. Edge; treasurer, the Rev. C. F. D. Moule; auditor, Mr. M. R. D. Harford; librarian, Mr. A. R. Guy.

Mr. E. J. Lindley was authorised to act as treasurer for the fund for printing the revised 'Guild History.'



# THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## THE BUSIEST RINGING GUILD' — COPT OAK'S FINE ACHIEVEMENT — 42 METHODS AT A DISTRICT MEETING

A LARGE company attended the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on April 28th and made good use of the bells of Belgrave (6), Cathedral and St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6). The service at St. George's was attended by a large congregation; the Vicar conducted the service and the sermon was preached by the Provost of Leicester. Mr. E. C. Turner, one of the Guild's vice-presidents, read the lesson and the choir was augmented by members of the Guild. The usual collection was taken for the Bell Repair Fund.

Tea in the nearby St. George's Hall having been suitably dealt with, the Provost was thanked by the president Mr. H. J. Poole, for his continued interest in the Guild.

The chair was taken by the president and he was supported by Archdeacon Lyons, of Loughborough, the Vicar and organist of St. George's, the Guild hon. treasurer and secretary, the vice-presidents and members of the general committee.

In his opening remarks the president thanked the Archdeacon for his great interest and help in Guild matters. Thanks were also accorded the Vicar and organist of St. George's.

### COPT OAK'S PROGRESS

Continuing, the president very heartily congratulated the Copt Oak band who, he announced, had succeeded in ringing a peal in 105 Minor methods. This was a very great achievement when, two years ago, no peal in seven Surprise Minor methods had been rung for the Guild. The result was only accomplished after very hard work by the band, who had met for practice as many as four times a week. The multi-method peals had progressed from nine methods by stages until success with 105 methods was the result. The band intended to extend further the number of methods rung in one peal.

Mr. Beniston, the conductor of the peal, in replying, assured the meeting that a high standard of ringing was obtained throughout the peal. The peal was one of the finest Minor peals in which he had taken part.

Archdeacon Lyons, who brought with him the good wishes of the Bishop, said as a result of his experiences while living in Loughborough he was developing a keenness and enthusiasm for bells and he hoped that during the Festival of Britain the sound of bells would be heard throughout the country and that they would be ringing for St. George and Merry England.

The president having welcomed the visitors, Mrs. Beamish and party from the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Miss Thompson (Ladies' Guild), Mr. Freebrey (Derby Association) and others, the lengthy agenda was tackled.

### FORTY-TWO CONDUCTORS

The hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton, gave his report for 1950. The peals rung, though less in number, had maintained a high standard on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. A healthy sign was the number of young composers and conductors. There had been 24 first peals and there had been 42 different conductors. The total number of peals rung during 1950 was 193, of which 55 were on handbells. This number was 74 less than the previous year. Loughborough district peals of Spliced Minor had, in 1950, been increased in number of methods rung and had reached 80 in one peal. The Cathedral band, conducted by the president, had, for the first time, rung four peals of Surprise Maximus, namely, Rutland, Bristol and Spliced Maximus in three and four methods. On handbells Spliced Plain Maximus in four methods and Yorkshire Royal had been rung.

Among individual performances, A. Cattell had again rung two tower bells to a peal while Miss M. J. Whitehead had, at the age of seven years, rung her first peal; 268 had rung their

first in the method, 10 conductors called their first peal and 26 called their first in the method. Among personal 'milestones' passed were:—1,250th peal, E. Morris; 500th, A. Ballard; 300th, S. Burton; 200th, Jill Poole and P. J. Staniforth; 150th, H. B. Bowley and W. A. Wood; 100th, J. R. Smith; while eight had reached 50.

Mr. H. J. Jenny, as one of the auditors, certified the accounts as being correct and satisfactory.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, then presented his report. The total income of the Guild was, excluding the Bell Repair Fund, £130 7s. 6d. This amount, with £6 9s. 5d. transferred from reserve, balanced the expenditure of £136 16s. 11d., which sum included printing the 1948-49 report.

The Bell Repair Fund had, from collections and donations, been augmented by £28 15s. 1d. during the year. Grants during 1950 had been made to Saxby, South Wigston, Thurnby, Waltham and Sapcote; 45 guineas had been granted to these towers. Despite these grants which, with previous grants in other years, totalled 100 guineas, the fund now had a balance of £147 8s. 11d. The cash at bank and in hand was, at the end of 1950, £273 4s. 10d. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. H. Over and seconded by Mr. H. Broughton. The hon. treasurer was thanked for his work and the hon. secretary was congratulated on keeping his expenses so low.

Whitwick, on July 21st, was selected as the place for the next general quarterly meeting.

### STEADY PROGRESS IN ALL DISTRICTS

The hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, in giving his report for 1950, said all districts reported steady progress during 1950. The usual number of meetings had been held and a higher average attendance indicated that interest was being maintained. In one of the smaller districts, the average attendance at the monthly meeting was slightly higher than 50 per cent of the membership; this was in a somewhat sparsely populated part of the county.

Several joint meetings were held, with good results. Outings were becoming a regular feature and the social side of the Guild was being developed with happy results. A large variety of methods were being rung at monthly district meetings, the record being held by the Loughborough district, with 42 methods being rung at one meeting.

The Festival dinner was again held at the Bull's Head at Shelthorpe, near Loughborough. It was well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A successful Youth Rally, well supported by the younger members, had been held during the autumn. One of its results should be to encourage team spirit among those members who attended.

The general committee had spent much time during the year in the work of rule revision. This revision was necessary before a new edition of the rules could be printed. The cost of printing the report increased yearly and a single copy will cost—within a few pence—the whole of one adult subscription. It is vitally necessary that all members should pay up regularly. Means must be found to reduce the number of arrears.

During 1950, 67 new resident and 23 non-resident members had been elected. These additions had been cancelled out by lapsed memberships. The present membership was nearly 800 resident members and the number of non-residents brought the total to 1,350. The ringing members equalled almost exactly the number of bells in the towers used for meetings and if the total of 1,000 ringing members was to be reached, this proportion must be improved.

Sales of certificates were increasing and many more new members were asking for them.

The election of 41 new ringing members, from 20 towers, and two honorary members, together with three non-resident members was confirmed.

### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

There being no other nominations, all general officers were re-elected. They are:—President, Mr. H. J. Poole; vice presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton.

Mr. H. J. Poole, in returning thanks, said he had had the very great honour of being president for five years of the most enthusiastic Guild in the country and, although he appreciated the support he had had and the confidence shown in him, he thought the office of president should, next year, be passed on.

Mr. P. L. Taylor returned thanks for himself and for Mr. E. C. Turner. Mr. Taylor said he had travelled much but he had found the Leicester Diocesan to be the busiest ringing Guild.

A proposal from the Hinckley District that the Guild annual meeting should be changed from the first Saturday in May to Easter Monday was, after some discussion, rejected by the meeting, the voting against the proposal being overwhelming.

The re-drafted rules, after a long discussion, were finally approved and it was agreed that they be printed.

It was announced that the Festival dinner and social for 1951 would be held at Market Harborough on October 27th. It is hoped that all districts will organise bus parties to make the occasion one to remember.

The president, having read a letter from the Central Council on the subject of Festival of Britain ringing, asked all to make a special effort and pointed out that the meeting to-day had been arranged specially to avoid May 5th, the Festival of Britain peal-ringing day.

The grant of 20 guineas to St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, and 10 guineas to Swepstone, for their respective bell repairs, was announced.

A social evening followed.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Lewisham District

Forty-five ringers and friends, representatives of eleven towers, attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at Eltham, on April 21st.

A short ringing session in the afternoon preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. A. Hodges, who extended a warm welcome to Eltham as a prelude to a very interesting address. The presence of the organist, Mr. A. C. Osman, was much appreciated. A short touch on handbells, contributed by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barnett, was substituted for one of the customary hymns.

After a tasty and substantial meal, prepared and served by wives and friends of the local band, the business meeting was held, with the Vicar presiding. Six members were elected and one tower election was ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) read a report of proceedings at the Easter committee meeting. Arising from this report, the wish was expressed that the Association badge, now available in response to reiterated requests, would meet a ready sale. Questions and replies concerning the suggested rearrangement of Districts of the Association led to deprecation of the proposals as they affected the Lewisham District—it was even now too small rather than too large. Shoreham was chosen for the summer meeting to be held on July 28th. A warm welcome back to the District was extended to Mr. A. Purdom, of Bromley.

Votes of thanks were cordially accorded the Vicar of Eltham, the organist, the caterers and the local ringers.



# CLERICAL GUILD RINGING WEEK

## An Excursion Into Somerset

WELLS had been chosen as the centre for the Clerical Guild's ringing week this year and the members looked forward to visiting more of the magnificent Somerset churches in a district not covered two years ago when Taunton was the venue. Ringing was commenced without delay on Monday afternoon, by which time more than half the party had arrived. Such is our enthusiasm that the Liverpool member had started his journey before midnight—Norwich, please note. The six-bell towers of Dinder and Croscombe were first visited to 'get our eye in' somewhat. At the latter place, we were very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, and it was there that one of the youngest members was heard to ask one of the oldest (a renowned bachelor) if he were a family man (collapse of oldest member). We returned for dinner, at which meal some ate so heartily that they had difficulty in negotiating the steps up to St. Cuthbert's belfry where ringing took place afterwards on the very fine eight. And so ended a good first day with the party now complete (Norwich arriving during dinner).

The annual Corporate Communion was held in the Cathedral on the Tuesday morning and, after a hasty breakfast, we left in cars for the first eight-bell tower, Wedmore, one member being, I fear, unshaven, because of the failure of his much advertised electric razor—a part being missing. Thence to Cheddar, where valiant attempts were made to get the tenor up right, but without success. Rumour had it that on only two occasions since the bells were recast in 1914 had it gone up properly.

One car afterwards played truant and took the opportunity to slip up the Gorge before going on to the next tower—Churchill. Apart from the beautiful scenery, this had the added advantage of arriving at Churchill to find the bells already raised. A picnic lunch was eaten and advantage taken of trying the 'rough' cider at the local but it didn't come up to expectations. We were told that it would make us get the tenor of Wrington up in one pull—that is if we could stagger as far. Unfortunately, it still took three of us to do this, but the ringing on this glorious ten was certainly the high spot of the day's proceedings. The only thing that marred the opening touch of Grand-sire Caters was that one member of the band was ringing Stedman—it didn't seem to work that way. Thence to Blagdon where one of our members was born. We all wondered whether he dare face the populace again, but they seemed to have forgiven him. We had the pleasure of meeting his mother and also the niece of another member. We were again very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector after ringing.

At Ubley (6) London Minor just wouldn't go. Perhaps it was the thought of the excellent dinner which awaited us when we'd finished at this tower. At least, after the meal, at Westbury a good course was accomplished. But then, listening to the Budget on a car radio, removed all thoughts of ringing from some of the hearers when it was announced that petrol would go up to 3s. 6d a gallon. Thus ended the second day—a day amongst the lovely Mendip hills with a glorious run over the top from Ubley to Wells.

## BELLS FOR WIFE'S HOMECOMING

All were shaven next morning, thanks to a Heath Robinson affair which enabled the much vaunted razor to be used. Our first call was at Shepton Mallet (8) where our ringing was kept well in order by the sight of the Ten Commandments on the wall facing the back bells. At the next tower, Leigh-on-Mendip, we found that the bells could be rung on special occasions, which included bringing one's wife home. Perhaps it was the thought of this that caused the ringing to be rather poor! However, this was made up for by our Norwich member cleaning

the gutters by removing the grass he found growing there! At Kilmersdon (6) we learned that one of the inscriptions on the bells ran:

'I shall be here if I am treated just  
When they are mouldering in the dust.'

—a solemn thought. This did not prevent two members enlivening the proceedings with a duet on the piano at the Jolliffe Arms where our sandwiches were eaten. We then had the pleasure of ringing for an important local wedding at Mells (8). The importance of the occasion, combined with the excellent 'go' of the bells produced one of the best touches of Stedman rung during the week. Superlative was also accomplished for the first time here. The ringing at this tower was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thence back to Kilmersdon for tea at the Vicarage, again very kindly provided by the incumbent. Our disappointment at not meeting Mr. J. Dyke at Chilcompton after tea was partially mitigated by the excellent singing (!) of the Norwich and Southampton members who found a copy of a setting of the evening canticles. True, the treble and alto were missing, but the tenor and bass sounded fine. We also rang from the ground floor for about the first time here, which proved very popular after having climbed thousands of stairs (or so it seemed) that day.

## CHEWTON MENDIP

Our last tower before returning to Wells was Chewton Mendip—a beautiful church with wonderful bells (the finest eight in England, according to one member). Ringing here was a great treat. We returned safely to dinner despite the driver of the smallest car causing fear and trembling in the hearts of his party by what they regarded as excessive speed down Wells hill, but it was nothing of the sort, of course. By the kindness of the Vicar, the annual meeting, after dinner, took place at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage. The chief points of interest were the election of the officers, as follows:—President, Canon C. C. Cox, vice-president, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, secretary, Prebendary E. V. Cox; committee, K. W. H. Felstead and A. G. G. Thurlow. It was decided to try to have next year's week in Suffolk.

On the last day we actually had a spare hour before commencing ringing for the day at the Cathedral. Perhaps it was awe at the thought of ringing on the heaviest ten in England which caused our efforts here to be not so good. From ten, to six at Pilton where, after ringing, we ate our sandwiches at the Vicarage and a very large teapot was kept replenished for us by the Vicar's wife, to whom we were very grateful. We left for West Pennard (6) where it was noted that one member still kept his tongue out as an aid to concentration when ringing. We had excerpts on a new Compton electronic organ here.

On our way to Street, the next tower, we passed through Glastonbury and again a car (the same one) played truant so that its occupants could climb the Tor. What a wonderful view from the top! Again we found the advantage of this, for the bells were ringing merrily when we arrived, and since we were asked to leave them up, this tower was very popular. Also very popular were the two Glastonbury towers, where we rang after tea, since the bells were already up there, thanks to the Bristol University ringers who had visited them an hour previously and who had learned that we were coming. Then back once more to Wells for dinner and so to our last tower—Wookey. The most important events here were an almost perfect course of London Minor and the president's loss of his sally through it lodging on a beam which ran across the belfry—the bell 'stood' of its own accord!

On the morrow all departed on their respective ways after a most enjoyable gathering. Our thanks are due to all the incumbents for the use of their bells and for their kind hospitality throughout the tour.

## DEDICATION

### BURES, SUFFOLK

One of the largest gatherings of ringers witnessed in the Eastern Counties assembled on April 28th for the dedication of the two new trebles added to the grand old six at St. Mary's Parish Church, Bures, Suffolk.

Besides over 150 ringers who were present at the service and tea, many others paid a visit in the evening.

The new bells are installed as a memorial to Dr. Thomas Wood, of Bures, who died recently, soon after having given support to the project.

A Bachelor of Music and a much-travelled man, Dr. Wood was in much demand at the B.B.C. and was widely-known and liked in Australia. Those gathered to honour his memorial came from many walks of life, with Mr. Maurice Brown, representing the B.B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, of Australia House, and many others from various musical productions, etc., with which he had been connected.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' followed by specially chosen prayers. The Rev. C. P. Newell, of Ipswich, clerical secretary of Suffolk Guild, read the lesson from Ephesians iv., vv. 1—16. Then was sung Psalm No. 150.

The eight ringers then led the procession to the ringing chamber where Archdeacon Norton, taking the ropes from Mr. Michael Howard, dedicated the new bells. The opening band, who rang rounds, were:—C. Bower 1, A. A. Fitch 2, D. Mills 3, C. W. Pipe 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. P. Duffield 8.

The choir rendered the carol, 'Ding, Dong, Merrily on High,' followed by the address from the Archdeacon, and then a closing hymn, 'Hark, on high, the joyful music.' A selected band rang an excellent touch of Stedman as the congregation left the church.

Over 350 ringers, friends and parishioners sat down to tea, a most bountiful spread provided by the local company and friends. Mr. Cecil Pipe, in a short speech, mentioned the work of Leslie Mills, by dint of whose hard work the project had been envisaged and carried out. Mr. E. P. Duffield paid tribute to the late Dr. Thomas Wood and to the local ringers for providing such a good tea free of charge for so vast a number of people.

Mr. Michael Howard, representing the founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) thanked one and all for the compliments paid to their work and Mr. Leslie Mills, in his customary manner, added his thanks to everyone.

Praise was loud for the excellent splicing and 'go'; afterwards Mr. Mills did a fine job in ensuring that everyone desirous was able to have a ring.

The new trebles are an excellent example of the founders' art and weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. and 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb., respectively.

They are inscribed as follows:—Treble: 'I ring well: to bring good cheer: in Festival Year: Thomas Wood's bell.' 2nd: 'To the memory of Thomas Wood, of Parsonage Hall, who was friend to one and all.'

Mr. Leslie D. Mills writes expressing the thanks of Bures' ringers to the bell-founders and bell-hangers and to those who sent their good wishes and helped in any way to make the dedication the success it was.

## BODLEY'S BELL

We have received from Mr. Frederick Sharpe a booklet he has written regarding Bodley's Bell, which was provided in 1604 for announcing the opening and closing of the famous Oxford Library.

The bell was cast by William Yare in 1609 and is very thin and much chipped at the lip. The strike note is approximately F sharp and its hum note is almost a flat seventh below the strike note, a style of tuning known to campanologists as 'Old Standard.'

Mr. Sharpe comments that the bell is a 'maiden' casting, although a poor specimen of such. The approximate weight is two cwt.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—The question of blisters arose when I was Vicar of Moulton, 1926-1937. My churchwarden and his wife used to spend their holidays hiking; I used to do the same. I asked them 'What about blisters?' They replied: 'Methylated spirits does the trick. Rub the feet with the spirit, it toughens the skin.' I would suggest 'Blisters' tries this, but advise him to put his pipe out while anointing his hands.

My own remedy was two pairs of socks, which suggests help for 'Blisters.' When I was training my lady handbell ringers, the strenuous rehearsals raised blisters on their hands. Their remedy was a thin pair of gloves which gave them great comfort. I would suggest to 'Blisters' a thin pair of gloves. Possibly he might get laughed at but that is a mere detail. I have heard of a man who was laughed at and lived to be over 80.

Try methylated or thin gloves. He then may ring 200 more peals in comparative comfort.—Yours sincerely J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northampton

## NAMING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing in the main with Mr. Amos that a little more discretion might be employed in the naming of new methods, I do think the difficulty of finding titles should be borne in mind.

I believe, some time ago, there were generally strong feelings that methods should be named geographically, in other words, to link them in some way with the districts in which they were first rung rather than an association of personalities or (doubtful) qualities. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob Premier and Superlative.

To-day, now that place names are established, the influx of peal ringing in new methods has made it increasingly difficult to carry out this idea and many districts have been almost too well combed for names. In fact, many hamlets that cannot boast a bell between them have been honoured in an effort to make the method 'local.' In some cases overlapping has ensued.

This doubling-up on place names is well illustrated in the case of Albanian Surprise, named after St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and not, as some suppose, the Slav country. It was first rung by the Abbey Society, Dennis Bayles, the composer, being at that time a member and a 'local.'

Unfortunately, the naming was made unusually difficult, for this city has already sponsored three other methods. The old St. Albans Delight, the rather newer St. Albans Surprise (I think I'm right) and Verulam Surprise after the Roman town. Incidentally, the district overcomes the national flavour of the later method by pronouncing it Orlbanian:—Albanian, a citizen of St. Albans.

I regret I can offer no solution to these problems. Saints' names, as suggested by Mr. Amos, are certainly an idea, but after they are exhausted—what next? Perhaps H. G. Cashmore, Op. 100.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA HOLMES.

Northwood, Middlesex.

## LARGEST TOWN WITHOUT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Annapos the statement on page 235 of 'The Ringing World' re largest town without a ring of bells. According to figures published by the Automobile Association, Bognor has 25,330 and Clacton 22,230. If this list were not confined to England only, the following might be of interest:—

Aberdeen 187,751, Airdrie 30,248, Ayr 44,018, Cambuslang 26,478, Clydebank 36,010, Dumbarston 24,259 (Bognor larger), Dumfries 26,563, Dunfermline 44,904, Greenock 79,377, Kilmarnock 42,281, Kirkcaldy 47,897, Motherwell 69,940, Perth 39,478, Rutherglen 25,836, Stirling 28,691—14 all larger than Bognor!

R. St. C. WILSON

Portobello, Midlothian.

## SPICED SURPRISE

## Peal Withdrawn.

Dear Sir,—I would like to withdraw the peal of three Spiced Surprise Major rung at Colman's Hatch, Sussex, on Saturday, March 31st, 1951. Also I tender my sincere apologies to the rest of the band.

This is a great disappointment for a struggling band after having rung a good peal to find out the composition, supplied by a ringer of repute, to be false.

In my opinion, Spiced Surprise Major is a doubtful quantity and should be brought to the notice of the Central Council and some hard and fast rules made. It makes me wonder how many peals of Spiced Surprise have been rung false and not withdrawn.

After all it is still possible for a conductor of the highest integrity to ring a composition which has been proved true, to still ring a false peal and, in my opinion, this is not a very satisfactory state of affairs. This will probably stir up a hornet's nest, but it will give people a chance to air their views and perhaps some satisfactory result will be obtained.—Yours sincerely,

Rotherfield

W. ROGERS.

## THE STORY OF A BROADCAST

On Sunday, April 29th, at 7.45 p.m., a service was broadcast from Christ Church, Ebbw Vale. We were told that we should be broadcasting the ringing for approximately one minute at the start and, after great discussion, we decided to ring three plain courses of Grandsire Triples in succession, ending in rounds. As we estimated that we should come into rounds at 7.46 p.m. we timed our courses carefully—they took exactly three minutes two seconds each—and we arranged to 'go next' at 7.46.54 seconds.

The B.B.C. apparatus was in the vestry almost under the tower. Strangely enough, the microphone which picked up the ringing was in the recording van on the front seat, the van being under the tower. We rigged up an electric bell in the ringing chamber with the bellpush by the engineer's apparatus, and it was my job to see that the bell was rung just before 7.46.54 so that 'go next' could be called.

At about 7.30 p.m. the engineer rang up the B.B.C. and adjusted his stopwatch so that we had the exact time and I told him about the bellpush before the panic really started. He told me to ring it myself. Nervously I saw the seconds had pass 7.46 (was it really 7.46 ??) and saw it glide round the dial. Then before I could stop him, the engineer pressed the button at 7.46.30, thinking I had forgotten! The bells left rounds 24 seconds early and as I stood and watched the engineers checking and testing, the bells fairly whipped through those three courses. 'Here is the Welsh Home Service . . . we are taking you over to Ebbw Vale . . . came through the portable set as the back change rolled up in the last lead. The bells came over the air in the first whole pull of rounds.

The engineer of course knew he had made a mistake, but did not appreciate the enormity of it until we explained to him after. He seemed rather bewildered by the extreme complexity of our art. Incidentally he stated he had not broadcast bells before a service since the opening of our bells was broadcast in 1937. (He is from the Cardiff branch of the B.B.C.)

So, dear reader, if you think we can only ring rounds at Ebbw Vale, now you know better!

## AN 85th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Walter H. L. Buckingham, of Lancaster Road, St. Albans, celebrated his 85th birthday on April 22nd and was paid a surprise visit by Messrs. H. V. Frost, T. J. Southam and W. Ayre, who rang handbells with him, including touches of Grandsire from the Original and a course of Plain Bob. Mr. Buckingham can still recite the calling of a peal but has difficulty in hearing the bells. Quarter peals in his honour were arranged at the Abbey and St. Peter's.

## LORD MAYOR RINGS PEAL

A handbell peal in a Lord Mayor's Parlour with the Lord Mayor himself taking part, is an event of more than passing interest. On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, by kind invitation of the Lord Mayor, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Master of the Guild, met in the Parlour and rang 5,019 Stedman Cinques in three hours and six minutes.

After the peal, light refreshments were provided by the Lord Mayor, who was in his usual happy reminiscent mood. It was an historic occasion and a notable event in the long history of the Guild, and everyone present was delighted to feel that the Lord Mayor should be able to take part in this peal during his very busy and exacting term of office. He is as keenly interested as ever in ringing, especially in good Stedman Cinques, and the band at the Bull Ring is awaiting with pleasurable anticipation his return to Sunday service ringing, a duty he has performed for 50 years.

It is just 30 years since Alderman Paddon Smith rang his last handbell peal, and the band on that occasion was Percy O. Laffin (conductor) 1-2, George F. Swann 3-4, James E. Groves 5-6, J. Frank Smallwood 7-8, A. Paddon Smith 9-10, Morris J. Morris 11-12. The strength of the handbell band at that time was such that the umpiring of peals was taken in rotation, and the umpires for the 1921 peal were Albert Walker and Thomas Russam.

A. W.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## East Norfolk Branch

Thirty-nine members attended the East Norfolk branch meeting at Loddon on April 21st. Visitors included Mr. J. Parker, father of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who, despite his 85 years, rang a course of Superlative.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Stevens) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting which followed tea. New members elected were:—Mr. Maurice G. Ling (Great Yarmouth) and ratification of heltry elections of Robert W. Marjoram and Michael J. Gould (South Walsham). The next meeting will be held at Ranworth on June 2nd.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist and to Mr. H. H. Berrett and the ladies who organised the tea. Touches in various methods were rung including one by an all-ladies' band.

J. H.

## DEDICATION

## ST. MARK'S, EXETER

Exeter has now another ring of eight at the Church of St. Mark's, the bells being dedicated and blessed by the Bishop of Crediton (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Surtees) on April 28th.

St. Mark's is a comparatively new parish, the church being dedicated in 1937 and had a ring of six taken from the disused St. John's Church in Fore Street Hill. These six bells have been recast into five by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Another bell was the gift of the late Mrs. Vincent Thomson and two trebles donated by Miss M. L. Symonds.

The work of recasting and rehangs has cost £1,700 and the bells are of a pleasantly mellow and tuneful tone.

At the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Poulton) the Bishop of Crediton dedicated and blessed the new peal. The churchwardens first presented the ropes to the Bishop who, on giving his charge as to their sacred use, handed them to the Vicar. Rounds were then rung by the St. Mark's ringers, who had been practicing in various towers in the city and neighbourhood. Clergy present included Preb. E. V. Cox (president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers).

The Rev. C. J. Poulton presided at the public tea, when congratulatory speeches were made by the Bishop of Crediton and Preb. Cox.

St. Mark's hand rang after the service and later bands from the city and county rang short touches on the new bells.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire): G. Annear 1, J. Wells (cond.) 2, R. Corke 3, P. Sherwood 4, C. Beadle 5, A. Annear 6. Average age of band 15 years.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, F. G. Barron 2, E. Jurd 3, G. Verrill 4, B. Stirland 5, A. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Jurd (first quarter) 8.

**APSLEY END, HERTS.**—On St. George's Day, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 York and 720 Bourne): Keith Good 1, E. J. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, W. J. Puddefoot 4, T. G. Morton 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury and 900 Grandsire): J. H. Hicks 1, T. Cleasde 2, E. C. Lucas 3, A. W. Glazard 4, G. L. Bowen (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Michael's on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Fitzgerald (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, T. F. King 3, E. J. Fry 4, D. G. Clarke 5, R. W. Perry 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, G. J. Hawkins 8.

**BATLEY, YORKS.**—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Senior 1, A. G. Wood 2, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 3, G. W. Steel 4, D. Atkins (first quarter) 5, H. Marsden 6, E. Spencer 7, P. Massam 8.

**BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. J. L. Purslow 1, Miss E. M. Duppa 2, P. J. L. Purslow (cond.) 3, W. H. Downes 4, A. G. Owen 5, W. H. Lloyd 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Sir G. H. Holcroft, Bt., who restored the tower and ringing the six bells in 1930.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. C. Cannon 1, C. S. Hoad 2, Rev. K. G. Hoare 3, W. B. Judd 4, D. W. Hopkins (first quarter 'inside') 5, T. Arrow 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. Stovell 8. A compliment to Mr. W. B. Judd on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Chase 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. J. Ladd 3, C. Stockley 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

**BLACKBURN, LANCs.**—At the Cathedral on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Anderton 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, A. Tomlinson 3, L. Henrys 4, J. A. Tomlinson 5, F. Heyes 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Skeats 8.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, J. Grace 3, I. Gardner 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**BRAY, CO. WICKLOW, EIRE.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Norris 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, W. A. Rankin 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, W. H. Wilson 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church with St. Ewen's on April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. M. Bliss 1, Miss M. I. Kennelly 2, I. H. Trueman 3, A. P. Cave 4, C. Barwick 5, L. C. I. Watson 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, R. J. Stokes 8. First of Stedman for 1, 5, 6 and 8.

**BROCKWORTH, GLOS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: M. Kettle 1, M. Gilbert 2, P. Clarkson 3, A. Lynall 4, G. Norman (cond.) 5, B. Harding 6. First quarter for all.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Ling 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Mrs. Joyce Ling (first in the method) 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, T. Brett-Smith 8.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Reverse: W. King 1, A. J. Ede 2, Marion Wickens 3, D. Attwater 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, J. Miller 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss D. Jay, former ringer at this church.

**CHESTER.**—At St. Mary-on-the-Hill on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Kenny 1, Betty Griffiths 2, H. O. Baker 3, Shirley Golding 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, J. Boutland 6, G. F. Sperring 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Kiernan (first quarter) 1, G. Lucas (first as cond.) 2, J. Tonkin 3, B. Clark 4, T. Tyers 5, D. Upshall 6. Rung for the engagement of the ringer of the fourth.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, J. H. Cox 3, H. Wyre 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung for the dedication of a new altar as a memorial to the late J. H. Bloomer, for many years leader in this tower.

**CULLOMPTON, DEVON.**—On April 28th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Chedgy 1, G. Walford 2, D. Sheldon 3, W. Tarr 4, R. W. Hayward 5, G. Coles 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, C. Williams 8, W. Gigg 9, H. Churchill 10.

**DUBLIN, EIRE.**—On April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. I. George 1, W. H. Wilson 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, E. G. Buchanan 4, C. J. Reede 5, W. E. Lynch 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, S. E. Darmon 8, H. W. Jones 9, H. H. Brown 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for 4, 5, 9 and 10. A compliment to Miss A. C. Dukes on the occasion of her marriage.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Daphne Luke 1, J. E. Churchill 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, H. J. Eldred 6, A. M. Stacey 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. To mark the inauguration of the new parish of Christ the Saviour.

**EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On St. George's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carlsson 1, D. Gale 2, L. Allen 3, G. Watt 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, E. Light 6.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. C. Russell 1, Miss E. M. Roberts 2, Miss M. P. Flynn 3, Miss E. M. Fletcher 4, Miss M. Reay 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, Miss J. Beresford (cond.) 7, Miss J. Ashton 8.

**ELSTON, NOTTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles S. Barley (first quarter) 1, W. Midwinter 2, A. Barley 3, F. Hooper (cond.) 4, H. J. Cloxton 5, C. Copp 6.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Beadle 1, J. Wells 2, J. Read 3, E. Gardner 4, S. Meadows 5, R. Collins 6, W. Falce (cond.) 7, C. W. Denyer 8. First in method for 4 and 6.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 15th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Agnes E. Price 1, R. E. Price 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, T. H. Blunt 6, F. C. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 3, 4 and 6.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On April 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Macrill 1, W. Stephenson 2, M. Chilcott 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, W. T. Elson 5, R. Charge 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. An 84th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who afterwards entertained the company and other friends to supper.

**HAYERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Brice (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, F. W. Goodwin (first quarter) 6.

**HOLMER, HEREFORDS.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. W. Downes 1, W. H. Symonds 2, A. W. Davis (cond.) 3, W. F. Moreton 4, F. E. Downes 5, A. T. Wingate 6. Rung half muffled in memorial Walter S. Evans, ringer at this church for many years.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Carrott 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. R. Chapman 4, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First 'inside' in method for 2 and 3.

**HORSLEY, DERBYS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Lowe 1, Miss K. I. Tlvey 2, Miss G. Harrison 3, J. F. Wilkinson 4, H. Taylor (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the dedication by the Bishop of Derby of the 1939-45 war memorial to the fallen of the parish.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, BARNSELY, YORKS.**—On April 20th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 London Scholars, 600 Oxford): D. Hall 1, H. Rusby 2, P. Garbutt 3, S. Dance 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, E. Stainrod 6.

**HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob: M. Dimblebee 1, R. Adams 2, N. Craddock 3, J. Cadd 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. A. Dimblebee, for 42 years churchwarden.

**ILKSTON, DERBYS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Buck (first quarter) 1, C. J. Baker 2, Dorothy Templeman 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 5, H. W. Beardsley 6, E. C. Gobey 7, F. W. Shaw 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: June Creak (first quarter on 10) 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, D. J. Chaenley 7, F. D. Bishop 8, T. E. Davies 9, R. Chamberlain (first quarter on 10) 10. Conducted by H. W. Rogers.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Webster 1, Miss M. Munt 2, M. Jackson 3, J. Crouch 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, J. K. Catton 6. For the induction of the new incumbent, the Rev. Felix V. Boyse, M.A.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Keeley (first of Stedman) 1, G. S. Morris 2, J. Morris 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, N. Mallett 6, H. G. Keeley (first quarter as cond.) 7, R. Keeley 8.

**MOSSLEY, LANCs.**—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, K. Ager 4, H. Pickles 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8.

**SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,248 Stedman Triples: M. Thomas 1, R. Wilson 2, T. Charman 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, F. Howe 6, F. Page 7, R. Challen 8.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Howell 1, Miss J. E. Hills 2, A. Reeve 3, Miss C. Chinnery 4, E. Rapley 5, A. G. Hammond 6, V. Grimwade (cond.) 7, P. H. Wright (first quarter on 8) 8.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. A. Price 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, Beryl Cowlin 5, G. Piper 6, S. G. Smith (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4. Rung in honour of the christening of Stephen John, son of tenor ringer.

**STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bishop 1, B. Grinter 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, W. Warr 4, H. Peater 5, Miss J. Punnett 6. To celebrate the wedding of Miss A. Comer, a local ringer, to Mr. E. Venn.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Thorley 1, John Thorley (aged 10) 2, C. Leask 3, D. Thorley 4, T. Leask 5, E. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. Martin Thorley 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Mr. T. A. Hepworth, a former ringer at Thorne.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Hunt 2, Miss P. Holloway 3, G. Farthing 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, H. Smith 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Farthing.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 each of Stedman, Union, Reverse Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, St. Gregory, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 60 of Grandsire: C. H. Smart 1, A. J. Slade 2, S. J. Bryant 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, G. H. Perry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. H. Chalker, a local ringer, and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding. First quarter for 2 and 6, and first in 11 methods for 1, 3 and 4.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On April 21st, 1,272 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, J. R. Worrall 2, R. G. Hooper 3, E. Sutton 4, W. Webb 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. For the opening of the centenary celebrations of the church.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. H. Hoare 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. G. Smith (first of Royal) 3, F. W. Elliott 4, F. W. Brinklow 5, D. K. Adkins (first on tenor) 6, H. G. Timms 7, F. H. Crook 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to Walter Paul.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): H. Davis 1, E. Norman 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. Rung half-muffled for those who lost their lives in H.M.S. 'Affray.'

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On April 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Hildegard Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, R. Bird (cond.) 4, J. Cannell 5, A. S. Richards 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2.

**WINTHORPE, NOTTS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wing 1, W. Meade 2, M. Leach 3, W. Clark 4, H. J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, G. W. Cloxton 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to Capt. H. P. G. Branston, churchwarden.

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## OBITUARY

## MR. THOMAS BUTLER

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Butler, sen., of Ellesmere, Shropshire, who passed peacefully away at the Wrekin Hospital, Wellington, on April 12th, aged 71, after 13 weeks' illness.

Mr. Butler, who was a member of the Shropshire Association, Chester Guild and other guilds and associations, learned to ring at St. Mary's, Ellesmere, over 50 years ago. This tower then possessed a 'stoney' Sunday service band but, after he returned from serving with the R.G.A. in France and Belgium during the First War, Mr. Butler was ultimately successful in introducing change-ringing in spite of the formidable and continuous opposition from some of the members of this well-established local band. Needless to say, success by his self-taught band was not gained without considerable 'spade-work,' many sacrifices and disappointments and Mr. Butler, therefore, was very proud when on June 20th, 1925, an entirely local band rang, at the third attempt, a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, this being the first peal there by a local band since 1730. Even for several years after this change-ringing for Sunday services was not allowed, but he was always a regular service ringer.

A joiner by trade, he was one of the finest craftsmen in the district. He was also, to the end, a keen card and draughts player and had taken part in many international games of the latter by correspondence with American and other experts.

His last peal was one of his favourite method, Stedman Triples, at Ormskirk, Lancashire, on October 7th, 1944, and was rung for the birth of his only grandson. Shortly after this, Mr. Butler, who had previously enjoyed good health, was compelled to give up peal-ringing on account of heart trouble. He still climbed regularly to his beloved belfry, however and worked hard with beginners. On December 1st last, he took part in some tower-bell ringing there, also a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' specially arranged on the eve of and for his birthday, while on January 9th, a few days before he succumbed to the 'flu' and became seriously ill, he attended the annual bell-ringers' and choristers' supper and took part in some handbell ringing.

He leaves a widow, son, daughter, three grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

On April 16th his remains were conveyed to the Parish Church he had served so well and there the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G. Stanley Lloyd. One of his favourite hymns, 'The day Thou gavest,' was sung and, as the cortege left the church for Ellesmere Cemetery, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' was played by the organist, Mr. Hobbs. Four fellow ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. A. Haynes, J. Howard, A. Whitehead and W. Sleigh. Among the many mourners was Mr. W. Higginson, sen. A plain course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells over the open grave by A. Haynes 1-2, T. R. Butler 3-4, J. Howard 5-6 the same handbells being used as when Mr. Butler took part in his 'birthday' quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles last December. The funeral arrangements were carried out by his former employers, Messrs. Griffiths. One of the many floral tributes was a wreath in the shape of a bell from the Parish Church ringers. In the evening and on the following Sunday morning the bells were rung half-muffled.

His 50th peal, rung at Chester in April, 1937, was the 100th for his son, Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, who also took part in each of his 53 peals, the list of which is as follows:—Grandsire Doubles 1, Stedman Doubles 2, Doubles (3 methods) 1, Minor (3 methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 38 (conducted 4), Plain Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Total 53 (conducted 4). The four peals he conducted were different compositions of Stedman Triples, all rung at Pulford, Cheshire.

## THICKY WAY IN DEVON

## Ringers on Tour

A temporary improvement in the weather marked the commencement of a motor coach tour of South Devon made by about 30 ringers and friends in Exeter and East Devon districts. The ringers included round and call change men as well as 'scientifikers,' a description often applied in country places to members of the Devon Guild. There was also an enthusiast from Dorset who drove his own car.

Stoke-in-Teignhead (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) was reached after negotiating the intricacies of narrow and winding lanes. The church, most of which dates from the 14th century, has a fine oak chancel screen, well restored and an outstanding feature. The parish is proud of its association with the Graeme family of soldiers, whose records go back to the 5th century. Three Graemes were heroes in the wars of the present century. Part of an inscription on a memorial tells how, in the past,

'One by one they fell around  
As the archers laid them low,  
Grimly dying, still unconquered,  
With their faces to the foe.'

The second stop was at Combe-in-Teignhead (6, 10 cwt.), where the church has a Norman font, 15th century screen and a captivating series of ancient and modern bench ends. Among the carvings on these are representations of a fox carrying off a goose, a dog chasing a fox, and numerous saints with their emblems. One figure, rarely seen, is, apparently St. Genes, or St. Genest, wearing a jester's cap and top boots and carrying a bauble. He was an actor and, according to tradition, was taking part in a burlesque of Christianity before the Roman Emperor Diocletian, when he suddenly proclaimed himself to be a Christian. He was ordered to go on acting in another play but resolutely declined and was beheaded. One of the ringers had rung here and at Stoke-in-Teignhead half a century ago; at all the subsequent towers in 1910.

Denbury (5, 8 cwt.) the next call (after a brief appearance at the annual meeting of the Devon Guild in Newton Abbot), ranks as one of the oldest settlements in Devon. The church dates from the 14th century but there was probably an older structure. It had, until about 100 years ago, a 16th century chancel screen.

Henceforth the weather worsened and the natural beauties for which the route taken is famous were shrouded in mist. However,

## MR. WILLIAM PYATT

The Surrey Association have lost a promising young ringer by the death of Mr. Victor Pyatt (20), who rang at Horley and Barstow, until his illness about 12 months ago. He retained his interest in ringing and the Horley and Barstow ringers often took handbells to the hospital when he was well enough. He died on April 20th at Horley Hospital.

## MR. CHARLES FREDERICK GOOD

The Kent County Association has lost a staunch supporter, and Charing a faithful captain, by the death of Charles Frederick Good. Born at Charing in 1891. Fred learned to ring on the village bells about 1908. He became an enthusiastic member and when his work took him to Rickmansworth he joined the local company. In 1913 he emigrated to Canada, returning from there in 1915 with the Canadian Engineers.

In 1919 he was back in Charing where, ever since, he worked hard to maintain a Sunday service band. Fred had no inclination for peal-ringing—he rang but nine peals—but he recorded many quarter peals and 720's rung for Sunday services and special occasions. He taught many boys and girls to ring and by sheer hard work and push a band has been maintained at Charing, where Fred will be sadly missed.

Broadhempston was reached through a maze of by-ways and the church (6, 13 cwt.) approached by a pathway arched by part of a public house. Most of the church originated in the 15th century. There is a chancel screen with notable tracery, a font is 600 years old and the bench ends have good modern carving.

The party nearly went astray during the next few miles to Staverton (6, 23 cwt.), but 'thicky' way was defined by natives with great courtesy and amazing wealth of dialect. The church proved, despite some restoration flaws, to be the most impressive visited during the tour. It is larger than any of the others, has a scratch dial one side of the doorway, a magnificent 50 feet wide chancel screen with gallery (which so many other screen do not now possess), two small side screens and two or three interesting memorials.

## ROAD TO ZOO

The party had tea at Totnes and all rose from the tables in the evident belief that, despite the old adage, they could have gratefully eaten a bit more. However, 'Forward' was the order and none too soon for darkness had set in and that is not a desirable accompaniment for travelling by road. Faulty map-reading caused the road to Paignton and its Zoo to be taken but, after a couple of miles, a veteran Devonian, who really knows the topography of the county, spotted a fork leading to Berry Pomeroy and the coach was halted and reversed, to go through Totnes again for the correct route on the other side of the Dart. The destination was Cornworthy (6, 12 cwt.) passing Ashprington (5, now unringable) and having an appalling number of narrow, crooked lanes to negotiate with, at some places, a tributary of the Dart running alongside in considerable flood.

Cornworthy has a Norman font, 15th century chancel screen and a gorgeous tomb for members of the Harris family—Sir Thomas (a distinguished lawyer in Shakespeare's time) and Elizabeth, his wife. The church itself is mediæval and has box pews, curious metal pilasters, an ornate brass chandelier, seats in window recesses and a fine canopy crowned by a trumpeting angel. Formerly the canopy was over the pulpit, but the latter has been moved to a position near the screen and its old place is filled by a heating stove. The parish had one Vicar for the remarkable period of 71 years. He was Charles Barter, who died in 1846.

S. EARLE.

He was cremated at the Kent County Crematorium at Charing, his ashes being scattered in the lovely gardens where, as head gardener, he had laboured to make those gardens beautiful.

## LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Greinton, May 19th, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short. 8856

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by 16th, to Mr. R. M. Spencer, Twyford.—J. H. Cook. 8857

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Hordle, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. Milford bells 6.30.—A. V. Dax, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8855

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Ringing meeting, Bishampton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (6d.). Names for tea, by May 15th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. All ringers welcome. 8859



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**GRAY.**—On Friday, April 27th, 1951, at 54, Wellington Street, Gainsborough, to Ethel and Eric, a son (Stuart Ronald); a brother for Roger. 8843

**SPICE.**—On Friday, April 27th, 1951, to Dr. and Mrs. John E. Spice, a daughter (Rosalind Clare). 8853

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## MEETINGS

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. St. James', Clerkenwell.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8807

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, West Hallam (8). Ringing 3. Support from visitors welcomed. Tea at reasonable price. Please notify Denis R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. Tel. Sandiacre 3272. 8797

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—T. Lock. 8793

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Hever (6), May 12th. Tea at Henry VIII. Inn Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 8795

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly Meeting, Hableton, May 12th. Usual times.

—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 8792

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 12th, Christ Church, Ealing, 3—4.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 6.30 p.m. Surprise practice, Wednesday, May 16th, 7.45, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8820

**ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.**—The bells will be available for ringing on Whit Sunday, 10 o'clock and 5.30. Visitors cordially invited.—W. T. Elson. 8830

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8833

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House.—Robert C. Heazel. 8743

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, May 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 3.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, May 14th. Coach will leave Bath Road (Waterloo Road end), Wolverhampton, 2 p.m. A few seats only are left. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 2s. 6d.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8798

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss M. A. Carter, Westminster Bank, Abingdon. 8796

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. After tea, Double Norwich practice. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mr. J. King, 29 Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8803

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at South Scarle, Saturday, May 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Bus leaves Newark for South Scarle at 2.30 p.m.; returns 6.55 p.m. 8790

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5, ringing after. Names for tea by May 16th to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebwo, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 8800

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, May 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8837

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8846

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting at Tottenhamhoe, six bells, Saturday, May 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 o'clock; bring own food. 8848

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at cafe nearby.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8831

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Gainford, May 19th, 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify by 16th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopdale Avenue, Darlington. 8838

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8851

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 19th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 8828

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, May 19th, Heathfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to reach G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, May 16th. 8823

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Egerton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. This is a Festival meeting.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 8825

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m., May 19th. Cups of tea provided. Buses from Piccadilly and Cannon Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 8850

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Great Hale and Helpringham (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Great Hale 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 8826

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD** and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Measham, May 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea, by May 17th, to G. W. Ridgway, 25, Chapel Street, Measham, Burton-on-Trent.—G. W. Hall and J. Cotton. 8854

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 19th. Numbers for tea promptly, please, to Mr. Robert Marsh, High Street, Elmham.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 8849

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at Plowden Arms, 4.30 p.m. Names, by May 16th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 8821

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (5), May 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea early to W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 8844

**SNATH, NEAR GOOLE YORKS.**—Dedication of two new treble bells (Mears and Stainbank) by the Archbishop of Doncaster, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3. Tea 5 (moderate charge). Names for tea, on or before May 18th, to Rev. B. A. Ramsler, The Vicarage, Snath. Bells available until 8.30 p.m. 8834

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting at Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), May 19th, 2.30 p.m. C.C. Report. For tea, definitely notify Mr. A. S. Woodard, 44a, Thorofare, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 8847

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Amberley (5), May 19th, 3. Names for tea, by 15th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8824

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Ringers' Sunday, May 20th. St. Paul's, Chippenhams (8). Bells 3.30—8.30. Special service 6.30, with handbells. 8841

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting on May 26th, Lymstone. Service 4.30. Tea after. Names, by May 20th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 8836

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Eastern District.—Meeting at Birchington, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Esher, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at various cafes. Business meeting after tea.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 8835

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7 Canon Square, Melksham. 8827

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Groby (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by May 23rd, to V. Geary, 30, Ratby Road, Groby.—J. R. Smith. 8840

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but only for those who notify by Tuesday previous, Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 8781

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual Shield Contest will be held at Darfield, June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8816

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rothbury on Saturday, June 9th. A special bus, maximum seating capacity 38, will leave Newcastle Cathedral Square at 2 p.m. on that day, fare 5/6 each. Please forward names and cash for the fare to me not later than May 19th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 8822

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Acting Sec. 8782

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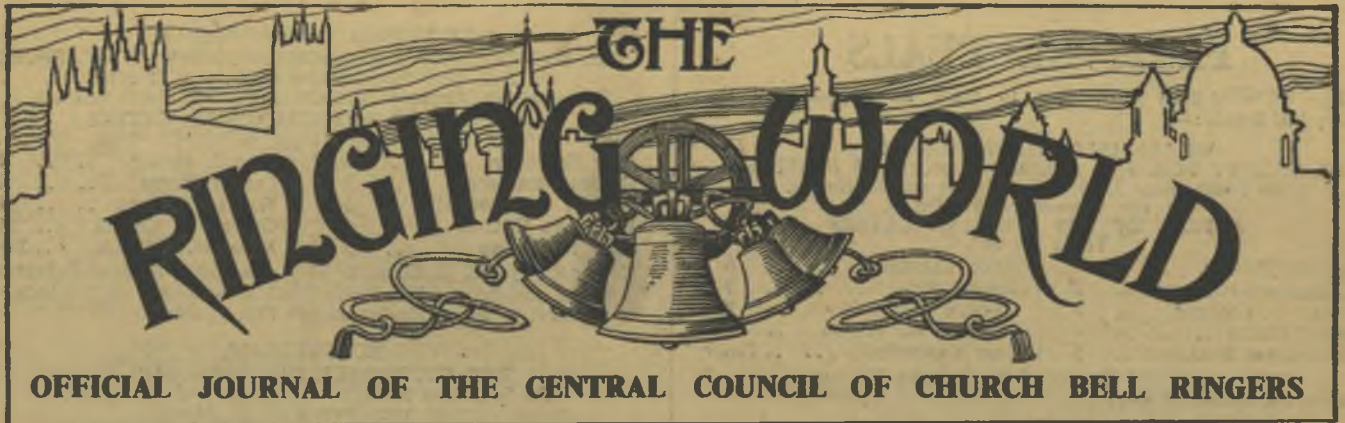
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## THE SERVICE

**A**N integral part of most ringers' meetings is the service. It is a subject which in the past has received much attention from the clerical members of the Exercise and there have been various attempts to devise a service that is equally applicable to any body of ringers, whether they be urban or rural, Low or High Church.

Probably the most comprehensive attempt to achieve uniformity was in the publication of 'A Manual for Ringers,' drawn up for the Oxford Diocesan Guild about May, 1914, and published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. A feature was the wide measure of approval this form of service received, and it is still in use by some branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Among those who approved were the Revs. C. D. P. Davies (then secretary of the Central Council), A. H. F. Boughey, A. T. Beeson, H. A. Cockey, C. C. Cox, E. V. Cox, F. J. O. Helmore, H. Law James, T. Lewis Jones, Maitland Kelly, C. E. Matthews and H. E. Tilney Basset. Between them they represented some eleven Guilds, but there never seems to have been a universal acceptance of the manual, although many Guilds have extracted appropriate portions to incorporate in their own services.

It seems evident that the compiler of the manual was not only a ringer but a peal ringer. Before attempting a peal was suggested the following prayer: 'O God, Who hast given unto men the power to glorify Thy Holy Name; bless, we pray Thee, this our endeavour, and, if it be Thy will, grant to us good success; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.' If the peal was successful the manual prescribes: Let all raise their hands in an attitude of praise, and say, 'All glory be to God most high,' followed by the conductor saying, 'The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .' Some of our members might regard this act as having been copied from another body. A rather appropriate collect had been selected for the conductor to say if the peal proved unsuccessful: 'O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

At the present time a number of Guilds and Associations have under review their form of service. A liaison has been established by Mr. G. Sidney Joyce, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow,

hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, to devise a common form of service that would be acceptable to both Guilds and both Bishops. Already a large measure of agreement has been reached and an invitation is extended to other Guilds who may desire to join in. Such an action is prompted by economic necessity, as the cost of new service papers can be more than halved if a number of Guilds are willing to join forces. The idea has our strong commendation with the prevailing cost of printing.

We have had the privilege of examining the proposal forms of service and feel that it is outside the province of a layman to express an opinion. This we do emphasise—that most people do not like to change their form of service; men or women invariably have a strong affection for the religion of their youth. Critics will immediately chide us with a lack of appreciation of the circumstances of the present age, its thoughts and aspirations—and perhaps even its theology. A point frequently overlooked is that with the many added powers given to the laity by the Church Enabling Act and the formation of Parochial Church Councils no power is vested in them as to the form of services to be employed. The incumbent might seek the opinion of his Parochial Church Council or listen to any representations they might make, but the onus of responsibility is his, subject to innovations meeting the approval of his Bishop. Thus we feel that in the preparation of any form of service which is likely to be extensively employed, its acceptability rests not with the laity but with the clerical members who have to perform the office.

This last week the Editor was reading some words written by his own Rector—the Provost of Guildford. The latter wrote: 'We must make our churches human places, homes, where people can laugh as well as weep, be glad as well as sad, become strong, as well as knowing their own weakness.' To the ringer a church is probably more of a human place than to most members of the congregation, and those who have been associated with the belfries over many years have seen youth and maid develop physically and mentally through the exercise they receive. We like to think that the whole of their development has not been in a physical sense; perhaps even the ringers' service has had its influence upon them in moulding their lives to find a real and living Christ.



## FESTIVAL PEALS

The following peals were rung to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain:—

**WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 2	JOHN LUCK .. .. 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS .. .. 3	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. .. 8
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 5	ERIC CRADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Also for Ascension Day.

**BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*  
 AT ST. MARY'S CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MARY DREW .. .. Treble	GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 6
JACQUELINE EVANS .. .. 2	*WILLIAM RICHINGS .. .. 7
*JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 3	DAVID KING .. .. 8
*DONALD CLARKE .. .. 4	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 9
*CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 5	*JOHN SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Caters. A compliment to William Lewis, 50 years a ringer.

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL**  
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Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY .. .. 2	SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. 7
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. .. 3	CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 8
FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 4	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. .. 9
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal of Spiced Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER .. .. Treble	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 6
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7
WILLIAM H. HIBBERT .. .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 8
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 9
WILLIAM H. COLES .. .. 5	H. SHUTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

FRANK BLONDELL .. .. Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. .. 7
HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH .. .. 8
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. .. 9
WALTER SPARROW .. .. 5	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

JUNE BRINDLEY .. .. Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 6
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 2	*ERNEST ELTON .. .. 7
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. .. 3	WALTER J. COPE .. .. 8
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5	MARK N. CULLING .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells. A compliment to the conductor on her 19th birthday.

**NOTTINGHAM.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. Treble	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 2	*GEORGE H. CLIFT .. .. 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT .. .. 3	†JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. 9
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER .. .. 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 7
HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 3	*JACK S. DEAR .. .. 8
DONALD C. PRICE .. .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
HELEN Y. GARDNER .. .. 5	FRANCIS KIRK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

\* First peal on ten and in the method.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED .. 6
C. ARTHUR MANNING .. .. 2	FRED C. LYME .. .. 7
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	*HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 8
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 5	*LEONARD KINCHIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. KENT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of ten bells. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Manning, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

**NORWICH.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

### A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Gabriel eight.

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

*RALPH STITCH .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.



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**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
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*On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 5
GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE .. 2	BETTY SCHOFIELD .. 6
†DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 3	*ROLAND ECCLES .. 7
FREDRICK SCHOFIELD .. 4	‡BRIAN SEDAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal of Major for the branch.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY and THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
*PATRICIA S. GATTY .. Treble	JAMES CARTER .. 5
BESSIE A. CARTER .. 2	JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 6
JOAN CARTER .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 4	CHARLES CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal.

**EXETER, DEVON.**  
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**  
*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*MARIELLA MUNDY .. Treble	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 5
JOHN HOSGOOD .. 2	*GEOFFREY H. FARTHING .. 6
CHARLES P. YATES .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. 7
WILLIAM A. WILLS .. 4	*REGINALD WILLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

\* First peal.

**NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**  
*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Morris's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
RHODA HEMMINGS .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 7
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN .. 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

**AN OFFICERS' PEAL.**

**OXFORD.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

HARRY P. FLOYD .. Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH .. 2	*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 6
EDWIN G. MOORE .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
*DAVID WOODLEY .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. Rung also for the Feast of the Ascension.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES J. JACKSON .. Treble	THOMAS MARSHALL .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD S. JORDAN .. Treble	†THOMAS B. SONE .. 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
*KEVIN S. HOHL .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Major. † 300th peal of Major.

**BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN .. Treble	DONALD J. POTTER .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	FREDERICK CRUMP .. 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN .. 4	JAMES F. NASH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

**DERBY.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*C. WILLIAM BOND .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. 5
JOHN W. GLEW .. 2	EDWIN WILLIAMS .. 6
*PERCY DUDLEY .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
WALTER STEEN .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7
WILFRED S. PALIN .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First in the method for the Association and all the band. Birthday compliments to the wife of the 6th ringer and father of the treble ringer.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DONALD SALISBURY .. Treble	SIDNEY PENFOLD .. 5
JOAN PEACOCK .. 2	COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 6
JAMES CARROTT .. 3	THOMAS EAST .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN E. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE .. Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD .. 2	†JAMES BROOKS .. 6
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE .. 3	IVAN KAY .. 7
FRED MELLOR .. 4	†MAURICE MITTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.



## WELFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5	
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6	
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 7	
†ERNEST ORLAND .. 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First of three peals of Cambridge in one day—Major, Royal and Maximus. † First Surprise peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringers of the 2nd.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.	
JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. 5
JAMES S. WEBB .. 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
JOHN ASHCROFT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

## FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MICHAEL COMMINS .. Treble	HARRY COMMINS .. 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 2	CLAUDE TARR .. 5
ARTHUR VENTON .. 3	WILLIAM COMMINS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 14 cwt.
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. Treble	WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Bourne Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Court, (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Moses BILLINGS .. Treble	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
*BERTIE BEE .. 2	JOHN E. COOK .. 5
LOUIS WILLERS .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal 'inside' in eleven methods.

## WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

*MICHAEL J. STONE .. Treble	FREDERICK W. SWEET .. 4
CECIL T. CLARKE .. 2	RONALD D. SHORT .. 5
ERIC M. NORMAN .. 3	*PETER J. LANCASTER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all and on the bells.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 17 extents of Plain Bob and 25 extents of Grandsire.

WILLIAM A. WOOD .. Treble	*THOMAS EARBLY .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 5
FREDERICK WATSON .. 3	DAVID BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

\* First peal.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
*GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	†STEPHEN W. G. RENNY .. 4
MARGARET E. WHITE .. 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

## GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 54).

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
SIDNEY MOODY .. Treble	*IAN A. JACKSON .. 4
FRANK S. TAYLOR .. 2	WILLIAM UPTON .. 5
*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 3	LESTER BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESTER BAILEY.

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

## LANGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
*GEOFFREY PAGE .. Treble	*GEORGE W. BARNES .. 4
*RAYMOND TALBOT .. 2	*MAX PAGE .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	PETER G. BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER G. BARNES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Birthday compliment to Geoffrey Page.

## TRYSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
ALAN ELSMORE .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods.

## WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
WILLIAM H. HARRISON .. Treble	*HARRY D. BUCKINGHAM .. 4
LESLIE A. TREMEER .. 2	JACK A. C. KING .. 5
*RICHARD M. CURRIE .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

\* First peal.

More Festival Peals next week.



**OTHER PEALS****TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Tues., May 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Treble	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 10
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

A birthday compliment to Albert Walker.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 8
ALLAN SHORT .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 6	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged, composed and rung in honour of Albert Walker's 75th birthday.

**TEN BELL PEAL**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	*JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 8
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 5	COLIN HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to S. Anthony Jesson.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

EDMUND MORRIS .. .. Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON .. .. 5
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 2	TREVOR RODERICK .. .. 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS .. .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. H. Williams, who was instrumental in having the bells rehung.

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UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER .. 5
R. JOHN MUNNINGS .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE .. 3	F. WILLIS BETTS .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ENID LONNEN .. .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING .. 5
PATRICIA HOLMES .. .. 2	BASIL W. WHITE .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes, parents of the ringer of the 2nd, who were for many years residents in Arundel.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
JOHN W. BEST .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method by all.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 6
*JAMES W. EDEN .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7
*MARJORIE JACKSON .. 4	JOHN O. WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\*First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Jean F. Barnett, granddaughter of the ringers of the second and seventh.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*EDWARD T. GREGORY .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5
†FREDERICK LEECH .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	JOSEPH CAPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\*First peal in the method away from tenor. †First peal in the method 'inside.'

NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

*YVONNE C. PORTER .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. 5
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. 6
WILLIAM HARRIS .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 4	JOHN J. SIMMS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\*First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Barbara Varnam, of Nottingham, and also a 15th birthday compliment to John E. Morgan, of Chepstow.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

VERNON SYKES .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 2	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 6
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. 3	JACK CLEGG .. 7
*DAVID J. GAY .. 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SELWYN H. DEARDEN.

\*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*DOREEN M. JONES .. Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 5
†JULIA M. PRESTON .. 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. 3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 7
†ROGER C. PRESTON .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. Rung to mark the occasion of the birth of a daughter (Rosalind Clare) to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Spice.

RAMSGATE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALAN E. BUTLER .. Treble	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
*JOHN A. HILTON .. 2	FREDERICK R. WELLER .. 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH .. 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 7
PETER NEWING .. 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\*First peal of Major 'inside.' †First peal of Major. Rung to mark the engagement of John A. Hilton and Miss Gladys M. Burville, both ringers at St. Lawrence's.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. H. SMITH .. Treble	*WALTER HUNT .. 5
*HAROLD SMITH .. 2	*ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
ROBERT WAKE .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. 4	*STANLEY G. DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON .. 5
THOMAS G. FOX .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 7
*DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\*First peal in the method. In memoriam Thomas Lincoln, ringer and towerkeeper at Writtle for over 50 years.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Apr. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF 5152 LEAMINGTON BOB MAJOR**  
Being 52 courses. Tenor 9 cwt. 72 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
HENRY TOOKE .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANNE CLARKE .. .. Treble	*JOHN FERRIS .. .. 4
ERIC SUTTON .. .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
GILBERT SPRULES .. .. 3	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to G. Sprules.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	*RONALD E. BURT .. .. 4
*FRANK C. ARNOLD .. .. 2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
*FRANK PEARSON .. .. 3	†FRANK C. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PHILLIPPO.

\* First peal in six Minor methods. † First peal 'inside' in six Minor methods. First peal as conductor in six Minor methods.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES C. FENNELL .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. MASON .. 4
*MRS. W. M. WHITE .. 2	*ALBERT FLEET .. .. 5
ROBERT N. ELLIOTT .. 3	DENNIS J. MASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT FLEET.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band. A wedding compliment to the Rector's son, who was married the previous Saturday.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AGNES E. PRICE .. .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4
*JANET S. BAILEY .. .. 2	TONY PRICE .. .. 5
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First seven-method peal.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 720's rung thus: (1) Spliced Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob, (2) Spliced Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob, (3) Capel, (4) Kingston, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, (6) Sandal, (7) Oxford. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 4
M. JULIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
SYDNEY SAGE .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE S. HILL .. .. Treble	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT .. 4
†LEONARD WARREN .. .. 2	PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT .. .. 3	WALTER G. SOAR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' the tower.

(Pears continued on page 316.)

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Mr. F. E. Dukes writes expressing his thanks  
for the information concerning the bells of St.  
Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. He thinks what he  
heard was a broadcast of the bells of St. Pat-  
rick's Cathedral, Dublin, relayed over a foreign  
station.

The response to ring for  
the Festival of Britain was  
amazing. We have made  
a valiant attempt to give in this issue an in-  
dication of the ringing. Only a few of the  
peals are published and some of the quarters  
received before May 7th.

The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate the  
restored bells of St Mary's, Guildford, next  
Sunday evening.

Will those who submit peals and quarter peals  
please observe the style employed in 'The  
Ringing World'? Each item should be written  
on a separate sheet of paper.

The Central Council has purchased the stock  
of 'Village Bells.' Copies can be obtained  
from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School,  
Tring, price 9d., three copies 2s., post free.

Mr. S. H. Dearden 'completed the circle' of  
Milnrow (Lancs) tower with a peal of Cam-  
bridge Surprise Major on April 28th. This was  
the 25th peal together by Messrs. Charles and  
Jack Clegg, Vernon Sykes and S. H. Dearden.

Her friends in the Middlesex Association  
send their congratulations to Miss Edna Bed-  
ford on the occasion of her marriage on April  
21st, at St. Peter's Church, Staple Fitzpaine,  
Taunton, to Mr. Andrew Knox, of Staple Fitz-  
paine.

From the 'Hull Daily Mail,' May 3rd, 1901—  
50 years ago: 'At the last meeting of Hull  
Markets Committee, a member complained of  
the ringing of Holy Trinity Church bells on  
Saturday, and the inconvenience caused to the  
stallholders. A representative of the Town  
Clerk to-day reported that the bells had been  
rung by order of the churchwardens on the  
Saturday to give some gentlemen from a dis-  
tance an opportunity of exercising their skill  
on bells. An undertaking had been given that  
this would not occur again.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Commenting on the  
broadcast of the bells of  
Oxford, a Middlesbrough  
correspondent writes: 'At last a programme of  
ringing that is well-informed and contains good  
ringing. I must not say too much lest I be  
accused of undue partisanship by members of  
the educational establishment in East Anglia.'

The Irish Association propose to publish a  
quarterly magazine with Mr. F. E. Dukes as  
editor.

Mr. Albert Walker's 75th birthday was cele-  
brated by three 12-bell peals. A small dinner  
party in his honour was held on Saturday, May  
5th. Mr. F. J. Smallwood made the journey  
to Birmingham specially for the peal at Aston  
and for the evening celebration.

Practically all the quarter peals rung on May  
3rd were not only for the Festival of Britain  
but also for the great Church Festival that co-  
incided with the service at St. Paul's, As-  
cension Day. In order to condense reports this  
additional line has been omitted. We trust that  
this acknowledgment will suffice because we  
yield to no one in our faithfulness to the  
Church.

Mr. B. W. May, Rochester District secretary,  
Kent County Association, has received a letter  
from Mr. C. Millard, of 2,820, Heath Drive,  
Victoria, B.C., enquiring whether he is still a  
non-resident member of the Kent County As-  
sociation. Mr. Millard rang 13 peals before  
he left England in 1924 and now rings at Christ  
Church Cathedral, Victoria. Here the company  
ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He sends  
his greetings to (if still alive) W. J. Walker  
(Rainham), G. Mabbs and W. Kitchingham  
(Hartlip), the Spice family, C. Bishop and E.  
Boaks (Upchurch), E. and S. Dobbie (Sitting-  
bourne), G. Kenward (Milstead), W. Nye (Teyn-  
ham), W. H. B. Wilkins (Sheerness, who rang  
in his first peal, April 26th, 1913) and T. Jull  
(Newington).

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# FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN RINGING SURVEYED

CAMBRIDGE FROM MINOR TO MAXIMUS RUNG IN A DAY — A QUARTER IN EVERY TOWER ATTEMPTED — YOUNGEST AND OLDEST RINGERS

**M**OST spectacular ringing for the Festival of Britain took place in Leicestershire where Cambridge from Minor to Maximus was rung by six of the band on May 5th. Those taking part in the four peals were:—John R. Smith (Leicester Cathedral), Terence A. Thornber (St. John-the-Divine, Leicester), Alfred Ballard (St. Mary's, Hinckley), Herrick B. Bowley (Leicester Cathedral), William J. Root (Leicester Cathedral) and Harold J. Poole (Leicester Cathedral). They rang in that order for Minor and in the same order on the back six bells in each of the other peals.

Reveille was at 5.30 a.m. for the 'B' twins, Ballard and Bowley. Promptly at 7 a.m. the peal of Cambridge Minor was started at Groby and the peal was brought round in 2 hours 21 minutes.

The journey to Thurcaston was without incident. The bells were all ready and so was Gus Warwick and Tony Jesson who made up the band for Major. The peal took 2 hours and 31 minutes. Mr. Bindley made arrangements for the peal and the party was joined by Peter J. Staniforth, Shirley Burton and Ernest Rawson. Tony Jesson left with best wishes for Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Winifred Burton was taken to Loughborough to join the All Saints' band who were also attempting Stedman Caters.

Promptly on schedule the foundry ten were set off in Cambridge Royal and, without incident, the bells ran into rounds 2 hours and 35 minutes later.

A very welcome tea had been arranged near Leicester Cathedral. The extra ringers included Mrs. H. J. Poole, Dorothy Udale and Kathleen Tilley. Cambridge Maximus was completed in 3 hours 31 minutes, making the aggregate ringing time for the day 10 hours 58 minutes and thus, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, was achieved the success of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, to be rung for the first time in one day.

Peter J. Staniforth and Shirley Burton rang in a peal of Cambridge Major at Welford during the morning and in taking part in the Royal and Maximus, rang in three peals in the method during the same day.

It was with great regret that the party learnt that the two attempts of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's and All Saints' were not successful and they tender to both bands best wishes for success in the next attempt.

## QUARTER PEAL ATTEMPTED IN EACH TOWER

The next 'mass' attack we learn of was in the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, where on May 5th an attempt was made to ring a quarter peal in each tower in the District. There are 13 towers possessing a ring of bells in the Farnham District but in one case, at Frensham, the bells were away at the founders undergoing a complete overhaul.

An attempt was made in each one of the 12 towers, starting at 9.30 at Ash. Aldershot, Farnborough and Farnham, followed at 11.15 at Worplesdon. After lunch, at 2.15 p.m., Bentley, Bagshot, Grayshott and Pirbright joined in with Hawley and Crondall at 4.15 p.m.: Yorktown at 7 p.m. and finally Seale at 7.45 p.m. Quarter peals were rung in every tower except Worplesdon, where a trip occurred after about 30 minutes' ringing and the bells were called round.

The bands were composed of local ringers as far as possible and 61 of the District's membership of 149 took part in the ringing during the day. Twelve members rang their first quarter and, in addition, there were eight firsts in the method or on the number of bells. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Reverse

St. Bartholomew, the aim being to produce the best possible striking rather than a show of advanced methods.

## ELECTRICITY CUT

A Festival of Britain peal which was attempted at Goring-by-Sea, Sussex, on May 3rd, came to grief after 2 hours and 25 minutes owing to an electricity cut. Only three six-scores of a peal of Doubles remained to be rung when the lights went out. The superstitious regarded Norman J. Smith as the Jonah of the band, as he was attempting his 13th peal.

Miss Joan Beresford celebrated her 19th birthday by calling the Festival of Britain peal at Lichfield Cathedral. It was her first peal as conductor on ten bells.

From Wembdon, Somerset, we hear that the local band rang their first peal in seven methods for the Festival.

## YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

The youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Festival was probably John Thorsley, aged ten, who rang the treble to a peal of Minor in three methods at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire. John is thought to be the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Probably the oldest ringer to participate in a peal for the Festival was 83-year-old Frank Blondell, who rang the treble to Stedman Caters at Kingston, Surrey. The peal was a second attempt, the first being lost after 45 minutes. Frank, therefore, rang 4 hours and 5 minutes.

We feel certain that Mr. F. V. H. Sinkins, of Slough, was the oldest to ring a quarter. He is 86 and rang for a service attended by the Mayor.

The band that rang the Festival peal at St. Thomas', Exeter, and St. Peter's, Derby, were the regular Sunday service bands.

Mr. Robert Collins 'completed the circle' of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, by his Festival peal.

## A DISAPPOINTING START

For the past ten months the bells of All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, have been silent whilst war damage to the church and tower has been made good. To celebrate the resumption of ringing and the Festival, a quarter peal was planned for May 3rd. This was not to be. After 20 minutes of ringing a loud crash in the bell chamber was followed in silence from the tenor. Investigation showed that the clapper had snapped in two. The company hope for better luck next time.

Mr. Thomas S. Brown rang his first peal for 50 years at Angmering, Sussex.

The peal at Clare, Suffolk, was the first peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. Miss Rosemary Seabrook, who participated, is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

Conducted by Mr. John A. Underwood a peal in 51 Minor methods was rung at Markfield, Leicestershire, for the Festival.

The Festival peal at Hornchurch, Essex, was the first on the bells for 17 years by an entirely local band.

At Corston, near Bath, the Festival quarter was rung by the regular band, the first occasion since the bells were hung in 1917.

## FROM IRELAND

Northern Ireland is numbering its peals during 1951 as Festival of Britain series. The sixth peal in the series was rung on May 5th at Hollywood, Co. Down. It was also a birthday compliment to one of the Central Council representatives, Mr. John Dunwoody, and to his baby son, Mervyn. In Eire, a peal was rung 'in hand' in honour of the Festival at Drogheda on May 4th, conducted by another of their Central Council representatives, Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The Thorley family rang a quarter peal of Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob) for the Festival on May 3rd, at Thorne, Yorks. They were:—John 1, David 2, James 3, Ernest 4, J. Martin 5, Charles (conductor) 6.

## THREE PEALS IN A DAY

Three members of the Essex Association rang three peals on May 5th. They were Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, Victor W. Grimwade and Donald Coombes. The towers visited were Great Wakering, Leigh-on-Sea and Thorpe Bay.

Between the second and third peal a tea party was held at Leigh, where 17 sat down, including the Rector, his assistant curate and churchwarden. It was a very happy occasion with Prittlewell and Leigh ringers together. Host of the party was Mr. William Perry, of Leigh, who has been a regular rmger at Prittlewell for 25 years.

## SIXTY YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH

On May 2nd a band of College Youths met at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, at the invitation of Mr. Isaac Emery, an old and respected member of the Ancient Society, to ring a peal with him in honour of his attaining 60 years of membership.

The peal band included the Master, secretary, treasurer and steward of the Society and the conducting was done by Mr. Herbert Langdon, of St. Paul's Cathedral, in his usual capable style.

Isaac Emery, or better known to his ringing friends as 'Ike,' was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths prior to ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on May 2nd, 1891, and for the past 60 years has been one of its staunch and loyal supporters.

The methods chosen for the 60th anniversary peal was again Stedman Triples and 'Ike' proved to the rest of the band that, in spite of his 80 years of age he was still as conversant with Stedman as ever.

At the conclusion of the peal Mr. Emery entertained the band and everyone wished him many more happy years of membership and good ringing.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Market Weighton New Bells Tested

The Spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Market Weighton on April 28th and was attended by about 36 ringers representing 18 towers. The recently recast ring of six bells were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Marsh) who welcomed the Association to Market Weighton. Mr. Fox was the organist and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

An excellent tea was served in the Londesborough Arms Hotel and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who asked the meeting to stand in memory of the late Mr. Dan Meadley, of Hull. Three new members were elected:—Messrs. F. Darbourne, of York, F. E. Darby, of Croydon, and D. J. Cox, of High Wycombe, the last two out-county life members. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Patrington, in June, was extended by Mr. L. Rodwell and was unanimously accepted.

The usual votes of thanks followed and further ringing took place, all agreeing that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had made a splendid job in rehanging and recasting the bells.



## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Earl of Shaftesbury's Welcome

THE annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on April 28th was well attended. The meeting took place in the Church Hall with the Master, Canon C. C. Cox, presiding. The Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild, opened the meeting with a welcome to the company, saying how pleased he was to see such a large gathering in Wimborne. He also said he would like to thank all those concerned with the peal which was rung at Southwark to commemorate the passing of his 80th milestone. He was sorry to say that age now debarrd him from handling a rope.

The Bishop of Salisbury sent a message of greeting and good wishes and Mr. L. J. Lockyer, chairman of the Wimborne Branch, welcomed the visitors and thanked all who had helped with the arrangements.

The Master, in reply, thanked Mr. Lockyer for his welcome and for the effort he had made on behalf of the Festival. He congratulated Camborne and Litton Cheney on the restoration of their bells. 'Looking round the Diocese,' the Master continued, 'we can say that the Guild is very much alive and I hope we can take it for granted that all towers will do something to mark the Festival of Britain.'

The statement of accounts was presented and adopted. To help offset a drop in the Guild's credit balance and to help with the rising cost of printing the annual report, it was decided to introduce a small peal booking fee of 6d. per ringer, this to be sent to the assistant secretary.

The following officers were re-elected:—Lord Shaftesbury, president; Canon C. C. Cox, Master; Mr. W. C. West, secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Slatford, assistant secretary; the Guild Committee and the representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected.

Two honorary life members were elected—Mr. Brown, 50 years, and Mr. G. Swaffield, 36 years—as ringers. Both have been members of the Guild for 26 years.

Unfortunately, the Guild reported the loss by death of several members, including Mr. W. Hart, of Westbury, late chairman of the Devizes Branch, and probably the oldest ringer of the Guild, aged 91; Mr. Jimmy George, aged 97; Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, a ringer for over 50 years; Mr. L. Harris, of Salisbury, vice-chairman and Ringing Master of that branch.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Page-Phillips, in the Minster, the Lesson being read by Canon Cox. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis band.

Ringing continued throughout the evening.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Five branches of the Guild were represented when the Crewe branch held their monthly meeting at Goostrey on May 5th. In spite of many Festival peal attempts in Cheshire, 45 ringers from 16 towers enjoyed ringing, from rounds to London Surprise, on the six bells. The Vicar, who conducted the Guild service, gave a very interesting address, his subject being 'The Bells and their Inscriptions.'

A feature of the meeting was that there were almost as many ladies present as gentlemen.

Special mention must be made of the band of schoolboys and girls from Wrenbury, who were present with their teacher, Mr. H. Overton.

## GIRL GUIDES AS BELFRY

### RECRUITS

AN interesting incident was staged at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, recently, when a Girl Guide underwent her test for the 'Bell-ringer Badge Test,' syllabus of which is as follows: (1) Be able to ring rounds correctly. (2) Be able to raise and lower a bell, preferably in peal. (3) Be able to ring two standard methods: (a) Grandsire or (b) either Plain Bob Doubles or Plain Bob Minor preferred. (4) Be able to explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower. (5) Describe the parts of a bell and how it is hung. (6) Demonstrate ability to splice a rope and show how she understands the importance of rope maintenance.

The test, which took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, was the Change Ringing Test, in which she rang a six score of Grandsire Doubles and



Edith Brocklehurst passing her Girl Guides ringer's test at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. [Photo: 'Evening World,' Bristol]

108 changes of Plain Bob Minor, without a hitch and well struck.

The name of this Girl Guide is Miss Edith Brocklehurst, aged 14 years, who was taught to ring at the Gloucester and Bristol School for Ringers, at St. Johns-on-the-Wall, Bristol, and the mastery of the bell and her rope action leaves nothing to be desired, which reflects great credit on the instructors at the School, who put in a lot of hard work, and have turned out some recruits who are a credit to the Exercise.

Miss Brocklehurst is one of three in a family who have all been taught ringing at the school and are now regular Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. This young lady has the ability and should go far; and I commend this way of instruction to other associations who have the opportunity to get a central place where they can carry on their instruction.

F. S.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On April 28th the South and West District held a successful meeting at Feltham, Hounslow being unobtainable temporarily. Many methods were rung, ranging from rounds up to Spliced Surprise. It is a curious fact that striking always seems better, the harder the method.

In the evening, the lovely old 'church of the two peacocks,' Bedfont, was opened and the light and noisy six were set going to many Minor methods. After this, those still not satisfied went on to Stanwell, a heavier and slightly tougher six. Upwards of 25 ringers were present.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Mr. F. W. Perrens the New Master

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Warwick on April 21st, 80 members and friends taking tea at the Warwick Restaurant. Ringing on the fine ten at St. Mary's occupied the afternoon and part of the evening while a number took advantage of the chance to visit Sherbourne to ring on the pleasing six there amid rural surroundings.

The president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) took the chair at the business meeting. The general hon. secretary's report gave the number of resident members as 173, non-resident 215, with 30 new members having been elected during the year. Twenty-eight peals were rung with two ringing their first peal and 37 their first in the method. 'Firsts' for the Guild were Bob Royal on handbells on June 23rd and Spliced Surprise in

four methods on tower bells on December 9th. Worthy of mention were the peals of London and Superlative Surprise at Chilvers Coton and of Bob Major at Bulkington, both by respective Sunday service bands. The funds of the Guild benefited by £9 9s. 6d. as a result of the social held at Coton. Losses through death during the year were those of Mrs. L. Lewis (mother of the hon. secretary), an honorary member, and Mr. H. Price, of Stratford, an active ringing member. The balance sheet showed a balance of £8 16s. 9d., the low figure being accounted for by the fact that there had been heavy expenditure on the reports and also on the badges, although half the badges bought were in stock for sale to future members. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £15 9s. 8d.

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens being elected in place of Mr. A. H. Beamish. The next meeting was fixed for Salford Priors on July 14th.

New members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Carpenter (Allesley), Mrs. M. Middlemiss and F. Smith (Southam), E. Smith, H. Wagstaffe, R. Morris, A. Abbott and B. Abbott (Exhall).

A discussion arose regarding the division of the Diocese into districts. There were three diverse opinions—those who wished the area to remain in three districts, those who wished to divide into three independent branches with ringing masters and hon. secretaries, and those who wished to dispense with districts and revert to the former method of administration under the Master of the Guild and general hon. secretary. It was left with the General Committee to discuss the matter and report at the July quarterly meeting.

Sympathy was expressed to Mr. A. Roberts, of Coventry, a life member and former Master, on the loss of his wife, who had always taken the keenest interest in the affairs of the Guild.

## A VETERAN OF LAST CENTURY

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on December 24th, 1891, and his 96th on December 1st, 1900. On his 80th birthday, October 9th, 1947, he rang his 800th peal at St. Peter's, Notting-ham.

Mention has already been made in this series of his fourth peal which he conducted on April 15th, 1893, at Tonbridge, and which Mr. Lambert claimed as his first. Mr. Groombridge reminds his friend that they rang a peal together previously at Staplehurst on August 13th, 1892.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the correspondent who wants to know how to ring peals without getting blisters, tell him not to grab the rope so tightly.—Yours sincerely, F. E. COLLINS.  
Thornton Heath.

## CONSULT A DOCTOR

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to your correspondent, 'Blistered,' that the effect of glycerine on soft skins is to keep them soft. To prevent blistering it would be more reasonable for him to try and harden the skin of his hands by the application of a surgical spirit or its better-known brother, methylated. I should add that if your correspondent's hands continue to blister easily, he would be well advised to consult his doctor and so ensure ensure that no skin disease or sensitivity is present.—Yours faithfully,  
Chelsea. J. HARVARD.

## TEETH AND BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter in last week's 'Ringing World' from someone who signs himself 'Blistered.'

Three years ago I was in the same plight, my hands blistered even in a quarter peal. I tried glycerine, resin and everything that might help, without effect.

After going on a ringing tour in Devon, in 1948, in which I was only able to take part in five peals, I came home feeling really ill and went to my local doctor, who was quite at a loss to diagnose the cause. He suggested that I went to my dentist in case it was something to do with my teeth. Although my teeth were quite good outwardly, and I had not had toothache, the dentist found, after X-raying them, that they were poisoning my system. I had them taken out and I have not had a blister since. Perhaps this may be a help to 'Blistered,' but if he has already had his teeth out, the only other thing to try is a length of chamois leather to fit over the end of a bell rope.—Yours sincerely, W. ROGERS  
Rotherfield, Sussex.

## RINGS OF BELLS IN BATH

Dear Sir,—I notice that the peal rung at Lyncombe, Bath, is published in 'The Ringing World' as Lyncombe, Somerset. Dove's 'Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' is rather misleading as, under the heading of Bath, there appears only 'The Abbey, 10' and 'St. Michael, 8.'

The other rings in the city come under—Bathwick, St. Mary's, 8; Lyncombe, St. Mark's, 6; Walcot, St. Saviour's, 8; Walcot, Christ Church, 8 (unringable); Widcombe, St. Matthew's, 6. These places are parishes in Bath and would not be found on any, other than a very large-scale, map. Two other rings should come under the Bath heading, Twerton-on-Avon (8) and Weston (6), both being in the city boundary, but are separate postal districts, so not-quite as confusing.

Apart from this, I think the 'Guide' is a marvellous piece of work.—Yours sincerely,  
Bath. GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

## VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Cook has obviously misunderstood some of the statements made in 'Variation and Transposition' by J. A. Trollope. Mr. Trollope states that it is possible to determine the total number of methods, of a particular type, possible on a given number of bells. The two independent variables in the formula would be: (a) number of bells, (b) number of rows per lead.

In a given case all the possible methods could be written out, but the selection of those suitable for change ringing is principally a matter of trial and error. With a few exceptions the number of rows per lead would be twice or four times the number of bells.—Yours faithfully,  
Bicester. PETER N. WHITE.

## ST. IVES AND ST. IVE

Dear Sir,—If Father Trehwella will look at the list of corrections to the 'Ringer's Guide,' he will find that I had already corrected the unfortunate mistake concerning the above—a mistake which I discovered when I fell into my own trap!

Concerning the weight of the tenor at St. Ives—the weight published, 13½ cwt., was calculated from the measurements of the bell and it is more likely to be reliable than local repute which is, as a rule, notoriously exaggerated.

During the compilation of the 'Guide,' I collect only one instance, Cudham (Kent), where local repute under-estimated the weight of the tenor, but cases of over-estimation were legion.—Yours faithfully, R. H. DOVE.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT

Despite the inclement weather there was a good gathering to try the stately ten, with tenor 30 cwt., at Mirfield St. Mary's on May 5th.

The bells were kept going from 2 till 9 p.m. with breaks for the service conducted by the president (the Rev. A. L. Minns), the tea, and business meeting. Methods included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Royal. There were also Minor and rounds. Although the striking was far from good on these difficult bells, the best touches were rung in the evening.

At the business meeting 14 new members were elected. Brighouse was selected for the meeting on June 30th and the local company were thanked for their co-operation. Handbell ringing in five methods followed. Good experience was gained by the younger members at this meeting. A. W. B.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## Secretary Completes 28th Year in Office

The Society held its 60th annual meeting at Leeds Parish Church on April 28th. Owing to various activities in the church the bells were not available before 5 p.m.; the waiting members soon had the bells (light eight only) going in fine style.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 7 p.m. Mr. F. W. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Otley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and also visitors from Snaith (Mr. G. Pickering), Hereford (Mr. Rock) and Mr. E. Theobald, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. One new member, Mr. Geoffrey H. Sandham, of Idle, was elected.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. J. W. Benten; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were read and approved. The main items in the report were membership 221, compiled as follows: paid-up 135, honorary 17, Forces 3 and 66 in arrears. The secretary voiced an old slogan, 'Those who are not with us are against us,' and further stated there was no half way; if members were not attending the meetings they were letting the Society down. The life of the Society depended on each member. The financial side showed a slight improvement; the gross worth of the Society being £22 10s. 8d., which must be considered satisfactory in view of the fact that the subscription was maintained at the original price of 6d. per annum.

The secretary drew attention to a number of peals which had been rung in the Leeds District with non-members taking part, thereby losing the peal to the Society. He appealed to conveners to make sure that the visitors were made members; the year's subscription, he added, would not add seriously to the cost of living.

The next meeting was due to be held at Batley on May 26th.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on April 28th, with the president (Mr. William Pratt) in the chair.

Officers elected were as follows:—President, Mr. William Pratt; vice-presidents, Messrs. William Rogan, Samuel J. Evans and J. Ernest Harris; Ringing Master, Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy; general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; auditors, Messrs. W. D. Graham and W. Bovinizer.

The annual report recorded the restoration of the bells at St. Comgall's, Bangor, rehanging of Kilbroney bells, Rostrevor, and the major overhaul at Christ Church, Bray.

Ten handbell and eleven tower bell peals had been rung and three ringers rang their first peal. The membership of the Guild was: Practising 244, life 10, honorary 7, N.R.L.M. 97. The attention of all towers was directed to the insurance of ringers. For general guidance, the Church of Ireland has a scheme whereby all ringers between 16 and 65 are covered.

It was decided to publish a magazine quarterly which would contain items of interest and instructions on bell-ringing and methods. Mr. F. E. Dukes was appointed editor.

The question of printing the annual report was referred to the three district secretaries to ascertain what levy could be imposed upon the members in view of the high cost of production.

A proposal that towers should be inspected and advice given, provided that necessary expenses were paid, was passed unanimously.

The president, in his address, paid a high tribute to the work of the general and district secretaries. He also thanked the various representatives for their co-operation and attendances at meetings.

Two new life members were elected, for services rendered to ringing in Ireland, viz.—Mr. R. F. Hewson, Adare, Co. Limerick, who paid for the restoration of the Limerick Cathedral bells and also presented a daily service bell; Mr. J. A. Hayden, Limerick, who for many years has been a ringer at the Cathedral.

After the meeting the competition for the Murphy Cup took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The three teams, the finalists from each District, were: St. Saviour's, Arklow (Eastern), St. Donard's, Belfast (Northern) and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (Southern), holders. The judges were Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and F. E. Dukes. The long draught of rope, viz., 75 feet, told on all teams, especially the 'babes,' St. Donard's, who 'packed in' after seven minutes. St. Saviour's, Arklow, also had great difficulty and finished with 626 faults. The greater experience of the holders, Limerick, stood the test and they were declared the winners with 424 faults.

## OBITUARY

## MR. C. F. GOOD—AN APPRECIATION

All who have the welfare of village bands of ringers at heart will share with Charing, Kent, the great loss of Fred Good, the late leader of that tower. He was captain for the last nine years, succeeding his father in that office and in his 45 years of ringing taught well over a hundred ringers. The effects of his teaching were far reaching and invaluable. He was 'father' to the band at Egerton, having started them on their change ringing course in 1926.

Although capable of ringing higher methods he had little opportunity to practise them. He rang few peals but took part in a large number of quarter peals and 720's for Sunday service ringing, in the practice of which he resolutely disowned discouragement and kept the bells going.

In his devotion to the church and tower and in his loyalty to the Association, he was a model for us all. We shall ever be grateful for his quiet patience and brave cheerfulness and will try to live up to his example and help others as he would wish. A. W.



## NORTHPREPS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

DENIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	BERT GOGLE .. .. 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Golden. of Northpreps. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DOUGLAS CLARKE .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 2	EDWARD BARKER .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 3	†ERNEST H. MASTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CLEWDYN JENKINS .. .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 4
†REV. BERNARD AP IVOR .. .. 2	†F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 3	LESLIE QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung for St. George's Day and as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his birthday.

## BRANDON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN ELMER .. .. Treble	†DORA M. REEVE .. .. 4
KENNETH L. BROWN .. .. 2	†GERALD MILLER .. .. 5
†EDNA M. PECKETT .. .. 3	*HAROLD E. GLAISTER .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

## COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhope, Stratton, Buxton, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court (17 methods, by A. G. Driver); (2) Poynton, Elsham, Bennington, Denton, Dunholme, Bassingham, Chelford, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Freiston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall and Bastow Little Court (16 methods, by C. K. Lewis); (3) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril (13 methods, by A. G. Driver); (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury (13 methods, by C. K. Lewis); (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Hummer, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods, by A. G. Driver); (6) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow (12 methods, by A. G. Driver); (7) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden (19 methods, by C. K. Lewis): 215 changes of methods. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 105 methods in seven extents on tower bells. Figures as published in 'The Ringing World,' July 25th, 1947.

## IFFLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LAWRENCE H. W. BUSBY Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 4
KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 2	*THOMAS S. BOWLES .. 5
*DAVID WOODLEY .. .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

## BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WENDY D. PEAKE .. .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 5
BRIAN BLADEN .. .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 21st birthday.

## ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4
*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
*ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in eight Minor methods.

## KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WM. H. A. COMPTON .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 2	CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
JOHN F. PEDLER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

\* 25th peal. First peal and as conductor. Rung for St. Ambrose's Day (April 4th).

## CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE GROVE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 1-2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 3-4
DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55½ Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire, with St. Dunstan's and St. Bartholomew, two extents of Canterbury, 35 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor size 13 in E.

F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

The first peal on the 'Peace bells' given to the tower on December 29th, 1938, by the late R. Maclaren Todd.



# FESTIVAL QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Ford (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. H. Hayne 2, H. J. Ford (cond.) 3, W. G. Trevett 4, C. G. Ford 5, M. W. Ford 6.

**ARDELEIGH, ESSEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): H. Bacon 1, W. Arthey 2, M. Bantick 3, G. Barnes 4, F. Erith (first quarter) 5, P. G. Barnes (first in method as cond.) 6.

**ASH, KENT.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prescott 1, A. C. Gambrell 2, Mrs. E. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, A. Kemp 8.

**ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, E. Skinner 3, N. Stevens 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

**BEARSTED, KENT.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. White 1, G. F. Cantrill (cond.) 2, A. W. Bodiam 3, E. F. Harnett 4, M. G. White 5, J. H. R. Betts 6.

**BENTLEY, HANTS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Raggett 1, C. Sherfield 2, A. Raggett 3, W. Paice (cond.) 4, J. Gardner 5, A. Sherfield 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Blaise, 540 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): Miss D. Smythe 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, D. Wheat 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Bladen 1, W. H. Trueman 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Casey (first quarter) 6.

**BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Grindell (79) 1, G. A. Sutherland 2, R. S. Payne 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, G. H. Wright 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kerry 1, A. E. Moore (cond.) 2, C. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, W. Stannard 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8.

**BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Harris (first quarter) 1, S. G. Osborne 2, J. E. Smith 3, D. W. Lewis 4, F. W. Hutt (first quarter as cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Stephen's on May 4th, 1,280 Bob Major: H. Rogers (first of Major) 1, Miss M. G. Brockman (first quarter) 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, Miss J. Roberts 4, S. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin 6, R. G. French 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—At the Cathedral 1,260 Court Bob Triples: F. W. Lewis (first quarter on 8) 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, H. W. Stovell 6, R. G. Blackman 7, F. S. Smithers 8. First quarter in method by all except 7th.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hannam (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, L. R. G. Taylor (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Miss B. H. Young 4, E. J. Fry 5, S. G. King (first of Triples 'inside') 6, H. L. Parfrey (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. J. A. Brown (first quarter) 8.

**COUNTSTHORPE, LEICS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Bray (14) 1, L. E. Chapman 2, B. S. Chapman (16) 3, Margaret A. Elsey (15) 4, R. T. E. Hubbard (first as cond.) 5, P. Immins (15) 6.

**COVENTRY, WARWICKS.**—At Stoke St. Michael's on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Roberts 1, J. H. White 2, C. H. Webb 3, O. J. Hunt 4, R. D. Hayne 5, F. E. Pervin 6, E. H. Sibley (cond.) 7, J. Garner-Haywood 8.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Chown 1, W. Moore 2, M. Chown (first quarter of Triples) 3, V. Perry 4, W. Kilby 5, S. Ruddledson 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, E. Abbott 8.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On May 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. E. Deeley 1, I. D. Harris 2, H. H. Alexander 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. S. Walton 5, E. E. Pearson (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2 and 4.

**EDINBURGH.**—At St. Cuthbert's on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Diamond 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, J. B. Campbell 3, Mrs. E. L. Ross 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, D. S. Paice 6, R. St. C. Wilson (first quarter as cond.) 7, K. J. Haytor 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Elliott 1, J. Mason, jun. 2, Mrs. W. White 3, A. Fleet 4, C. C. Fennell 5, P. Mason (first as cond.) 6.

**GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCs.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Peter A. Wells 2, A. F. Taylor 3, D. J. Gay 4, G. Taylor 5, F. Pritchard (cond.) 6, Miss M. I. Jagger 7, E. Casterton 8.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At the Cathedral on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cobb (13) 1, S. Romans (83) 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, A. G. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, C. Langer 8.

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Myers 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, R. Hough 4, S. Hough 5, E. L. Ellis 6.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On May 4th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: J. Wheat 1, Miss S. P. Lewin 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, H. Lewin 5, J. Bonsor 6, W. Nichols 7, F. A. Salter (cond.) 8.

**GREAT GLEN, LEICS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Allen 1, J. Reason 2, S. L. Allen 3, J. Ratnett 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, D. Clarke 6.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—On May 4th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: E. Sawyer 1, J. Gordon 2, G. Bishop 3, H. Bishop 4, D. Jordan 5, A. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Evelyn M. Capon 1, M. G. Collins 2, W. M. Stepany 3, G. Beene 4, C. J. Piper (first quarter as cond.) 5, Roy A. Osborne (first quarter) 6.

**HERNE, KENT.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob Minor): G. T. Holmes 1, M. Ruck 2, C. E. Hadlow 3, W. E. Ruck 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, G. E. Hadlow 6.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: Miss E. Hickling 1, Miss S. Barker 2, G. H. Moore 3, G. D. Elvin 4, E. V. Blake 5, C. H. Moore (cond.) 6, R. G. Lovly 7.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Blackwell 1, O. Payne 2, D. M. Newell (first quarter) 3, W. Wilby 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting (first quarter) 8. First quarter peal rung on the rebung bells.

**HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, John Naish 4, John Brooks 5, Wm. J. Gait (cond.) 6.

**HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.**—On May 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Price 1, F. Leech 2, R. Hazeldine 3, A. M. Hickman 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On May 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

**KINGSBURY, LONDON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Russell (first quarter) 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, Roy Stoddard (15 years) (first quarter as cond.) 3, Miss A. Triscott (first quarter) 4, P. A. Carter (first quarter Doubles) 5, E. Southgate 6, E. H. Eveleigh 7, P. M. Sackett (first quarter) 8. With 4.6.8 covering.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, Jean Durrant 2, E. Jones 3, P. Spice 4, W. Packer 5, S. Ball 6, G. Daynes 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's on May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Single Court): F. Dixon 1, H. Radley 2, A. Melton 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On May 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, B. Baker 2, F. Hogan 3, L. Mannerling 4, J. Wallis 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, T. Grice 9, F. Thwaites 10.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whitehead 1, D. B. Cater 2, F. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, A. Jaime (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. First quarter peal by a local band since 1929.

**MIDDLEBROUGH, YORKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. G. Halls 1, P. Wishart 2, G. Worthy 3, E. P. Rock 4, T. M. Cox 5, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 6.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents each of Old, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Bartholomew and 300 of Grandsire): E. Baker 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, E. Shearn 6.

**NOCTON, Lincs.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Jackson (cond.) 1, J. Day 2, F. Tye 3, B. Bee 4, A. Pygott 5, F. Redshaw 6. First quarter by all the band.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Mayers 1, R. Foreman 2, V. Look 3, G. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. Hoad 5, J. Crouch 6, A. Skelton 7, R. Jenkins 8.

**RIPPINGALE, Lincs.**—On May 4th, 1,440 Surprise (720 Primrose, 720 Beverley): W. Larkinson (first quarter of Surprise) 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, R. Wade 3, F. French 4, A. Scott 5, J. Haw 6.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Ormerod 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, F. Appleton (cond.) 4, W. Bamford 5, H. Hamer 6, H. Mills 7, T. Borrett 8.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—At the Abbey on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: M. Gunner (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Kebby (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Herbert (first quarter) 3, J. Page 4, M. Aymes (first quarter) 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, H. Peake (first quarter) 8.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Grandsire Doubles, 240 Spiced Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Bob Doubles): G. A. Peck (aged 82) 1, J. G. Underwood (aged 14) (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Pistow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons (cond.) 5.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Griffiths 1, T. Abbotts 2, V. A. Hemming 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, W. C. Dowling 5, T. Gwilt (first quarter on eight) 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett (first quarter) 8.

**SIDBURY, DEVON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Southwood 1, M. E. Denner 2, K. Clarke 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. J. Summers 6, G. C. Woodley 7, R. Butt 8. First quarter of Oxford by all the band.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. H. Sinkins (aged 86) 1, W. Welling 2, F. H. Hicks 3, W. E. Judd 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, F. G. Groombridge (first of Caters) 6, J. Ellwood (first quarter) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, F. Scott (first quarter) 10.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,275 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, S. G. Peck 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

**ST. ATHAN, GLAM.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. I. Kingsnorth (first quarter) 1, H. Green 2, L. Dixon 3, G. I. Collett 4, G. Francis (first as cond.) 5, R. D. Skinner 6.

**ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. McKay 1, Miss S. Mitchell 2, H. Wilson 3, G. McKay 4, J. A. Haile 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6.

**ST. LAWRENCE-IN-TANET, KENT.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burvill 1, J. A. Hilton 2, John L. Hilton 3, T. W. Edwards (first in method) 4, S. J. Gee 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, A. E. Jarman 7, W. Cleaver 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 behind: R. Smith 1, J. Kane 2, G. Chaplain 3, W. Buckley 4, A. Rowley (cond.) 5, Glenda Purslow 6, A. Purslow 7, S. Slyn 8.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, W. Dillow 2, E. Lambert 3, J. H. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasher 6, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8.

**SUTTON COURTNEY, BERKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, G. Allum 3, A. Hanks 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, C. James 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Also for the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the tower.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor: B. Hough 1, N. Moxon 2, Grace Burchall (cond.) 3, Katharine Burchall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, A. Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 6, R. Sleep 7 (covering).

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: N. Shattock 1, B. Vine 2, R. Shire 3, R. Harris 4, R. Perry 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury and Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): F. Sandy 1, A. Wear 2, R. Gardener 3, G. Salmon 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, F. Loxton 6.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On May 5th, 1,315 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, W. D. Peart 2, E. A. Parish 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. E. F. Pickering 8.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, C. Haslop 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates 4, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 5, W. A. Breckon 6, H. Short 7, J. A. Alexander 8.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Holland 1, W. Yates 2, H. Ridgway 3, Miss K. Mary Cowley 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

**WIGTOFT, Lincs.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: F. O. Richardson 1, L. H. Taylor 2, P. Reynolds 3, J. W. Bailey 4, R. J. Toynton 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6.

**WILTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, R. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Cole (cond.) 7, W. T. Clarke 8.

**WOOL, DORSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Williams 1, W. Langford 2, A. Tyers 3, F. Precey (cond.) 4, H. Rynard 5, A. Dorey 6.

**WORCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: H. J. Bentley 1, D. R. Morris 2, P. L. Blissett 3, C. Tansell 4, W. Lewis 5, D. R. Sayers 6, A. E. Humphries 7, J. J. Jeffries (cond.) 8, G. Ambler 9, F. Pugh 10.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—14

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

**A**BOUT this time (1886) Mr. Fussell's attendances at practices, meetings and peal attempts were very prolific and almost daily he records these events, sometimes by just plain statements, sometimes sarcastically, many times amusingly. Most of his time was spent between Slough, Reading and London districts. A typical entry is in January that year, thus:— 'Walked to Windsor, rang quarter peal at St. John's, and a short touch to let Patch have a pull, he being the only one there besides the band, which was all Slough men, and two young boys learning. Left at 9 p.m. and went to the "Horse and Groom" and rang several times on handbells till 10.15 p.m.. The landlord brought us two good pots of best ale. We all rode home by train, ringing tunes while riding.' At an entertainment he records hearing a good song by the name 'The Bells of Rochester Steeple' which went:—

'Gaily rang the bells of Rochester Steeple,  
As we sailed down the Medway with the  
flow of the tide;  
And O! my heart was sad when I heard  
the town's people  
Declare Polly Jones was the name of the  
bride.'

## A CHANGE AS GOOD AS A REST

In February he went to Wooburn, reached the church at 3 p.m. and looked over the bells, etc. Started for a peal 3.40 and rang 1 hour 27 minutes when 'Alf' missed his sally and broke the stay—the bell going over. They went up and drew the third rope right again, regreased the tenor's bearings and started again. After ten minutes the treble slipped wheel. A third attempt proved successful with Holt's Original in 3 hours 7 minutes. He goes on to say: 'It was after nine o'clock when we finished—altogether we were in the tower nearly 5½ hours before completing the peal Band:—Newson 1, A. Fussell 2, W. H. Fussell 3, A. Greenaway 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Barry 6, W. George 7, J. Woolford 8. I rang third without a stay. After ringing about 1 hour 20 minutes Woolford let Perryman take the tenor from him as he was done up. Perryman continued to ring it throughout the peal and put her along at a good pace. Towards the end of the peal the 5-6-7 began to tell on the men after so much pulling all the evening—Wilder got quite exhausted ringing the fifth, which was worse than the others, and had to jack up. I knew Woolford could ring the treble or tenor so told Newson to let him take the treble; then Newson at once took the fifth off Wilder and we finished the last five leads of the peal with good striking. We were fortunate in having two tenor men and again in the fact that Woolford was able to ring treble, or we would have lost the peal.

'After the second breakdown, we knew we should be unable to catch the 8.45 train home—the last. On setting the bells we went over the road to the pub where Newson, Wilder, my brother and his little girl, whom he brought with him, slept the night. Greenaway and Woolford walked to Maidenhead and Perryman and I walked home to Slough, leaving Wooburn about 10 p.m. and got to Slough ten past midnight. The night was very dark—Hedsor Hill seemed very long and tedious—a lot of loose gravel had just been put down to make up the road—it was rough travelling. Perryman had borrowed a stick at Wooburn which helped him a great deal and, for an old man turned 60 years, after getting up at 6 a.m., going to work, this eight-mile walk home after the ringing, I must say he is a good old brick, and he walked remarkably well.

To show Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm for bells is to quote how the next day, Sunday afternoon, on the way to Ruislip, he heard them clanging

at Ickenham, as he was going over the fields. So he hurried on and arrived in time to chime three bells for afternoon service—the tenor of the three being about 4½ cwt. Then on to Ruislip where, after the service, he rang the tenor for the first time to a peal in 2 hours 58 minutes. He says: 'After going to Wooburn and Ruislip so many times for a peal at each tower, it was very satisfactory that I made my way home—two peals rung that had been a great deal of trouble and expense for a long time.'

A few days later he went to London and met a band of Cumberlands at Rochester Row. Newson same late—he had met Penning at Hampstead. They rang a peal of 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major. After it, 'went to a pub opposite which had a "right-of-way" right through the bar, in lieu of an old passage.... Good fortune seems to follow peal ringing by fits and starts. I have now rung five peals right off, each on a peal of bells I had not rung on before.'

He next went to Reading St. Mary. 'H. White, from Basingstoke, met me and we called at Newell's. Egby and Newman and the Rev. Robinson were in the tower. C. Hounslow and Washbrook came up and we rang a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples..... Washbrook called the peal in a most steady manner. The Rev. Coleridge found the seventh drop a deal and heavy work at the end of the peal. He invited the band to Caversham to dine.'

Mr. Fussell kept up his walking exercises and in March he walked from Slough to Reading (St. Laurence's), starting at 1 p.m. and arriving at 5 p.m., then, after tea, went and rang in a peal of Bob Major in 3 hours 19 minutes. A day or so after he walked to Chertsey, via Datchet, Staines, etc., and, on arrival, had some bread, cheese and ale in company with a mole-catcher, a rag-and-bone dealer, an old tailor and a young man out of work. Left here at 3.30 and walked back by Thorpe Church and on to Egham, over the meads to the Bells of Ousley and through Old Windsor and Datchet, getting home to Slough at 6.15 p.m.—a distance of 22 miles—and had the honour of seeing Her Highness Princess Beatrice and the Countess of Erroll.'

## THE COLD SHOULDER!

On one occasion after walking to Windsor with Newson and Jacob they went to see the Vicar of St. John's, but he would not allow them to ring, as strangers, 'in a very rude, ungentlemanly way, closing the door in an unchristian spirit, to our displeasure. However, some of us chimed the eight bells for 11 o'clock service. Then walked back to Slough, arriving back just as the congregation were coming out, and in time to ring two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, this being the first touch on the eight bells (after augmentation). After dinner we all walked to Datchet, took two boats and pulled down to Old Windsor. Rang at St. Peter's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major, the Vicar giving permission, for evening service. The behaviour of the Rev. Harwood being a favourable change after the surly and gross manner of that evil-disposed looking Dr. Gee.'

In July he went to the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Abindon and had a good time in the company of such well-known men as Haworth, Proctor, the Rev. Robinson, Field, Hounslow, Betteridge, Vincent and others. Rang at St. Helen's and St. Nicholas', then drove to Drayton for a peal of Stedman. He says: 'The ringing room is on the ground floor open to the church aisle, crowded with neat little peal boards made by the Vicar, and written in black and gold. The ropes are small and good, the bells well in tune and a splendid peal for the weight of metal, in fact one of the best ringing places to be found.'

(To be continued.)

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## BIRTH

PERCY.—On Sunday, May 13th, at 9, Upper-ton Road, Eastbourne, to Betty (née Rayfield), wife of Robert, the gift of twins, Susan Jane, Charles Robert. Brother and sister for Janet. 8878

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. W. Massey have moved from Surrey and are now living at Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. (Telephone No. Frome 2264.) 8871

The address of Mr. Morris J. Morris is now 'The Tainlands,' 29, Greenhill Road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13. 8882

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## MEETINGS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. After tea, Double Norwich practice. 8803

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at cafe nearby.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8831

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 19th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 8828

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, May 19th, Heathfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8823

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Egerton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. This is a Festival meeting.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 8825



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Great Hale and Helpingham (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Great Hale 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8826

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD** and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Measham, May 19th. Bells (8) 2.30.—G. W. Hall and J. Cotton. 8854

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 19th. Numbers for tea promptly, please, to Mr. Robert Marsh, High Street, Elmham.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 8849

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Plowden Arms, 4.30 p.m. 8821

**SNATH, NEAR GOOLE, YORKS.**—Dedication of two new treble bells (Mears and Stainbank) by the Archbishop of Doncaster, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3. Tea 5 (moderate charge) Bells available until 8.30 p.m. 8834

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—General meeting at Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), May 19th, 2.30 p.m. C.C. Report. For tea, definitely notify Mr. A. S. Woodward, 44a, Thorofare, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 8847

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—Southern Branch.—Ringing meeting, Bishampton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (6d.). All ringers welcome. 8859

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Deanery.—Ringers' service, Mark, May 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Divine service 5 p.m. followed by tea in Assembly Rooms. Numbers, by Friday, May 25th, to Mr. B. Comer, Poolbridge Farm, Blackford, Wedmore, Somerset.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 8884

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Crewe Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those whose names are received by May 23rd. Write Fred Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. Norton-in-Hales bells available in evening.—Richard D. Langford. 8817

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bowdon, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, by May 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 8880

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Derby District.—Special meeting, Duffield, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea (2/- or 4/6) 5. Names, by the 22nd, to Maurice Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 8883

**DEVON GUILD**.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting on May 26th, Lymstone. Service 4.30. Tea after. Names, by May 20th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 8836

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, May 26th, 2.30. Names for tea, by May 24th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Philadelphia, Co. Durham. 8866

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—Saturday, May 26th, Crich (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tor Cafe. Crich, 2/6 per head. Names, not later than Wednesday, 23rd, to J. W. Price, No. 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield.—J. H. Price. 8894

**ELY ASSOCIATION**.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8892

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—N.W. District.—A practice meeting will be held at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 5.30 p.m. All members are welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8862

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—N. Division.—Meeting at Great Yeldham (6), May 26th, 2.30—4.30. Service, tea and meeting afterwards.—H. A. Pratt. 8873

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at 3 p.m. on May 26th at Tytherington (5). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, by May 21st, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8861

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 22nd, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8869

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Chertsey District.—Esher, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at various cafes. Business meeting after tea.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 8835

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Aldenharn (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8858

**LADIES' GUILD**.—South-Eastern District.—Meeting at Birchington, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7, Canon Square, Melksham. 8827

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8863

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. A good attendance is requested as important business is to be discussed.—J. Porter. 8864

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—May meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2/- per head) for all who notify, by May 23rd, Mr. H. Wood, Verger, Parish Church, Batley. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse Hon. Sec. 8887

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, May 26th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 5.30 at New Inn. Names, please, by May 22nd, to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby. 8874

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but only for those who notify by Tuesday previous, Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 8781

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**.—Annual meeting at Nanthorpe (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea, Red Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8881

**OXFORD GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton (6), Saturday May 26th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8872

**OXFORD GUILD**.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Burford (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 22nd, to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 8876

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, before May 24th, to Mr. T. Smith, 34, Old High Street, Headington, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 8891

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—In connection with the joint meeting with the Chester Guild to be held at Market Drayton on May 26th, Norton-in-Hales (8) will be available during the evening. This by special request of several of our members and the Norton-in-Hales' ringers.—E. J. Rowe, Church House, Broseley, Ironbridge 3324. 8832

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal and Seal Chart (both 6) on June 2nd. Service and tea at Seal at 4.30 and 5 o'clock respectively. Names for tea to G. Acott, 2, Zion Cottages, Seal, near Sevenoaks. 8860

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, June 2nd. Usual times. Tea at 1/9 per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Monday, May 28th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea, at invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m. Names, by May 31st, please, to Miss D. Liddbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, W.13. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Liddbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8867

**LEICESTER GUILD** (Melton District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bingham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. W. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham.—J. H. Cook and S. P. M. Lewin. 8890

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ranworth (6), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, the latest Wednesday, May 30th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 8865

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8879

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Brownlow Hall 5 p.m. Notify, by May 28th, Mr. L. D. Millard, 4, Appletree Cottages, New Road, Bracknell.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8892

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 8868

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Southwold (8) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Holson Road, Southwold. 8885

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's grave, Birmingham, June 9th. Train, Paddington, 9.10 a.m. Coach leaves Snow Hill 11.30. Ringing St. Martin's and Cathedral. Names to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Further details later.—A. B. Peck. 8889

**COLTSHALL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S, NORFOLK**.—Rededication of bells (6) after re-hanging, Saturday, June 9th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3 p.m. Tea and ringing afterwards, by kind invitation of Rector and churchwardens. Make this a great occasion. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Coltshall Rectory, Norwich. 8870

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Cambridge District.—Outing to Sudbury District, Saturday, June 9th. Leave Cambridge 7.30—7.45 a.m. A few vacancies. Approx. charge 16s.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 8888

**LADIES GUILD FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING**.—Join West Midland, Midland, Yorkshire and Lancashire Branches, Nottingham, June 16th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by ringing and social evening. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—Jill Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 8875



**QUARTER PEALS**

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, J. F. Goodall 4, Miss Francis Edgar 5, Phil Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. E. Tubbs 8. First quarter in peal for 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. Michael Ridley (Rector).

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day. 360 Bob Doubles, 660 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, E. Thorne 2, C. Callaway 3, C. J. Champion 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in three methods by 1 and 4. A silver wedding compliment to 3rd ringer.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Frank H. Beene (first quarter, aged 12) 1, G. Beene 2, W. M. Stepney 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At the Festival Church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, B. A. Richards 5, T. W. Taffender 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8. The first occasion that the bells have been rung to changes for 13 years.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On April 22nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol): R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, T. G. Fox 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. Grove 6, C. E. Wilmington 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First of Spliced Surprise for 3 and 6 and first as conductor.

**PINCHBECK, Lincs.**—On April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Chenery 1, Miss G. D. Robinson 2, M. Bennett 3, C. H. Whitton 4, W. A. Richardson 5, H. Bennett 6, A. Mills 7, S. E. Bennett (cond.) 8. A 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. A. M. Wayet, widow of a former Vicar.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—On April 15th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: E. R. Rapley 1, P. A. Sadler 2, V. W. Grimwade 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, D. Coombes 5, C. Wright 6, F. May 7, A. Wiffen 8, E. Furbank 9, G. Baker 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Perry.

**ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: C. Addis 1, Wilfred Reynolds 2, L. H. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Smith (first quarter) 4, Walter Reynolds 5, Yvonne Porter 6, J. J. Sims 7, G. Wilce 8. Rung before the christening service of the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Heal.

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## CHESTER

**M**EMORIES of the Central Council meeting at Chester are likely to remain for a long time in the minds of the members who attended. It was a record Council in many respects. The number of members attending (131), which had never been surpassed, the length of time occupied by the Council meeting, which did not finish until nearly 8 p.m., the fact that the Standing Committee were unable to complete the agenda on Monday evening and had an early meeting before the Council meeting on Tuesday, all combined to make this 54th annual meeting of the Council out of the ordinary. There was another significant pointer: 76 members attended the Communion service in the Choir of the Cathedral on Tuesday morning. As one member said to the Editor, it is the highlight of a meeting when a great body of men and women seek inspiration and guidance from the true font of love.

As to the Council meeting itself, business unfolded itself in an unforeseen manner. Probably the most important was the willingness of Mr. G. W. Fletcher to continue in office for another year as hon. secretary and treasurer to the Council to enable the committee of officers to make a recommendation to the Standing Committee and from them to the next Council at Lincoln. This generous gesture on Mr. Fletcher's part was received by the Council with a sense of relief. Such an appointment cannot be settled in the midst of a very long agenda during an evening sitting. It requires care and thought, as so much hinges on a wise choice. From what the Editor heard in conversation with members there were men at Chester who were willing to accept nomination—men who were conscious of the heavy responsibility. What was equally gratifying was that Mr. E. H. Lewis consented to remain as president during the next three years. There was evidence of real affection as the members received his nomination. And while for a time he will be sojourning in Scotland, the love of bells and ringers is so firmly implanted in his make-up that we feel certain that his permanent residence will eventually be in this country and with his ringing friends.

Probably the biggest surprise to the ordinary members of the Council and to the Editor was the state of 'Ringing World' finances. A profit of £1 12s. 11d. was achieved

only after Mr. Fletcher had concluded negotiations with the publishers. The spiral of inflation has hit us severely and unfortunately it has not finished. Before long, when existing stocks of paper are exhausted, added charges will have to be met, wage increases faced and high postage (an item that will cost £81 this year) paid. It is obvious that the paper is now being run at a loss. There was an unfortunate mistake when subscription reminders were sent out last year, as some old forms were mixed with the new. Some 40 subscribers have not replied to Mrs. Fletcher's request to send the additional 3s. We trust they will do so without delay. A new Editorial Committee has been appointed to wrestle with the problem of rising costs and they are seeking an almost impossible solution to maintain the journal at its present standard without increasing the selling price. It is evident that new revenue has to be found. Every additional notice and new postal subscriber reduces the gap. Something like £250 is needed. Unexpected things do happen in life; perhaps it will be forthcoming in the next week or two.

Among the work accomplished by the Council was the revision of Decisions of the Council, a particularly useful and essential piece of work that will clarify the position in regard to peals. These will be published in a new Central Council handbook, the last being produced in 1927. This handbook is wanted and will be a very valuable guide not only to members of the Council, but the Exercise at large. A determined stand was taken against prize ringing in connection with the offer of Mr. Butlin, and there are matters still outstanding in connection with the Festival of Britain, but more anon.

We will end this editorial on a happier note. Nothing could exceed the cordiality of the welcome the Chester Diocesan Guild gave to the visitors. The Master (Mr. F. W. Clarke) was a host in himself, and those who were privileged to be conducted around the Cathedral by him and by the Rev. J. Kingdon had a delightful experience which revealed how an early abbey and monastery had been developed and enriched by succeeding generations to become one of the great cathedrals of the land. The graciousness of the Bishop and the Dean who received the Council and the hospitality of the Chester Diocesan Guild who provided tea in the midst of the long agenda were much appreciated. Lastly, Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, who did his utmost to provide peal attempts for the many visitors, should not be forgotten. For both peal ringers and tower 'snatchers' there was a wide choice.



# FESTIVAL PEALS

(Continued)

The following peals were rung to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain:—

## FOUR PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN A DAY

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently.

JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 4
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 7
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 9
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

DOROTHY M. UDALE .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7
KATHLEEN TILLEY .. .. 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	*ALFRED BALLARD .. 9
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 550th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 7
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 3	HENRY E. GREEN .. 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 6	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*SYDNEY MERRY .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
†KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 8
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	†FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 9
†JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 5	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

C.C.C. No. 77.

FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Treble	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
*SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 4	†JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 9
	*CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

NORAH M. BIBBY .. Treble	Tenor 20 cwt.
*HAZEL CLOSE .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. 5
JOHN HAYES .. .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

*ALFRED WILKINSON .. Treble	Tenor 16½ cwt.
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 2	*DAVID SMITH .. 5
*ERIC HORNBY .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 7
	CECIL RADDON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED .. 5
DEREK R. JUDD .. .. 2	WILLIAM COOK .. 6
FREDK. A. FINCH .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

First of Major as conductor.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

*BARRY HANDS .. Treble	Tenor 14 cwt.
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 2	†EDWIN L. CAMPTON .. 5
WALTER J. CLOUGH .. 3	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 6
J. EDWARD CLOUGH .. 4	RALPH MAYNE .. 7
	THOMAS H. CAMPTON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH MAYNE.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2	THOMAS KIMBER .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4	RONALD G. BECK .. 7
	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Cambridge.



CLARE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 28 cwt.

*PETER MAYLE .. .. Treble	*WALTER PERRY .. .. 5
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	*STANLEY HONEYBALL .. 6
*FELIX BENSLEY .. .. 3	SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. 7
*OWEN BALLARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK KEMP .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

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

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 2	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. 6
PATRICIA HOLMES .. .. 3	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES  
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
WALTER J. LEMON .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

## HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

## THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation) .. Treble	†RONALD PERCIVAL .. .. 5
*SHEILA MITCHELL .. .. 2	*HAROLD WILSON .. .. 6
ALFRED EILBECK .. .. 3	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 7
GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 4	†HAROLD SOUTHWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal of Triples on the bells.

## HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JEAN STEWART (16) .. Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 5
JOHN SAVAGE .. .. 2	THOMAS SMELTZER (16) .. 6
*WILMA HOEY (15) .. .. 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 7
WILLIAM PRATT .. .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal. First peal in method by all the band and in Ireland. Birthday compliment to John Dunwoody and his baby son, Mervyn.

## LONDON.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES  
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

*GORDON I. LUCAS .. Treble	*WILLIAM HENRY BRAINCH 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.. 2	†BRYNLEY A. RICHARD .. 6
JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.. 4	*THOMAS TYERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF 5088 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp,

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal in the method by all.

## OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part .. Treble	HERBERT LEWIN .. .. 5
MAUREEN PINDER .. .. 2	*HORACE E. SEAGRAVE .. 6
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 3	*RALPH W. CARLISLE .. 7
*S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN.. 4	*REUBEN E. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. SEAGRAVE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 35 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part .. Treble	*D. J. GAY .. .. 5
*D. SEVILLE .. .. 2	V. SYKES .. .. 6
J. T. WALMSLEY .. .. 3	P. H. TOCOCK .. .. 7
*G. R. FAIRNIE .. .. 4	†T. B. HARTLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by V. SYKES.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,  
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 5
MRS. MARJORIE JAMES .. 2	FREDREICK G. BEDDOW .. 6
CHARLES W. LEE .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
JOHN W. BEST .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

## PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES  
Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD REYNOLDS .. Treble	EDWARD A. REEVES .. .. 5
*ANNIE FOSTER .. .. 2	FRANK J. MAUDE .. .. 6
*ARTHUR TURNER .. .. 3	GEORGE A. BELL .. .. 7
FRANK REYNOLDS .. .. 4	ARTHUR LEIGHTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REYNOLDS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal on the bells by an all-local band within record.

## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GIRLING RIGBY .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. ROBINSON .. 5
DAVID MARSHALL .. .. 2	A. W. HARTLAND .. .. 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. SIMPSON .. 7
WILLIAM T. H. KING .. 4	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.



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THORPE BAY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*MISS M. L. JEFFREYS .. Treble	LESLIE KEY .. 5
†BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	PETER J. KING .. 6
DONALD COOMBS .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4	CYRIL H. GODFREY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

YOULGRAVE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.	
JAMES GARNER-HAYWARD .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
E. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., May 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.	
BRIDGET M. TOMLIN .. Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 5
KEVIN S. HOHL .. 2	ROY E. WOOD .. 6
SIDNEY A. WHITE .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Also a welcome to Rosmary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. White, and a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	†ALAN ELSMORE .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	*ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 7
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.	
AUDREY MORRISON .. Treble	HAROLD A. MAY .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	T. MARK WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal of Superlative.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.	
*GRAHAM MARSH .. Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5
*JOHN BEARDMORE .. 2	R. S. ANDERSON .. 6
*ARTHUR GAUNT .. 3	GEOFFREY BEECH .. 7
*H. BULLOUGH .. 4	ANDREW THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

\* First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.	
RONALD CHAFER .. Treble	†HAROLD MORWOOD .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY .. 2	HARRY HALL .. 6
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	JACK BRAY .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	FRANK LORD .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Triples.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 5
*GORDON TURNER .. 2	JOHN PEARSON .. 6
PAUL BIRKETT .. 3	HARRY WILD .. 7
W. GEORGE TURNER .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by HARRY WILD.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's first calling in this method.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.	
*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR .. 2	A. JAMES GLASS .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.	
GEORGE F. NEWTON .. Treble	RICHARD BUSBY .. 5
THOMAS SENIOR .. 2	THOMAS W. COOKE .. 6
*DENNIS R. AIREY .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
CAPT. E. F. M. SAMSON .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Capt. Samson.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	HAROLD SHUCK .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
HENRY HUBBALL .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	*ALBERT HEYWOOD .. 5
*BRIAN TOMLINSON .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 6
*IAN JONES .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 4	ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
ALBERT DISERENS .. Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 5
FRANK BLONDELL .. 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 6
MARY JAYCOCK .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 7
CYRIL A. BURGESS .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.



WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble	†AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 5
*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
†ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	†HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	§MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major. § 100th peal for the Society. Also a 17th birthday compliment to Peter and Dennis Beresford.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Antelope.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*IAN DAVIDSON .. .. Treble	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 4
ARNOLD WORTH .. .. 2	†ARTHUR STREET .. .. 5
†ARTHUR CAMPBELL .. 3	†JOHN P. JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Law James's arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE .. Treble	PHILIP L. PARROT .. .. 4
GIRLING RIGBY .. .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5
*HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

\* First peal in the method.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being five extents and one 240 of Grandsire, seven extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob, six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and one extent of Stedman.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 4
ANSLEY BOWERS .. .. 2	GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 3	*THOMAS S. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

\* First peal for 50 years. First peal in seven methods for all the band.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

J. BEARDMORE .. .. Treble	PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5
NEVILLE HAILLE .. .. 3	RONALD BARLOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD BARLOW.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 480 each of Chase, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 720 each of St. Dunstan's and London Single, 600 Grandsire and 240 Morris's arrangement, all different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE .. Treble	EDWARD SMART .. .. 3
*JACK MALLOWS .. .. 2	*FRED HOLLEY .. .. 4
HARRY WOODING .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in nine methods by all the band.

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**BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD DAWSON .. Treble	ARTHUR HIBBERT .. 4
*†MRS. MARGARET FINDLOW .. 2	*JACK BAGSHAW .. 5
*JOHN T. MARRIOTT .. 3	*HENRY KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Treble Bob.

**CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Selby and District Society.)

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN THORLEY .. Treble	ERNEST THORLEY .. 4
DAVID THORLEY .. 2	JAMES THORLEY .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	CHARLES THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

\* First peal, age 10.

**GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents of Southrepps, seven each of Place Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED L. GOODACRE .. Treble	J. HARRY COOK .. 3
*ALFRED HINMAN .. 2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 4

CHARLES E. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. BONSHOR. Witness: H. JONES.

\* First peal. First peal in six methods by all the band.

**GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, College Exercise, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

PHILLIP SADLER .. Treble	*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4
*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
DONALD COOMBS .. 3	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being eight methods: St. Clement's, College Exercise, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

BERNARD SADLER .. Treble	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
PHILLIP SADLER .. 3	DONALD COOMBS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

**MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Braintree, Willesden, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donotat, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise and Norbury (13 methods by C. K. Lewis); (3) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsam, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (19 methods by C. K. Lewis); (4) Single Court; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PETER HALLAM .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

\* First peal in 51 methods. First peal in 51 as conductor.

**MARBURY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 extents, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN .. Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH .. 4
EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 2	*J. DEREK SMITH .. 5
THOMAS P. BARLOW .. 3	JOHN BARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

**NEWMHAM, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN Treble	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 4
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 2	FREDERICK W. HANCOCK .. 5
GEORGE H. HANCOCK .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

Also a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. F. Witham.

**NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*AMOS INGALL .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
†LOUIS WILDERS .. 2	*MOSES BILLINGS .. 5
BERTIE BEE .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Northampton Branch.)

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores each of April Day and Grandsire and 22 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*RALPH T. CLARKE .. Treble	*JOHN G. CHAPMAN .. 4
ERIC NOBLES .. 2	*CHARLES T. WINDRAM .. 5
†JACK HADLEY .. 3	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

**STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

BRIAN COOKSON .. Treble	BERNAL SHAW .. 4
GEORGE THORNLEY .. 2	WILFRED WALKER .. 5
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

**TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	JOHN E. WISEMAN .. 5
*GEORGE PADGETT .. 3	*WALTER NICHOLS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

\* First peal in three methods.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR RHODES .. Treble	SYDNEY SAGE .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 5
DOROTHY KIDD .. 3	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part.

ALBERT A. HUGHES .. .. Treble	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	JOHN E. LYDDEARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

In honour of 60 years' membership of the College Youths by Mr. Isaac Emery.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. Treble	†REV. J. KINGDON .. .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. 6
*BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. 3	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\*First peal in the method 'inside.' †First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Ascended Lord.

BURES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*CHARLES BOWER .. .. Treble	†LESLIE D. MILLS .. .. 5
†JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 2	†EDWIN C. HYNARD .. 6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 3	†ARTHUR J. HAYNES .. 7
HARRY J. MILLATT .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. In memoriam Thomas Wood, D.Mus., Oxon, chairman, Music Panel Arts Council. First peal on the bells after the completion of the octave by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN MAWDESLEY .. .. Treble	†GORDON HALL .. .. 4
†KENNETH EDWARDS .. 2	*JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 5
†REGINALD PHILLIPS .. 3	†ROGER A. CLARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\*First peal of Grandsire Doubles. †First peal. Rung on the front six. To celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and his wife.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. W. W. Baker, Vicar for 26 years.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD D. COULSON .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 4
†BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 5
†MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	§FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.' ‡First peal of Minor. §First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The bells of Ecclesfield Parish Church, near Sheffield (8, tenor 15 cwt.) are being rehung with new frame and fittings. The contract has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The bells of Carhampton Church, Somerset, have been overhauled and new fittings supplied where necessary. The work is the gift of Major H. J. Cann in memory of his uncle, Canon G. F. Coleridge. A special service of thanksgiving for this and for the restoration and enlargement of the organ (the gift of a former parishioner in memory of her parents) will be held on Monday, May 28th, at 7 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells will preach.

Willesborough, Kent, ringers aim at a quarter or 720 for every Sunday service and to date they have rung 18 quarters and 16 720's in eight methods.

Burnham, Bucks, had hard luck in their Festival peal attempt of Treble Bob which was lost in the last half course after 2 hours 50 minutes' good ringing.

The ringers of the sixth in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Edmonton on April 26th was Charles E. Willmington, and not as printed.

Our attention has been drawn to the Editorial on May 4th entitled 'Finding a Secretary.' The views expressed were entirely those of the Editor and they do not coincide with the opinion of the late Editorial Committee.

Mr. Frank Blondell informs us that he is only 81 and not 83 as was submitted in a report. It is therefore obvious that Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, who has rung more peals than any man living, has the honour of being the oldest ringer to score a peal for the Festival.

Following the investiture of the King of Denmark as a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a peal was rung on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. The peal was also to mark the Festival of Britain.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A noted 'tower-snatcher' and a member of the Central Council visited Christleton while at Chester only to find the belfry door shut. As no local ringers were about, he went to the Vicarage to ask for the key. The Vicar was unable to oblige but produced a large assortment of old rusty keys in the hope that one would turn the lock. Each proved to be of no use. Then someone had the bright idea of trying the door. It had been purposely left unlocked for the benefit of visitors.

The Festival peals at Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stapleton, Nottingham, were rung by the Sunday service band.

Mr. F. Kevon Thompson informs us that the peal of Doubles rung at Barrow-on-Soar on April 14th was one in eight methods and April Day had been omitted from the report submitted. Mary Carpenter is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

We have received, in connection with the Festival of Britain and Whitsun, 146 quarter peals. Many of our contributors will, owing to the limitation of space, be disappointed. Will they please accept our regrets if they are unlucky?

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. T. H. Reeves, late secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on May 18th. An appreciation of his services to the Guild and the advancement of ringing in the Birmingham area will appear in our next issue.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the contract for recasting and rehangng, with new frames and fittings, the ring of 13 bells at Halifax Parish Church, with tenor approximately 27½ cwt. There will be a semitone between Nos. 6 and 7 to give a light eight. The total weight of the recast bells will probably be just over 132 cwt. The installation is expected to be completed by Christmas.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHESTER

RECORD ATTENDANCE TACKLES LONGEST AGENDA — THE SECRETARYSHIP: MR. G. W. FLETCHER TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR — 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES CAUSE CONCERN — METHOD EXTENSION: AN IMPORTANT NOTE

CHESTER Diocesan Guild left no stone unturned to make the 26th Council (54th annual meeting) of the Central Council memorable. The Refectory Hall, within the precincts of the Cathedral, with its priceless ceiling, a wonderful example of the craftsmanship of the present age, made an appropriate meeting place for the members of the Council on Whitsun Tuesday.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president of the Council, presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), the hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) and Mrs. Fletcher received the Bishop of Chester (the Right Rev. D. H. Crick) and the Dean (Bishop Norman Tubbs), who was accompanied by the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke) and the clerical secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon).

The Bishop of Chester, in welcoming the conference to Chester, said that their presence there was the result of the Festival of Britain because they would have been meeting in London but for the tremendous pressure on accommodation caused by the Festival.

As they knew, the Central Council had considerable ties in Chester. Their founder, Sir Arthur Percival Haywood, had a son, young Percival Haywood, who was a friend of his from his boyhood days. When he died, last year, it was a tremendous loss to the public life of Staffordshire and not least to its educational work because he was for years the efficient chairman of the County Education Committee. He had two sons, one of whom was Rector of Tarporley.

Personally, he knew very little about change ringing but he had read Dorothy Sayers' classical thriller, 'The Nine Tailors,' and here they had another link with the Chester Diocese; one of his priests was leaving to become Rector of March in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich and this was the old church mentioned by Dorothy Sayers in her novel.

The Dean added his welcome and said he was enormously impressed by the attendance at the Holy Communion service in the Cathedral that morning attended by 76 of their members. There was an old tradition that bellringers never attended a service but that was all out of date now. They would never let the community down if they held together in that way.

Thanking the Bishop for his welcome, the president said it was a very great privilege for him, personally, to come back to the ancient city of Chester, because for eight years he was a resident in the diocese and he had rung more peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild than any other Guild. Archdeacon Barber was then Master and Mr. Beeston the secretary.

The Bishop had mentioned 'The Nine Tailors.' Some years ago Miss Dorothy Sayers wrote to him and asked if he would explain something about change ringing to a Swedish lady who was to translate her work into Swedish. He took her to St. Paul's and to the tower at Brasted. The first Christmas of the war he received a copy of 'The Nine Tailors' in Swedish. He thanked the Dean for his hospitality in placing the hall at their disposal.

The Bishop, in thanking Mr. Lewis, said it was now 26 years since the Council visited Chester, and the beautiful ceiling of the Refectory was not then in being. The Bishop then opened the Council meeting with prayer.

## ROLL OF THE COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that the number of Associations affiliated to the Council was now 53, being one less than last year, due to the Barnsley and District Society resigning. The membership of the Council was as follows:—

24 Associations with four members..	96
6 " " three " ..	18
11 " " two " ..	22
12 " " one " ..	12
53 Associations with a membership of 148	

The Surrey Association had elected three representatives in place of two and there were 17 life and honorary members, giving a total membership of 163. All affiliation fees had been paid.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Application had been received from the Sheffield and District Society for membership. This Society was established in the year 1890 and operates within a radius of twenty miles of Sheffield and covers some of the territory of the Yorkshire Association. The Standing Committee recommended that the Sheffield and District Society be affiliated as a non-territorial Association.

The proposition was moved by the hon. secretary and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris, and carried.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke. Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding. Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth. Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Luffin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. Baker, Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guilford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton. National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. F. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes, Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Association.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. D. D. Cooper, Mr. F. E. Collins.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. Dallaway, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross. Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. E. G. Fenn, S. G. Coles, A. C. Sinfield, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, G. L. Grover, A. Harman, J. J. Webb, H. G. Cashmore, B. C. Key, W. F. Judge, F. Precey, G. H. Cross, J. W. Raithby, H. T. Rooke, F. A. Salter, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, F. Beardsall, G. E. Debenham, T. H. Taffender, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella and the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced to the President:— Messrs. S. E. Darmon (Cambridge University), D. Smith and J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild), D. Carlisle and A. Mould (Derbyshire Association), C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead), F. W. Lack (Ely Diocesan Association), P. E. Baker and Miss D. M. Drew (Gloucester and Bristol Association).

Messrs. P. A. Corby and J. Willis (Kent County Association), Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, C. Sharples and L. J. Williams (Lancashire Association), E. C. Turner (Leicester Diocesan Guild), T. M. Roderick.

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## The Central Council—Cont.

(Llandaff and Monmouth Association), T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), R. B. Meadows (Oxford University), B. P. Morris and R. C. Noon (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), A. Hoare (St. David's Diocesan Guild), N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District Society), F. Bennett and L. Stilwell (Sussex County Association), A. P. Cannon (Surrey Association), G. I. Lewis (Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild), W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire and Districts Association), W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire Association).

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

The hon. secretary moved on behalf of the Standing Committee that Mr. E. H. Lewis be elected president for the triennial period 1951-1954.

The resolution was carried with acclamation. Returning thanks, Mr. Lewis said he felt in many ways in the last few years he had rather let the side down. He had not been able to do all the work he should have done or ought to have done owing to pressure of business. In six weeks' time he would have at least between 50 and 60 hours per week more leisure.

#### HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The President: You will see on the agenda that Mr. Fletcher retires and does not seek re-election. That statement was a great shock to us all, though perhaps not altogether unexpected, in view of the great pressure of business that has come to Mr. Fletcher in the last few years. Many of us gave a good deal of thought to the problem of a possible successor and it is not easy to think of one. This was discussed at length by the Standing Committee and Mr. Fletcher made a generous offer that he would carry on for another 12 months on two conditions. One was that the extra work in connection with 'The Ringing World' be divorced from the duties of secretary and that during the next 12 months members of the Council and the Standing Committee think very hard as to what is to happen in the future.

The position of secretary is not easy to fill: we require somebody who is not too old and not too young to be irresponsible. We want somebody in the happy medium and, unfortunately, people of that age are rather scarce owing to the great loss in the 1914-18 War, and of course, we as ringers are affected by that war because during that time there were very few recruits coming forward. That is something to think over. I hope the meeting will accept with real gratitude the generous offer of Mr. Fletcher to carry on for 12 months to give us time to think.

I propose that we re-elect Mr. Fletcher as our hon. secretary and treasurer bearing in mind his desire on those two points. In doing that I cannot fail to pay tribute to our unofficial assistant secretary, Mrs. Fletcher, and when we do our thinking during the next twelve months we have to consider whether in future the job be made permanently double-handed.

There were cries of 'All' when the president asked for a seconder and the resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher: I should like to express my appreciation for the way in which you have received this particular appointment. It is perfectly true that I need a rest, more particularly to-day because of business activities. As I have told the Standing Committee, my average business day is from nine to eight at night.

The Secretary: The Standing Committee recommend that a small committee be appointed to consist of the present officers of the Council, with power to co-opt, to consider the recommendation to the Standing Committee of a secretary.

#### HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. Harold Poole proposed the re-election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. Hooton, in reply, said he would try to carry on and do what he could. He hoped the Council would realise that libraries did not get

any less in weight or numbers with the increase in publications. This might make it necessary to duplicate the office of librarian and appoint someone to assist him. He thought they might divide the actual library from the publications for sale.

#### HON. MEMBERS

The Secretary: Under a new rule the president, secretary, librarian and past secretary become life members. They were previously honorary members. Mr. C. Dean was now deceased and Mr. Smallwood was now the representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, A. A. Hughes, F. Sharpe, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker, retiring members, be re-elected and Mr. E. Shepherd, Mr. M. Howard, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Dr. Hatcher, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. B. Price and Mr. G. R. Newton be elected members. That would leave four vacancies which should be left for emergencies.

The secretary moved and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin moved and Mr. G. Pullinger seconded, that Mr. J. P. Fidler be elected an honorary member.

The meeting elected as hon. members the names submitted by the Standing Committee with the addition of Mr. Fidler.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The secretary, on behalf of the Standing Committee gave notice of a motion for next year's meeting that Mrs. Fletcher be elected a life member. (Applause.)

#### HON. AUDITORS

The secretary said that Mr. A. A. Hughes, the present auditor, was eligible for re-election and they wanted a second auditor. The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. Hughes and that Mr. F. Perrens be elected a second auditor.

This was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and seconded by Mr. H. Miles and carried unanimously.

#### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The members stood while the president read out the list of the following members of the Council who had died during the past year: Messrs. W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle) 1924-1950; W. Pickworth (Middlesex County) 1909-1911, 1930-1935; H. R. Newton (Ancient Society of College Youths) 1891-1893, 1897-1899, 1924-1950; W. Short (Worcestershire and Districts) 1915-1926; Rev. R. F. R. Routh (Hertford County) 1936-1939; Messrs. C. Tyler (Sussex County) 1891-1893; W. H. Shaker (Lancashire Association) 1927-1950; J. George (honorary member) 1918-1932; O. Sippetts (Sussex County) 1939-1951; C. Dean (Surrey Association, honorary member) 1897-1932, 1933-1950; W. Clayton (Surrey Association) 1936-1939; J. G. Wall (Hereford Diocesan Guild) 1891-1897; Rev. G. D. Scott (Irish Association) 1920-1929.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. Barber were paid by Mr. R. S. Anderson (who was taught ringing by the deceased) and by Mr. Albert Walker, who mentioned that on June 9th a party of College Youths were coming from London to Birmingham to hold a meeting and they were making a special pilgrimage to Mr. Barber's grave.

Mr. F. Dunkerley spoke of the great loss to the Lancashire Association by the death of Mr. W. Shaker, who was for 40 years the secretary of the Association.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden called attention to the death a few years ago of Mr. J. G. Wall, a member from 1891-97, who died on April 28th, 1941. His passing had only just reached the Biographies Committee.

Mr. F. E. Dukes mentioned the passing of Canon G. D. Scott, for 50 years a member of the Irish Association and a practical ringer.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The secretary reported that the minutes of the last meeting were published on pages 252 and 253 of 'The Ringing World.' The Standing Committee recommended that they be taken as read and approved. This was proposed by Mr. F. Hairs and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris.

## REPORTS

### THE HON. LIBRARIAN'S

The report of the hon. librarian stated that in October last the new book of Major Compositions was ready and a steady stream of orders began. The demand for the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' continued while 'Hints' and the Handbell book remain popular. For the last-named book demand is very steady and a reprint should be considered. Other publications now available are the revised 'Card of Instructions on the Care of Bells' and the new edition of 'Model Rules.' Recently an approach was made to the Council by Mr. J. B. Howes and Miss Howes with regard to the disposal of the stock, blocks and copyright of 'Village Bells,' a popular instruction book. It was decided to purchase this.

During the year there have been several loans from the library and some enquiries for information from the older ringing papers have been answered. He regretted that he had not been able to make much progress with the distribution of duplicate volumes of the books bequeathed by the late J. H. Shepherd.

He hoped that the Council approved the decision to send out such books on permanent loan. They would thus remain the property of the Council and, in the event of accident to a library book, the duplicate could be reclaimed. Each book thus sent out would contain a Council book plate.

The following presentations were gratefully acknowledged:—'Church Bells of Renfrewshire and Dumbartonshire' (R. W. M. Clouston) by the author; Papers belonging to William Taylor, of Penwortham, by A. Tomlinson; 'Church Bells of Ayrshire' (R. W. M. Clouston), by the author; 'The Tower and Bells of Spilhill Church' (Shepherd), by E. H. Lewis; 'Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Devon' (Charles Pearson), by G. Edwards; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' Vol. II. (Sharpe), by the author; 'Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' (Dove) (two copies, one a finely-bound presentation copy), by W. Viggers and the author.

The following books have been purchased:—'Art and Science of Handbell Ringing' (Turner); 'The Reliquary' (19 parts) containing articles on the bells of Cornwall, Derbyshire and Notts (Dunkin and Jewitt).

The accounts of the library showed that 1,752 books or pamphlets had been sold during the year for £109 14s. 2d.

Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report called attention to the purchase of the stock of 'Village Bells,' about 600 copies.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

## THE ACCOUNTS

The Income and Expenditure Account of the General Funds of the Council for the year ending December 31st, showed income: Affiliation fees for 1950, £37 5s.; subscriptions, honorary members, 5s.; balances (profits): 'Ringing World,' £1 12s. 11d.; publications, £9 8s. 5d. On the expenditure side items were: Insurance of library, 8s. 9d.; expenses Biography Committee, £10 16s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £13 0s. 6d.; telephone, £6 6s. 3d.; postage, £4 10s. 1d.; wreaths, £4 4s.; gratuities, annual meeting, £4 0s. 6d.; binding 'Ringing Worlds,' £1 0s. 6d.; additions to library written off, £2 5s. 6d.; diocesan map, 1s. 3d.; excess of income over expenditure for the year, £1 17s. 6d.

The balance sheet showed the following assets:—Goodwill and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; library, £10; stock of publications, £186 8s. 2d.; stock of stationery, £1 10s.; debtors, £814 8s. 4d.; insurance in advance, 8s. 9d.; cash at bank and in hand, £1,511 3s. 5d.

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## The Central Council—Cont.

Liabilities: Creditors, £379 15s. 2d.; payments in advance, £406 16s. 9d.; bequest, J. H. Shepherd, £10 17s. 3d.; general funds balance, £1,926 9s. 6d.

'The Ringing World' account was as follows:—

Income:—Rolls Publishing Company, £1,686 0s. 2d.; postal subscribers, £1,259 0s. 1d.; advertisements, £208 9s. 8d.; notices, £342 10s. 9d.; sale of 'History of College Youths', £6 6s. 4d.

Expenditure:—Printing and blocks, £2,575 9s. 10d.; editorial office: rent, £13; editor's fees and expenses, £288 9s. 11d.; clerical assistance, £116 12s. 9d.; postage, £8 17s. 6d.; stationery and sundries, £1 1s. 8d. Postal subscribers: Despatch of copies, £107 2s. 9d.; postage and wrappers, £303 14s. 6d. Accounts Department: Clerical assistance, £52; postage and telephone, £21 17s. 8d.; stationery and sundries, £12 7s. 6d. Excess of income over expenditure for the year, £1 12s. 11d.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, in presenting the accounts, said under the new regulations of the Council which were adopted last year, the accounts were made up to December 31st, 1950, and in future they would be made up to December 31st in each year.

Commenting on 'The Ringing World' account, Mr. Fletcher said the excess of income over expenditure was very small, in fact if it had not been for the sale of the 'History of the College Youths,' there would have been a loss. To give the members some idea he had separated the expenditure under various headings and by doing that they got the items of the three departments.

Turning to the balance sheet, Mr. Fletcher said the item goodwill and blocks of the 'Ringing World' was placed at £200, and last year a member proposed that it should be written off. The Standing Committee suggested it be left there. He had put the library at £10, but he wanted to see if he could pick up any idea of what it cost. Debtors, included in that figure of £814 8s. 4d., was 'The Ringing World' account. They had to carry three months of the Rolls Publishing Account. They had some difficulty in persuading them to give them extra. Creditors of £379 15s. 2d. was made up of £387 in postal subscribers and £19 deposit in notices. There was an item, bequest J. H. Shepherd £10 17s. 3d., which was to ensure that his collection of ringing books did not go astray. The books had been received and were being sorted. The balance on the General Fund was £1,926 9s. 6d.

The Standing Committee recommended that the library's value be placed at £10: that this value be retained during the year and additions during the year be written off; that the value of the goodwill and blocks of 'The Ringing World' remain at £200; that the bequest of J. H. Shepherd be placed in the General Fund.

There was, continued Mr. Fletcher, one other point that had been engaging them for some time and that was the question of income tax liability. It was a question of serious concern if it went against them. The Standing Committee recommended that the account be passed over to a professional firm and Mr. Hughes had kindly offered for his own particular firm to undertake this job.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the accounts. They were very involved and it was a further instance of what they owed to Mr. Fletcher for the vast amount of work on them. He did congratulate him on what he had done.

Mr. Anderson suggested that the Shepherd bequest should be used as some permanent record. The Biographies Committee were proposing to have a loose leaf cover as a memorial.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded the proposition that the Shepherd bequest be used by the Biographies Committee for binding records. This was agreed to and the accounts were adopted.

## CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes (convener) stated that he had not submitted a written report. The machine was now in first-class order and it was hoped that, before it went back to South Kensington Museum, Mr. Albert Walker would test it by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Walker, in seconding, brought to the attention of the Council the work on the machine by Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Brian Price. The last time he saw it it functioned perfectly.

The hon. secretary said the 1950 report called attention to the necessity of providing a suitable electric motor for the machine. He had not had that account and when he mentioned the matter to Mr. Hughes he said there would be no account. They ought to place on record their grateful thanks to the person who had footed the bill. (Applause.)

## METHODS COMMITTEE

The Methods Committee continued its work on the subjects mentioned in last year's report. Although the new Plain Major book was then said to be nearly finished, the settling of many final details proved a longer business than was expected and two actual meetings of the Committee had to be arranged to finish the work. However, we are pleased to report that the book is now complete and we hope the revision will be found useful by the Exercise.

As instructed by last year's Council, we examined the manuscript of the Surprise Methods Book prepared by the last Committee and in our opinion, although it is a monumental work which, as it were, crowned the efforts of that Committee, we fear we cannot recommend its publication at present for the following reasons:—

(a) The cost of printing would be enormous to-day (we agreed it was a great pity that it was not published when first produced).

(b) Much of its contents have been given to the Exercise in publications since it was written.

We therefore recommend that it be placed in the library, for even though it remains unpublished, it will always be a reminder of the genius of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope to those who come after.

We have commenced our investigations of Doubles Methods and we are agreed in the first place that methods with one hunt should have a four lead course even though the Plain Bob lead head rule is relaxed. Secondly, we recommend that the type of Bob be fixed for these methods and, thirdly, that no 'mixing' of methods be entertained (e.g., in the past, methods could have identical leads but were named differently as distinct methods simply because they used different kinds of bobs and singles). So far we find that there are about 20 methods possible, observing the above rules and also having either two or four blows at the back or at the lead when the treble is leading or lying behind respectively. There are also about a dozen methods having either two hunts or based on a principle (like Stedman). We are now engaged on working out a further sufficient number of methods to complete 42 different ones to enable peals to be rung. As was said last year, the Council can rest assured that any departures from the usual practice of ringing on higher numbers of bells will be kept to the minimum but it is obvious that some relaxations will have to be made if 42 different methods are to be produced.

We have concluded our investigation of the principles of Method Extension and a separate note is submitted for the Council's consideration to complete the work of which the first part was accepted last time. It seems important to stress most emphatically that we have submitted a report on what we consider **desirable** in extension and not what is **possible**. We have interpreted this as meaning that we should think of the practical ringer—not so much the mathematician. Further work is proceeding on how the recommendations affect

methods which have been put forward as extensions of the Major in Mr. Corrigan's book—that was the reason for the note of warning in 'The Ringing World.'

## NOTE ON METHOD EXTENSION

In the report which we presented to the Council last year we dealt with all the points except lead-ends. Lead-ends are themselves dependent on the pivot bells, a given sequence of pivots from Minor to Maximus producing two alternative sequences of lead-ends, one produced by a 2nds place and the other by an ultimate place. Investigation has shown that any sequence of pivot bells, from Minor to Maximus (3,465 in all), is theoretically correct. This means that a parent method having its lead-ends in a given order may correctly extend to a method having its lead-ends in any order, e.g., a method extended from Minor to Maximus may have its first lead-ends as follows:—

Minor	Major	Royal	Maximus
35264	4263857	907856342	57392E4T608

Although this sequence seems absurd, it is, nevertheless, possible. This can be proved mathematically. But since our task has been to determine what is desirable and not what is possible we have formulated the following recommendation:—

'That the pivot bell shall be the same treble or the same tenor throughout the series of extensions except when the pivot bell in the parent is equally a treble and a tenor when it may be treated as either.'

The trebles (ignoring the treble proper) are those bells nearest to the front in rounds and the tenors those nearest to the back. Thus in Minor (23456) the 2nd and 3rd are the first and second trebles and the 6th and 5th the first and second tenors respectively. The 4th is both the 3rd treble and the third tenor may be treated as either. Similarly the 5th in Major is both the fourth treble and the fourth tenor. The following table shows the sequences of pivots which would be permitted by the recommendation—the sequence to be read vertically downwards:—

	Trebles					Tenors				
Minor	2	3	4				4	5	6	
Major	2	3	4	5			5	6	7	8
Royal	2	3	4	5	6		6	7	8	9
Maximus	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	E T

Investigation has shown that these are the only sequences which do not produce absurdities.

If this recommendation, together with those presented last year, is adopted by the Council, no alleged extension so far published of London, Bristol or Superlative Major can be regarded as acceptable.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead moved and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Harold Poole said with regard to method extension it occurred to him that it was something that they ought not to jump to a conclusion. It would have a far-reaching effect on many people on the Council and he was going to suggest that the method extension so far as it concerned lead-ends be published as suggested and finally ratified at the next meeting. 'We are more concerned with what is true extension and not what is not.'

Mr. Felstead: The majority of the Committee are agreed to that course.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: We hope that people who object to the proposal will produce evidence to support their views.

Mr. Poole said one of the things that wanted clearing up was the extension of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Mr. Felstead: Mr. Kippin has done a lot of work on extension and he came to the conclusion that there were 18 possible ways to extend from Major to Royal.

It was agreed that the note on extension be left for final discussion next year.

The members of the Methods Committee, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, C. K. Lewis and F. Nollan Golden, were re-elected and the Rev. Felstead elected convener.

(To be continued.)



## EXETER AND THE FESTIVAL

### 350 Ringers Attend Rally

It was among the ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, that the idea of a Festival of Britain Ringers' Rally originated and it was, therefore, most appropriate that a band drawn from the regular Sunday service ringers there should have scored a peal on the evening of May 4th. During that same evening the bells of the great majority of towers in the country were ringing out in honour of the Festival and it is safe to say that nothing of the kind would have been attempted had not the invitation to do so been sent out in the joint names of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Devon Association of Ringers. Incidentally, the proposal for this simultaneous ringing came from the Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, a vice-president of the Guild.

The small committee, drawn from both organisations, which arranged the rally in Exeter on the following day estimated the probable number at around 150 but the chance of a ring at the Cathedral was a bigger 'draw' than they realised, and as a consequence nearly 350 were present. The Diocesan Sunday School teachers were also meeting in Exeter during the afternoon with the result that at the service at the Cathedral the nave was filled to capacity. The second lesson was read by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, and the address was given by the Dean, the Very Rev. A. R. Wallace. He compared the teachers and ringers to two auxiliary corps in the army of God, the ringers being the Signals, proclaiming far and wide the Church's existence.

Owing to the large number present two halls had been booked for tea. At the Legion Hall the chair was taken by Prebendary E. V. Cox, who said how delighted he was to see such a happy gathering of method and call change ringers. 'This is a unique event,' he went on. 'Never before have any two organisations combined in this way. Long may this union between the Devon Association and the Guild last and don't let us have to wait for another Festival of Britain for another reunion.'

Ringling began at the Cathedral and at St. Thomas' at 1.30 p.m., continued at the Cathedral until 8 p.m. and at the five city churches until 9 and in some cases 10 p.m. The great attraction, especially as far as the call change men were concerned, was the Cathedral, as never before had the tower been thrown open to them. Owing to the large number wishing to ring, the time allowed for each band had to be cut down to about three or four minutes.

Without advising anyone of their intentions, the B.B.C. sent a recording car to the Cathedral. In reply to an enquiry, they stated that the recording was for possible inclusion in one of their Festival programmes, but no decision had been taken as to whether the recording would be used.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN

### South Norfolk Branch

Fifty-six ringers and friends attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Pulham St. Mary on May 5th: included were Mr. and Mrs. Seager from Leeds (Yorks) and Mr. D. A. Chapman from Doncaster. The Rector, the Rev. C. G. Kerslake, conducted the service afterwards and tea was served by Mrs. Whiting and ladies of the Parish in the Reading Room.

The Rector took the chair at the meeting supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard. Mr. W. L. Duffield (Branch chairman), Mr. E. Whiting (Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary) and Messrs. F. C. Roper, W. A. Lock and C. W. F. Phillippo (committee) and ringers from 25 different parishes. James Morley, of Diss, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to visit Kenninghall for the next meeting on July 28th.

The bells of Pulham Market Church were also rung during the evening.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Memorial Dedicated to Mr. Keith Hart

**A**FTER the afternoon's ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton, the first part of the business at the annual meeting of the Sussex Association on May 5th was the dedication and unveiling of the memorial to Mr. Keith Hart.

The memorial takes the form of a bell-metal tablet, 18 in. by 12 in., with a raised border and raised Roman lettering. The inscription reads: 'In memory of Keith Hart, leader in this tower from 1908 to 1947.' It is erected immediately above the marble tablet which records the ringing in 1927 of the first peal of London Surprise Royal, accomplished by a local band under Keith Hart's conductorship.

In a brief appreciation, the Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, mentioned the fitness of placing the memorial in the tower which had such close connections with the career of Mr. Hart. It was here that he had served the Church for more than 50 years and had been leader for almost 40. The Master also recalled Mr. Hart's character as a first-class ringer and his willingness to give from his wealth of experience, help and encouragement to the less expert. By his loss, the Exercise in general, and Sussex ringers in particular, had lost a good friend. After the tablet had been unveiled by Mr. W. C. Hart, the Vicar of Brighton said dedicatory prayers and at the Association service which followed spoke words of appreciation referring to Keith Hart's character and force of example.

### THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting followed tea in St. Peter's Memorial Hall attended by 120 members and ringing friends. The Master's report and balance sheet were accepted, Mr. R. G. Blackman being thanked for stepping into the work of treasurer at short notice. New members were elected from Cuckfield—Miss G. A. Apps and Mr. A. M. Rowland. The peal secretary reported the ringing of 86 peals during the year, being 80 on tower bells and six 'in hand' with 30 conductors.

A discussion took place, following a motion from the Eastern Division, that printing expenses should be reduced by not printing peal

reports in full but by substituting a peal analysis in the annual report. The question of preserving the records arose and it was decided to accept with thanks Miss E. Lonnen's offer of typewriting the peal record. Copies of this are to be held by officers of the Association in separate places for safety. It was further decided to proceed with a manuscript peal book, and the offer of Mr. Donald Smith, of West Tarring, to do this work was gratefully accepted. Miss F. Wyman also was sincerely thanked for her offer of presenting the peal book in memory of the late treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts.

The question of the amounts levied on the Divisional Funds for the expenses of the Central Fund led to a long discussion. Owing to difficulties encountered by the Eastern Division, which had collected many outstanding subscriptions in a year when the levy was high, the acting treasurer had devised a scheme whereby an equal balance could be left in each Division. This had been recommended by the Committee but it met with opposition from many members, some of whom were members of the Eastern Division. As the scheme proposed was definitely against the rule governing the levy, which must be applied in proportion to income, it was finally decided that the full levy must stand but that there was nothing to prevent any other Division making a grant to the Eastern as a gesture of goodwill and friendship if it so desired.

Under the election of officers, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc; other officers were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil; treasurer, Mr. R. G. Blackman; general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; Central Council delegates, Messrs. F. Bennett, R. G. Blackman, L. Stilwell and F. Dallaway; Central Fund auditors, Messrs. A. W. Bond and R. Overy; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. C. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and F. Dallaway.

In conclusion the Master paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who died in office after being treasurer for eight years. Mr. W. C. Hart and Miss Wyman also added their appreciation of Mr. Sippetts' work and character.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### FESTIVAL TOUR

The Festival of Britain celebrations programme arranged for the opening week of the Festival by the Midland Counties Guild of Church Bellringers began on Friday, May 4th, at Netherseal, when eight officers of the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

On Saturday, May 5th, activities began at the Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, with a quarter peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob Minor, rung by six officers of the Guild. The afternoon programme consisted of a 60-mile bus tour, when 30 members visited each parish covered by the activities of the Guild, and rang for 20 minutes in the following towers:—Rolleston-on-Dove, Repton, Ticknall, Ashby, Measham, Appleby Magna, Netherseal, Lullington, Winhill, Burton All Saints' and Burton Parish Church.

Methods rung during the tour included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. The highlight of the tour was the 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles rung at Lullington by six lady members of the Guild.

On Sunday eight members assembled at the Church of St. Matthew, Overseal, for a peal attempt of Stedman Triples (5,040 changes).

The programme was successfully concluded on Monday at St. John's Church, Newhall, with a peal of Minor in four methods.

## 'IT GETS IN YOUR BLOOD'

Dear Sir,—How can ringers explain to non-ringers why they find the art of campanology intriguing and wonderful? I think that there is a mysterious answer which evades non-ringers. So long as there is the sound of bells (being well struck), is there not a cascade of beautiful music which only ringers can appreciate to the full extent; for it is only when one is learning to play the piano that one can appreciate and wonder at the intricacies of style and the different ways in which musical composers express themselves.

While a ringer is performing or listening to a tinnabulation, he may be in an ephemeral ecstasy, for as soon as the bells cease he cannot retain that beautiful echo; consequently he wants to go on, to ring again, to learn more methods in order to be able to express himself in different ways. A ringer, being an officer of the Church, must surely never forget his purpose of ringing—to honour God—not for his own self-satisfaction. Perhaps it is this fact which inspires campanologists.

However oddly non-ringers may regard us, I can say, personally, that there are no half measures about ringing: 'it gets into your blood.' Once it captures one it does so completely. Perhaps this is because a ringer has the privilege of continuing and handing down one of Britain's heritages in arts. Who knows why each individual ringer cannot withstand the irresistible call of bells? The bells call ringers as the sea calls sailors, and from all walks of life they fulfil that vocation.—Yours faithfully,  
Yate, Bristol. **JEAN SHELLARD.**



# QUARTER PEALS

**ABSON, GLOS.**—On May 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cecil Dando (first in method) 1, Miss A. Clarke (first in method 'inside') 2, R. G. Hooper 3, G. Sprules 4, E. Sutton 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6. Rung for St. James' Day.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On May 5th 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Denyer 1, Mrs. M. Pepler 2, E. Sherwood 3, P. Sherwood (first quarter) 4, E. Pepler (cond.) 5, B. Sherwood (first quarter) 6.

**BAGSHOT, SURREY.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills 1, Mrs. M. Welton 2, J. Wells 3, G. S. Joyce 4, C. Beadle 5, R. Corke 6, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 7, F. Hall (first quarter) 8.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): J. W. Lowe 1, J. Chambers (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. G. W. Soars 3, G. J. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. For Confirmation service.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Story (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Gorton (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Leavey 3, Mrs. J. Weaver 4, E. F. Gilbert 5, J. Weaver 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, N. Glover 8.

**BATH.**—At the Abbey on May 3rd, 1,227 Stedman Caters: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. J. Fry 4, H. D. Taylor 5, M. Helps 6, J. Hallett 7, P. W. Weeks 8, R. O. Fry, jun. 9, K. Medway and H. J. Merrett 10. First in method by 4, 6 and 8.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Paul's on May 7th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Jeffries 1, B. Harlow 2, B. Cope 3, S. Foskett 4, S. Woodcock 5, K. Spavins 6, P. Chapman 7, D. Thompson 8. In memoriam Leslie Keep, killed on active service.

**BEDWELTY, MON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Price 1, Mrs. R. Price (first quarter) 2, G. Williams (cond.) 3, Miss J. Powell 4, Miss H. Evans (first quarter) 5, G. Flower 6.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Knight 1, J. Gasson 2, G. P. Packham 3, C. Mitchell 4, J. Jeffrey 5, T. Gasson (cond.) 6, F. Godsmall 7, Joe Gasson 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 8.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sheppard 1, J. Roast 2, Miss K. Knight 3, H. Egglestone 4, A. Bartholomew 5, W. Barrett 6, L. Joslin 7, A. Everett (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4.

**BOURN, CAMBS.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, C. Hurst 2, E. G. Hibbens 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. W. Smith 5, T. R. Dennis 6, J. W. R. Quinney (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's on Ascension Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Mitchell 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, M. Best 3, Miss J. Gibbons 4, R. Hurst 5, J. Hartless 6, G. Evenden (first in method as cond.) 7, P. Hunt 8.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Lindsell (first in method) 1, L. Wiffen 2, H. Pratt 3, H. G. Felton 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, G. Wiffen (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Werburgh's on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Riches (cond.) 1, Miss S. Arnold (first quarter) 2, P. Gregory (first quarter) 3, C. Brimble 4, H. Payne 5, A. True 6.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris (first away from tenor) 1, N. Jenkins 2, P. Nash 3, S. L. Smith 4, J. E. Rootes 5, L. J. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, E. North (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Mr. P. G. Kirby (assistant organist) and Miss J. Cobb.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew's on April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. D. Edge 1, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 2, A. R. Guy 3, J. Rowsell 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, C. M. P. Johnson 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, A. S. Wait 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the King and Queen to Cambridge.

**CARLISLE.**—At the Cathedral on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Porter 1, J. Porter (longest touch) 2, M. J. Trott (first quarter) 3, Miss A. Bousfield 4, A. Hodgson (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. Rung with 1-2 in front, tenor covering.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Henderson 1, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 2, A. Cowan 3, Miss J. Lewis 4, W. Tyson 5, P. D. Draffin 6, R. Oliver 7, R. B. Skelton 8.

**CRONDALL, HANTS.**—On May 5th, 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Pepler 1, B. Sherwood 2, E. Gardner 3, T. Denyer 4, E. Pepler (cond.) 5, C. Wells (first of Doubles) 6.

**DEAL, KENT.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Milner 1, Miss J. Wells 2, Miss A. Fagg (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. Ruck (first quarter as cond.) 4, A. Rye 5, M. Milner 6.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. E. Thompson 1, Miss K. Tivey 2, F. R. Lowe 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, C. Walklate 5, H. Taylor 6, J. B. Stennitt 7, S. Walklate 8, J. Wilkinson 9, M. Barker 10. First quarter by all except 3 and 10.

**EASTRY, KENT.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. Gambrell 1, W. Goldup 2, P. Newing 3, T. Wickens 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5. First in two methods of Doubles for all the band.

**EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Carter 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, F. S. Limb (first quarter) 4, F. Ridgwell 5, C. Saywood 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, E. Piper 8. In memoriam Ernest Bowhill.

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Groves 1, H. Smith 2, F. Fox (first quarter) 3, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 4, G. Bird (first quarter) 5, H. C. R. Vine 6.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On May 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Strawford 1, J. Hutt 2, F. Wheeler 3, H. E. Taylor 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, E. Cadle 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Belcher 8. Longest touch in method for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On May 5th (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 540 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): R. Mills 1, R. Woods 2, A. Gasson 3, L. Hallett 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, K. Treweek 6. The first quarter in three methods by all the band.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. T. Allum (first of Major) 1, W. E. Maillden 2, L. C. Wightman 3, W. W. Miller 4, C. W. Beecroft 5, R. Parker 6, W. Ruffles 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

**GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Scull 1, W. Gregory 2, H. Scull 3, P. H. Hull 4, G. W. Stutch (first as cond.) 5, C. Evans 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Preb. J. H. Townsend, on retirement.

**GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.**—On April 24th, quarter peal of Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain): P. W. Newstead 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, C. Parnell 3, M. J. Ling 4, A. Wigmore (cond.) 5, J. Denton 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Peter G. W. Newstead.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Gadd (first quarter) 1, N. Matthews 2, F. Robinson 3, E. Brede 4, J. Hobden (cond.) 5, F. E. Blackman 6.

**HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain Bob): T. H. Blunt 1, Miss J. S. Bailey 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, F. T. Blaygrove (cond.) 6. First quarter on bells since restoration. All participants under 21 years.—On May 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells and 720 Durham): Agnes E. Price 1, P. A. Lawrence 2, T. H. Blunt 3, G. Dodds 4, T. Price 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6.

**HANBURY, STAFFS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibbs 1, G. L. Roden 2, L. Chamberlain 1, N. Brain 4, H. F. Harrison 5, E. Buckley 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, G. Wetherall 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

**HANBURY, WORCS.**—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Seagers 1, Miss E. R. Partridge 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, J. F. Nash 4, Mrs. L. J. Birch 5, Rev. L. J. Birch 6, A. J. Poulney 7, R. C. Nash 8. With 4.6.8 covering.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, J. Wells 3, C. Beadle 4, G. S. Joyce 5, Rev. K. C. Davis 6, C. W. Denyer 7, G. Nobbs (first quarter) 8.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On April 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. King (first quarter Plain Bob) 1, Miss J. Dodson 2, J. King 3, Miss P. Collis 4, H. Colcombe 5, F. J. Dodson 6, J. Brent 7, W. Simmonds (cond.) 8.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Stiemming (first quarter, 83) 1, Miss G. Goulding (first quarter, 15) 2, M. Page (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, D. Woodward 4, G. Page 5.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Jukes 1, C. Peakman 2, A. Peakman 3, H. Morgan 4, B. Morgan (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6.

**KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.**—1,540 Bob Minor: Miss A. Worrall (first quarter) 1, S. Hough, jun. 2, Miss A. D. Edwards 3, R. Hough 4, N. Hough (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. Hough, sen. 6. Rung for the May Day Festival.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Preece 1, D. W. Barr 2, P. A. Sheldon 3, P. G. Golder (cond.) 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. Fairey 6. First quarter by a local band. First quarter by all except the conductor.

**LLANTIRISANT, GLAM.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Price (first quarter) 1, W. Huish 2, R. Price (first quarter) 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, J. Westcott 6, J. Evans 7, J. Westcott 8.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: J. Wright 1, R. Avery 2, C. Jones 3, Q. Cooper 4, R. F. Jones (first as cond.) 5, J. Cooper 6, H. Perrett 7, H. Trollope 8.

**LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A/C B. 1. Kingsnorth 1, Cpl. L. Discon 2, A/C G. Francis (cond.) 3, A/C G. 1. Collett 4, A/C R. D. Skinner 5, A/C 1. Barrance (first quarter) 6. Rung for Festival of Britain by ringers from R.A.F. St. Athan.

**LUDDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. E. A. Davies 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, T. W. Nash 3, W. Nason 4, H. Jones 5, W. Cox 6, A. C. Nason 7, T. E. Nash 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On April 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Junc Gladman (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, A. Smith 3, A. King 4, J. Rushton 5, H. Burton 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

**MARDEN, KENT.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, M. A. Tomlin 2, P. Carter 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, P. Heasman 6, T. Pert 7, C. M. Claeys 8. With 7.6.8 covering.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, R. Dadds 8.

**MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Measures (first quarter peal) 1, F. Wallington 2, W. Wallington 3, C. Windram 4, G. Hollick (cond.) 5, E. Measures 6, E. J. Sharp 7, J. W. Rawson 8.

**MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Court 1, Miss A. Fagg 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, A. Rye 4, G. Ruck 5, J. Penfold 6.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Combes 1, W. J. Burt 2, J. McRobert (first 'inside') 3, A. Cross 4, D. Stone 5, R. Franklin (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Coussins 8.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (14) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, J. T. Read (15) 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Chessman (16) 6.

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire): P. J. Camc 1, Miss K. Knight 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, J. West 4, P. Childs (cond.) 5, D. Temple (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods by all.

**SOUTH WALD, ESSEX.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sharplin 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, J. Sunnucks 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. James 6. A birthday compliment to E. J. Baxter, now serving with H.M. Forces in Malaya.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tony Mitchelson 1, J. Mitchelson, sen. 2, W. C. Parker (85) 3, F. G. Fairhead 4, E. Butler 5, L. Knowles 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. A welcome home to Tony Mitchelson, who is in the Merchant Navy.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Cattell 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, A. Wenban 4, T. Clark 5, F. Cattell 6, W. Wenban 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean A. Brooks 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Mary C. Payne 3, A. Mansfield 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Saunders 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

**TIBSHOLF, DERBYS.**—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Foster 1, A. S. Smithson 2, H. Draycott (84) 3, T. Radford 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. N. O. L. Manchin 1, G. W. Slack 2, A. T. Carter 3, K. W. Mackintosh 4, A. Agar 5, C. A. Hughes 6, J. R. Kemp 7, A. Boyack 8, J. G. M. Scott 9, A. J. House (cond.) 10. First quarter on ten by 4, 5, 7 and 9.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—On April 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss J. Smith 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter Surprise for 1 and 2.

**WOLVERCOTE, OXON.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Godwin 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin, jun. 3, K. E. White 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, H. Chamberlain 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.**—On May 8th, at St. Luke's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. L. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. D. Holden 2, S. Birch 3, A. D. Collins 4, T. Reynolds (cond.) 5, E. E. Speake 6, H. Griffiths 7, A. R. Agg (first quarter on eight) 8.

**WORTHEN, SALOP.**—On May 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green (first quarter) 1, J. Colley 2, W. J. Gethin 3, E. W. Colley (first as cond.) 4, L. Colley 6, D. A. Passant (first quarter) 6.

**WYE, KENT.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss D. Cozens (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Pendrill 2, Miss M. Hobbs 3, J. Thomas 4, G. Medley (cond.) 5, C. Hayward (first quarter) 6, G. Bonnett 7, W. Curtis 8.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. Driscoll 1, E. A. Price 2, P. H. Marshall 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First quarter by 1 and 6. First quarter on the restored bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.



## OBITUARY

### THE REV. A. R. GODFREY

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. A. R. Godfrey, of Ichtingfield, Sussex, who passed away after an illness of six months. He was responsible for building up a keen band of young ringers and although he could not often find time to attend Association meetings and therefore was not widely known, he will be missed by those who knew him.

### KILLED IN IRAQ

Involved in a transport accident at Habbanya, Iraq, on May 1st, Aircraftman Leslie John Keep, a Bedford National Service man, and a regular member of the St. Paul's band of ringers, was killed. He was an accomplished pianist and since an early age had been a member of the choir at the above church.

It was exactly a year ago since he was conscripted, going overseas two months later. An only child, he was 20 years of age and lived with his parents at 225, Castle Road, Bedford. C. E. J.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's Grave

Continuing the policy of holding at least one meeting per year in the provinces, the Society is this year holding its meeting in Birmingham on June 9th.

London members will travel in strength from Paddington by the train leaving at 9.10 a.m. and will be met on arrival by Mr. Albert Walker and other members from the Midlands.

Transport has been arranged by Mr. Walker and the party will proceed to Sutton Coldfield to visit the grave of W. H. Barber, where a belated ringers' tribute will be paid to his memory.

The party will return to Birmingham for lunch at 1.30 at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row. This will be followed by ringing at the Cathedral, and afterwards at St. Martin's, and a business meeting at St. Martin's Parish Hall, Dean Street.

A social hour at the Tamworth Arms will complete the day and it is expected that Midland members of the Society will be present in large numbers to meet the London members.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Visiting an Outpost

'Once in six years we have this: the Ringers' Festival and the Confirmation following each other!' So said the Rector of Semley when the Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting here on May 5th. The coincidence, however, was accidental and if Semley were more easily accessible the ringers would probably have visited it more often.

The bells, a fairly heavy, musical ring of six, were kept going in rounds and standard methods until tea in the Infants' Schoolroom next to the church. A short business meeting followed at which the Guild annual meeting was discussed and a donation voted towards the very heavy cost of producing it for this year. Arrangements were also outlined for a competition to members of the branch at the next meeting, this being a new experiment.

The Rector, the Rev. J. W. N. Nind, conducted the Guild service in church and gave an address, quoting from Ephesians 4: 'And he gave some evangelists . . . and St. Paul might have added . . . and some bellringers!' Mr. H. A. Roles, the branch chairman, was at the organ. Ringing was kept going for some time, one party going on to sample the fine entry at Gillingham before returning to Salisbury.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Rochester District

A very happy and enjoyable quarterly meeting was held at Milton-next-Gravesend on April 21st. Over 60 members and friends took advantage of a fine day to meeting at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Johnson) assisted by the curate (the Rev. K. C. Stuart). Features of the service were the inspiring address by the Rector and the very hearty singing.

For many years, whenever the District has visited Milton, that great stalwart of the County Association, Mr. Fred Mitchell, together with his wife, have always invited the ringers to tea, and this meeting was no exception. Upon entering the schoolroom, adjoining the church, a grand sight of rows of heavily-laden tables met the eye and full justice was done to the sumptuous tea.

Before the start of the business part of the meeting, members stood in silence in remembrance of Mrs. C. Belsey, of Rainham, and Mr. W. Collishaw, of Frindsbury, two old members who had died since the last meeting.

The chairman (the Rector) paid tribute to the oldest member of the Milton band, Mr. G. Morrad (86) and said that although he had now been forced to give up ringing he had insisted upon being present that afternoon and, with the aid of a bathchair, this was successfully accomplished.

Eight non-resident life members, one honorary member and seven ringing members were elected.

Mr. G. H. Spice, the general secretary of the Association, asked that a very special effort should be made by all hands to ring their bells for the opening of the Festival of Britain on Ascension Day, and later, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting so enjoyable, he spoke of the very great debt of gratitude all members owed to Mr. Mitchell, who had for over 40 years been an officer in the Association.

B. W. M.

### A BRISTOL WEDDING

The wedding of Mary, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bennett, and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davey, took place on May 5th at St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Bristol.

The bride wore a white dress and veil and carried a sheaf of red roses. She was given away by her father and the bridesmaid was Miss Moira Davey, sister of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom who is a regular soldier, was in uniform and the best man was Mr. J. Tillin. The service was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. J. Ragg, and was attended by a large congregation. During the signing of the register the choirboys rendered the anthem 'Let the bright seraphim.'

The bride and groom are both ringers at the above church and the best man a former ringer. The bride's father is the present secretary and former chairman of the Bristol City Branch and her mother is a well-known member of the Bristol Rural Branch and Ladies' Guild.

Many ringing friends of the bridal couple and the bride's parents were present at the ceremony and the eight bells in the tower were ringing merrily as the happy pair emerged from the church.

A short honeymoon was spent in South Wales.

### YOUNGEST QUARTER PEAL BAND

Dear Sir.—With reference to the query from Little Baddow, Essex, in Belfry Gossip of May 11th, may I point out that a quarter peal of Minor was rung at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks, on June 27th, 1949, by six boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 13 years. For report and photograph, see 'Ringing World' issue dated July 22nd, 1949. With best wishes to all young ringers everywhere.—Yours sincerely,

Thorne, Doncaster. JAMES THORLEY.  
Yorks.

## NOTICES

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

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

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

## ENGAGEMENT

RAPLEY—LONNEN.—The engagement is announced between Edgar Richard Rapley, of 92, Butcher's Row, West Grinstead, Sussex, and Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lonnen, of Sundale, Downview Road, Felpham, Sussex. 8899

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. E. H. Lewis' private address will in future be Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll. 8900

## PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

THE CARD OF INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CARE AND USE OF CHURCH BELLS, which has been out of print for some years, has been completely revised by Mr. F. Sharpe. It contains concise notes on the proper attention to be paid to all vital parts of a bell frame, bells and fittings and ringing chambers together with other useful advice. Price 6d., post free, from the Librarian, The Central Council, Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' by Rev. J. M. Turner, Waterloo House, Moulton, Northampton. 8852

'VILLAGE BELLS.'—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring. 8880

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

## MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bowdon, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon. —C. K. Lewis. 8880

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Special meeting, Duffield, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea (2/- or 4/6) 5. Names to Maurice Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 8883

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting on May 26th, Lymptone. Service 4.30. Tea after. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 8836

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 26th, Crich (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tor Cafe, Crich, 2/6 per head. Names to J. W. Price, No. 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield.—J. H. Price. 8894

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8892

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A practice meeting will be held at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 5.30 p.m. All members are welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8862



ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. Division. — Meeting at Great Yeldham (6), May 26th, 2.30—4.30. Service, tea and meeting afterwards. — H. A. Pratt. 8873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Esher, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at various cafes. Business meeting after tea. — F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 8835

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Aldenham (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8858

LADIES' GUILD. — South-Eastern District. — Meeting at Birchington, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

OXFORD GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Horton (6), Saturday May 26th, 6 p.m. No tea. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8872

OXFORD GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual meeting at Burford (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 8876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Smith, 34, Old High Street, Headington, Oxford. — M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 8891

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, May 26th. Tower open 2.30. Tea for those who notify, by 24th, P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8895

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Sharnbrook, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Visitors note—good bus service. Special methods, Sandal, Disley. — Michael Stephens. 8915

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Over, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided. — H. W. Howard. 8922

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — St. Nicholas', Cramlington, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. Hart, 3, Blagdon Terrace, Cramlington. 8908

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Crusader meeting on June 2nd at South Weald (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, The Bays, Bentley, Brentwood. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards. 8897

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — June 2nd. St. Matthew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business. Notify before May 30th. — A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol. 5. 8911

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts. — Quarterly meeting, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. 8909

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Elland, June 2nd. Visit of the Rev. Theodore Mathieson (Founder-President). Past and present members specially invited. Ringing from 3. Tea 5. For tea, kindly notify me by Monday, May 28th. — F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, Yorks. 8907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Seal and Seal Chart (both 6) on June 2nd. Service and tea at Seal at 4.30 and 5 o'clock respectively. Names for tea to G. Acott, 2, Zion Cottages, Seal, near Sevenoaks. 8860

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, June 2nd. Usual times. Tea at 1/9 per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Monday, May 28th. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, June

2nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea, at invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m. Names, by May 31st, please, to Miss D. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, W.13. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. — D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8867

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints' Church, Otley, Yorks, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All ringers welcome. — E. D. Kelly. 8913

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches. — Joint meeting at St. John's, Silverdale, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Silverdale, via Carnforth. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. — J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Secs. 8920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. — Names for tea, by first post, Thursday, May 31st, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton. — J. H. Foster. 8919

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, June 2nd, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify, by May 30th, Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall. — J. Burns. 8918

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District). — Joint meeting at Bingham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. W. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham. — J. H. Cook and S. P. M. Lewin. 8890

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Duke's Head 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, May 28th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8916

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Garden fete, Timberland, June 2nd, in aid of Bell Restoration Fund. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Please support. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8914

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District. — Meeting at Twickenham, June 2nd, All Hallows', Chertsey Road (rehung 10). 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, St. Mary's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. J. M. Lovell, 10, Victoria Road, Twickenham. St. Mary's (8) after meeting, if available. Twickenham (S.R.), 667 T-bus, 33 bus. — G. Dods, Dis. Sec. 8923

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch. — Meeting at Ranworth (6), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, the latest Wednesday, May 30th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 8865

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Swynnerton, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8896

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8879

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Brownlow Hall 5 p.m. Notify, by May 28th, Mr. L. D. Millard, 4, Appletree Cottages, New Road, Bracknell. — B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea,

before May 29th, please, to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8904

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North Western District. — On Saturday, June 2nd, a practice meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, Weir Road, S.W.12, 6.30—8 p.m. — R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8912

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 30th. — G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley, Sussex. 8924

SALISBURY GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Longbridge Deverill (8), June 2nd. Bells from 3. Names for tea. — Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8910

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Mildenhall District. — Meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 8868

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District. — Quarterly meeting at Southwold (8) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 8885

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Helmsley (8), June 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley. — Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8927

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's grave, Birmingham, June 9th. Train, Paddington, 9.10 a.m. Coach leaves Snow Hill 11.30. Ringing St. Martin's and Cathedral. Names, by May 29th, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. — A. B. Peck. 8926

COLTISHALL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S, NORFOLK. — Rededication of bells (6) after re-hanging, Saturday, June 9th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3 p.m. Tea and ringing afterwards, by kind invitation of Rector and churchwardens. Make this a great occasion. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Coltishall Rectory, Norwich. 8870

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Sandford, near Crediton, Saturday, June 9th. (Bus leaves Crediton 3.45 p.m.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by June 4th. Crediton available 6.30. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8902

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8845

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild will be held at Mablethorpe on June 9th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to H. C. Count, 65, St. Andrew's Road, Mablethorpe. 8903

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Mursley, June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting following. — E. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow. 8906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Stonesfield on Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 7th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 8921

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Piddington, June 9th. Names for tea by June 5th. This is definite. — Mr. E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8917

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. A. Eastland, Church Cottage, Blyth, Worksop. — H. Denman. 8905

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Saxmundham District. — A ringing meeting at Leiston (8) on June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 5 p.m. Names, by June 7th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 8898



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****Vale of the White Horse Branch**

After 20 years of loyal service as hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, J.P., has tendered his resignation to the Branch. Tributes were paid to his services at the annual meeting at Faringdon on May 5th by the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford) and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg).

Officer elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford; hon. secretary and treasurer, M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon; Ringing Master, P. Anger; branch representatives F. Whipp and P. Anger. Mr. C. Sherman, of Ashbury, was elected a life member.

The service was conducted by the branch chairman and the address given by Canon W. J. Dennis, of Faringdon. The meeting was well attended, those present including visitors from Gloucester and Bristol and Salisbury Guilds. Ringing extended from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

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## THE COVERING BELLS

**T**HROUGHOUT the Central Council meeting at Chester there was a strong measure of sympathy with the inexperienced band, particularly in relation to cover bells. It should be clearly understood that while the Central Council legislate, and rightly so, as to what constitutes a peal, it does not in any sense say that for service or practice ringing the use of cover bells is forbidden. In their own belfry a band can ring just what it likes, and we know full well that there are many immature bands in eight-bell towers ringing Doubles with three cover bells. They argue that with the ability of the ringers at their disposal this is the limit of their performance and that it would be better to ring eight bells than six. So extensive is this practice that on special occasions these companies essay a peal attempt: 5,040 Doubles are rung with three cover bells and it is a disappointment to them when the Editor points out that their performance is not acceptable in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' The crux of the matter is that the Decisions of the Council are not fully known, the old copies are out of print, and the bands are not conversant with the position.

One of the important things accomplished at Chester was the revision of the Decisions of the Council. They were debated thoroughly and they will be published in full in 'The Ringing World' when the various amendments have been checked. Later they will be incorporated in the Central Council handbook. The two significant rules of much concern to these inexperienced companies relate to Doubles and Minor. The accepted rule for Doubles reads:—

A peal of Doubles shall consist of either 42 extents of 120 changes, rung without interval, or any arrangement of changes in which each change occurs as many times as 120 is divisible into the total length, or any combination of these. Extra 120's or arrangements fulfilling the above conditions may be added to lengthen the peal, and if any shorter touch is added to obtain a special number of changes, it must be added at the conclusion of the completed extent.

Although the ideal way is to ring Doubles on five bells only, one covering bell may be used if desired. This bell, in all cases, to be the tenor.

The same principle applies to Minor, reading 720 for 120 and seven for 42 extents. Here it is expressly stated that six bells only shall be used.

Technically speaking, the same principle that applies to a peal should apply to a quarter peal, and some readers might question why, for example, we published quarter peals in our last issue from Carlisle, Hanbury, Longbridge Deverell, Ludlow, Marden and Wye, which in each case introduced cover bells. Of course, anyone ringing the second or third cover bell cannot claim the performance as a quarter peal, as they are just ringing rounds for the 1,260 changes. Our reason for publication was for the encouragement of the band in the hope that at an early date there will be the accomplishment of a true quarter. We feel that this is in accord with the wishes of some members of the Central Council, who were desirous that such miscellaneous performances should receive acknowledgment. We might say that they have been published to the exclusion of other genuine quarter peals. The number rung for the Festival and also for Whitsun has far exceeded the space we are able to allot, and care has been taken to ensure that during the last three weeks the same tower has not appeared twice. Some towers we know make a practice of ringing a quarter regularly each Sunday, and we feel sure they will accept the exclusion with good grace in our endeavour to make the page as representative as possible and to give the maximum amount of encouragement.

We know that there are readers who question our wisdom in devoting, as we have done in the last three issues, a page to quarter peals to the exclusion of other reading matter. It must be remembered that in many towers the privilege of ringing a peal is barred or permitted on rare occasions. There are also a very large number of ringers who for various reasons cannot ring peals. We feel that they should have some recognition in our journal and that their friends should know that their tower is alive and making a contribution to change ringing generally. 'The Ringing World' is not only the journal of the peal ringers, although they number among our staunchest supporters, but of the great body of change ringers, who through their Guilds or Associations are affiliated to the Central Council.



## EIGHT BELL PEALS

TWERTON, SOMERSET.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. BROWN .. .. Treble	*REV. PETER ROBINS .. .. 5
BETTY SPICE .. .. 2	*PETER BORDER .. .. 6
*RUTH M. K. HOW .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
*W. GLYN THOMAS .. .. 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
First in the method for the Society. Rung to celebrate the wedding  
of Miss D. M. Roberts and Mr. E. F. W. Seymour at Wantage on  
March 29th.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER .. .. 5
ROBERT J. MUNNINGS .. .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 3	FRANK W. BETTS .. .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

A first birthday compliment to Ann, daughter of Ernest W. Pye.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 5
*PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* 50th peal of Yorkshire Major.

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ROBERT COLLINS .. .. Treble	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* 50th peal of Double Norwich Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LEA .. .. Treble	†THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 5
*JAMES ROBINSON .. .. 2	*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	*WILLIAM ROBINSON .. .. 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. .. 4	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the election of Mr.  
F. O. Richards and Mr. T. Lunt as churchwardens at the above  
church.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*WILLIAM GIBBS .. .. Treble	HAROLD E. HARRISON .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 2	GEORGE L. RODEN .. .. 6
ALAN FOSTER .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
NOREEN BRAIN .. .. 4	*GEORGE WETHERALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER .. .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 7
ROGER C. PRESTON .. .. 4	THOMAS ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

50th peal as conductor. In memoriam Thomas Butler, sen., of  
Ellesmere, Shropshire.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.
*CLIFFORD COOPER .. .. Treble	CYRIL BYAND .. .. 5
RONALD BAGNALL .. .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 6
HARRY SMETHILLS .. .. 3	ALFRED LOMAS .. .. 7
NORMAN TOMKINS .. .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain and 250th anniversary  
of S.P.G.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., May 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JOAN COTTON .. .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. 5
WILLIAM G. HAIR .. .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. 6
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 4	HENRY C. ADAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN O. WELLER .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 6
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. 5
*JAMES W. EDEN .. .. 2	*FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 7
*JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 4	*WALTER J. LEMON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Union Triples. † First peal of Triples.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. .. Treble	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. .. 5
FRANK REED .. .. 2	ERNEST A. THORPE .. .. 6
*GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung on the 6th anniversary of V.E. Day.



**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	HAROLD MARCON .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	*ARTHUR FIDLER .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	†DENIS H. BURNETT .. .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 4	COLIN HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. A 21st birthday compliment to Winifred M. Burton and Arthur Fidler.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 5
*GERALD NICHOLLS .. .. 2	LESLIE W. FISHER .. .. 6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 7
‡REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. .. 4	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Major on tower bells. ‡ 100th peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

**WORCESTER.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS .. .. 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON .. .. 2	CHARLES J. CAMM .. .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 7
CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 4	GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

An 82nd birthday compliment to William Ranford.

**MAULDEN, BEDFORD.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
BRIAN S. COPE .. .. 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 3	†SYDNEY FOSKETT .. .. 7
BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. 4	DONALD THOMPSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. .. .. 5
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD .. .. 6
FRED BROWNLOW .. .. 3	VINCENT MARTIN .. .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.  
\* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Trueman.

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .. 5
HARRY PARKES .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 7
*WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First touch in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT J. HUNT .. .. Treble	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. .. 5
MISS R. GIBBONS .. .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST .. .. 6
MRS. F. A. PENN .. .. 3	FREDK. S. SLATFORD .. .. 7
†GRAHAM EYLES .. .. 4	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

**BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Barnabas,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 250th tower for a peal.

**LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Lancaster Branch.)

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

*At the Priory Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 31 cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. .. Treble	*JAMES W. METCALFE .. .. 5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	BRIAN SEDAN .. .. 6
WILFRED BOLTON .. .. 3	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. .. 7
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. .. 4	ROLAND ECCLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE BRAITHWAITE.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

**NORTON (EVESHAM) WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*At the Church of St. Egwin,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

**SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
Rung in honour of the wedding of John R. Smith and Elizabeth Faulkner, which took place at Desford earlier in the day.

**WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

AUDREY EWINS .. .. Treble	*KENNETH CURTIS .. .. 5
*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 6
*BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 3	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. 7
JAMES BROOKS .. .. 4	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

\* First peal of Major.



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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. BROWN .. .. Treble	*JOHN B. GUY .. .. 4
*SHIRLEY RYMER .. .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
*RENATE BUCHTHAL .. .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\* First peal in more than one method.

HAZELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE .. .. Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. .. 4
EDMUND C. ATYEO .. .. 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO .. .. 5
FREDA M. POOLE .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

A 21st birthday compliment to Freda M. Poole.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*ANNE HOLMES .. .. Treble	†MICHAEL FULLER .. .. 4
†WILLIAM A. HUGHES .. .. 2	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SYLVIA BISHOP .. .. Treble	†HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 4
*BRIAN GRINTER .. .. 2	THOMAS J. HILL .. .. 5
JACK W. DREW .. .. 3	THOMAS W. VICKERY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vickery.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT BRIDGES .. .. Treble	NORMAN KING .. .. 4
†SIDNEY KING .. .. 2	HARRY KING .. .. 5
SIDNEY STEVENS .. .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A welcome to Rev. B. F. Adeney, M.A., who was instituted Vicar on April 26th.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 April Day, 960 Plain Bob, 960 St. Simon's and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	†ALFRED WILKINSON .. 4
†DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 2	DAVID SMITH .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

\* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

RONALD RUSSELL .. .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 4
*EDWARD COX .. .. 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. .. 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* First peal away from treble. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on April 16th, of Lord and Lady Exeter, of Burghley House, near Stamford.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOAN SMITH .. .. Treble	DONALD CHADWICK .. .. 4
*†JEAN HAYNES .. .. 2	†FRED FLINT .. .. 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. .. Treble	*C. WILLIAM NUTT .. .. 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. In honour of the wedding of Laurence T. Mainwaring, member of the Eardisland band, and Miss Frances Stringer, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Kent and 1,440 Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RAYMOND TALBOT .. Treble	*GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. 4
ROBERT LESTER .. .. 2	MAX PAGE .. .. 5
*DEREK WOODWARD .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX PAGE.

\* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung for Rogation Sunday and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Page.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. 4
ALBERT W. BARBER .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 5
JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RUTH TABRAHAM .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 4
*BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 2	†DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 5
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3	JAMES BROOKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all except ringer of 4th. Rung half-muffled for Mr. E. P. Cross, churchwarden for 20 years, and a very good friend to the ringers.



LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*DENNIS BOWEN .. .. Treble	FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 4
GEORGE BARKER .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 3	WILFRED NORGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.  
\* First peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, of Lyonsall, and for the silver wedding of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barker, of Kington.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
*DONALD C. ANDREWS .. 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 5
†FELIX H. ERITH .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York, Durham, Norfolk, Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich.

FREDK. FRENCH .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
HORACE M. DAY .. .. 2	*FRED BRIGHTMAN .. .. 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN .. .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER FOSTER .. .. Treble	†NOREEN BRAIN .. .. 3
†HAROLD HARRISON .. .. 2	†ALAN FOSTER .. .. 4

GEORGE L. RODEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE L. RODEN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal of Doubles as conductor. Believed first peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. .. 4
CECIL EBBERSON .. .. 2	EDWARD BARKER .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

MICHAEL FULLER .. .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 4
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 callings.

ERNEST F. SHERN .. .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 4
*MARY P. HILLIAR .. .. 2	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

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# BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE. EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).  
FREDERICK D. A. BOAM Treble | \*MRS. F. D. A. BOAM .. 4  
\*ALFRED TOMLINSON .. 2 | FRANK BRADLEY .. 5  
ARTHUR S. SMITHSON .. 3 | ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. All Sunday service ringers.  
A Festival of Britain peal.

# ALDFORD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*BETTY GRIFFITHS .. Treble | \*REV. J. KINGDON .. 4  
\*JOHN BOUTLAND .. 2 | GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5  
\*SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 3 | HENRY O. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George F. Sperring and his sister.

# BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
HAROLD MORWOOD .. Treble | MARY ATKINSON .. 4  
\*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2 | G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 5  
† WILLIAM BAINS .. 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells 'inside.' † First peal 'inside.'

# MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.  
\*TIMOTHY COBB .. Treble | WILLIAM HARRIS .. 4  
\*JACQUELINE EVANS .. 2 | \*DAVID KING .. 5  
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3 | LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Minor.

# SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford, two of Single Court, one of Double Court and one of Plain Bob, 42 Singles.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

\*HUGH LONGLAND .. Treble | † HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4  
\*DONALD H. METTAM .. 2 | † FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 5  
† DENIS A. FRITH .. 3 | † JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.  
§ First peal in four methods 'inside.'

# BIDSTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (Wirral Branch.)

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,  
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Carlisle and Northumberland, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) London and Wells, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Treble | \*A. TREVOR SUTTON .. 4  
\*JAMES M. PEMBERTON .. 2 | \*STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 5  
† ALFRED W. CUSICK .. 3 | † ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY D. SUTTON.

\* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spliced Minor. ‡ First peal of Spliced Minor away from the treble. First peal as conductor. A 78th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Pemberton, grandmother of treble and 2nd ringers. Also a farewell peal to J. M. Pemberton, leaving to join H.M. Forces.

# CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.  
CYRIL J. STEVENS .. Treble | WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 4  
ROBERT W. SHIRE .. 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL .. 5  
\*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON .. 3 | \*WESLEY MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

# HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble | FRANK W. LACK .. 4  
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5  
R. FRANK BAKER .. 3 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A Festival of Britain peal. Mr. Peacock has now circled this tower.

# LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.  
\*JOY WHITEHEAD (8) .. Treble | LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. 4  
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 2 | MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD .. 5  
† GEORGE HANCOCK .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

# SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
HERMAN J. OLIVER .. Treble | DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 4  
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2 | RICHARD VALENTINE .. 5  
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. M. W. and Mrs. Lesser, the former having been instituted and inducted as Rector the previous evening.

# WADHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT RELFE .. Treble | LUTHER HONESS .. 4  
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 2 | LEONARD W. GILES .. 5  
EDNA M. SILLS .. 3 | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Margaret Pilbeam, a former (now honorary) member of this tower.

# BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.  
ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD .. Treble | EDWARD EADE .. 4  
\*RONALD BENNETT .. 2 | PETER OSTLEY .. 5  
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3 | WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

# MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.  
\*PETER V. HARRUP .. Treble | JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4  
CHARLES W. COOK .. 2 | † DENNIS E. PEPPER .. 5  
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3 | JOHN W. WARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.



PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, two  
720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.  
\*KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Treble .. BERTIE O. SODEN .. .. 4  
†BERNARD E. FROST .. 2 .. WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 5  
\*IVOR J. DICKIN .. 3 .. ERIC NOBLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT, 30, HENLEAZE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*DIANA M. PANTING .. 1-2 | M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 5-6  
†JOHN B. GUY .. 3-4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' and first  
peal of Bob Major.

DUBLIN, EIRE.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

\*MRS. F. E. DUKES .. 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4  
MRS. S. BALDWIN .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First handbell peal away from tenors. Rung after the marriage  
of Miss Ada C. Dukes, conductor of the local society, to Mr. T. E.  
Bolton, in this church.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT, 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 1-2 | \*FRANK E. PERVIN .. 5-6  
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3-4 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as con-  
ductor.

LAMPETER, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung for Ascension Day. A Festival of Britain peal.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of St. Nicholas, 480 each of St. Dunstan's, Reverse College,  
St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure,  
and 600 each of Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 12 in F.

\*J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 1-2 | †ERIC NIXON .. 3-4  
†DEREK OGDEN .. 5-6

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

\* First peal in ten methods 'in hand.' † First peal in ten methods.  
First peal in ten methods for the Guild. A 21st birthday compliment  
to R. V. Leedham.

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siding secretary of the committee, Mrs. E. K.  
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Norfolk.

EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Featured in the journal that in Sweden cor-  
responds to our 'Radio Times' was a descrip-  
tive illustrated article on Chichester, with special  
reference to the training of ringers by Mr. R.  
G. Blackman, and of the bells in the Cathedral  
Campanile.

When the Archbishop of  
Canterbury visited the roof-  
less church of St. Lawrence,  
Hawkhurst, he commented: 'I thought I was  
to see another ruin. But then the bells rang  
out from the undamaged tower and I knew the  
church was alive.' So impressed was the Arch-  
bishop that he climbed the tower and spoke to  
the ringers, telling them of his high regard for  
bellringers and their very real contribution to  
the life of the Church. Every Sunday the bells  
of St. Lawrence's call people to worship at the  
newer church of All Saints, half a mile away.

Joy Whitehead, of Leicester, has rung her  
first Minor peal at the tender age of eight. The  
light six at Loughborough Bell Foundry proved  
'just right' weight for her and she rang the  
little treble perfectly throughout the peal.

The band at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks,  
which started from scratch about two years ago,  
have just rung their first 720 Plain Bob Minor.  
They are Margaret Graves 1, Mrs. M. Graves  
2, Mrs. S. Smith 3, D. Smith 4, E. Smith 5,  
W. Graves (conductor) 6.

Mr. Albert J. Lancefield writes a cheery  
letter from Hobart, Tasmania, where he has  
been training a number of lads in the rudiments  
of change ringing on the five Simpson-tuned  
eight at St. David's Cathedral. He hopes that  
before he is due to leave the area in July, he  
will manage to encourage the 'head boy' to  
shoulder the task of administration.

The peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Worcester,  
on May 9th, was rung on the 82nd birthday of  
Mr. W. Ranford, Suckley, who rang the treble.  
'Father,' as he is known to his colleagues, has  
over 50 years' unbroken membership of the  
Worcestershire Association and at the Easter  
annual meeting was made a Freeman. He  
finished the peal as fresh as those 40 years his  
junior.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Albert Walker asks  
us to state that there is no  
accommodation in the  
coach for Midland members of the College  
Youths attending the pilgrimage to Mr. W. H.  
Barber's grave on June 9th, or for the luncheon.  
They are advised to make their own arrange-  
ments for transport by Midland Red Bus No.  
107 from New Street to Sutton Coldfield  
Parade. To make adequate arrangements for  
ringing at the meeting, will Midland members  
and friends notify him early, by post, at 86,  
Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.

The peal at Bidston, Cheshire, on May 10th,  
was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Minor on  
the bells and was rung by members of the Sun-  
day service band, all of whom have learnt to  
ring since the lifting of 'the ban.'

Will Mr. P. C. Wright, of Bury St. Edmunds,  
please send his full postal address to Ernest  
Morris, The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's,  
Leicester.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at  
Berkeley, Glos. on May 5th, should read 'in  
3 hours and 22 minutes' and not as submitted,  
'2 hours and 22 minutes.'

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, secretary of the Lan-  
cashire Association, flying a Miles Mercury,  
won the fourth annual Goodyear Trophy air  
race at Wolverhampton on Saturday at an  
average speed of 160 miles per hour.

A Tunbridge Wells reader writes that the re-  
ception of the Evercreech and Swindon broad-  
casts on May 8th and 22nd was perfect in his  
locality and the programme was well worth  
listening to. He much enjoyed the ringing.

Extending his congratulations to the band  
that rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob 14 at  
Leicester and especially to the three youths on  
the back end, Mr. L. Turner, of Kempston,  
Beds, wonders if rings of 14 and 16 bells will  
be installed in towers of the future.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHESTER

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## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN: POSITION OF ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD — RECORDS COMMITTEE'S BUSY YEAR — WIDER INTEREST IN RINGING — 'RINGING WORLD' DISCUSSION

### FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

**T**HE hon. secretary said the Festival of Britain Sub-Committee's report had been published and the Standing Committee recommended that the Sub-Committee be given powers to continue their actions.

The President: It would be better to leave it to Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Spice to act. The Korean war has cooled down the ardour of some of us but they have done some very good work. I propose the Standing Committee's recommendations—that they should be asked to carry on.

Mr. Spice: Exactly what is required of this committee?

The President: In the first place when we discussed this we felt it desirable to clear up the mess at the Festival Church and the working out of a plan for handbells in the Festival Gardens.

Mr. Harold W. Rogers: May we know briefly what this committee has done? You mention handbell ringing in the Festival Gardens and arrangements are already made. May we know what information has been given to the Exercise at St. John's, Waterloo Road, because we don't believe what was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 27th has taken place. The person in charge of the ringing there has no knowledge of the information published and certainly no peal was envisaged on May 3rd as it was categorically stated. If that information is wrong, can it be withdrawn? And, finally, can we know why no London ringer has been invited to handle the ringing in London? Why is it being done from Maidstone?

Mr. F. I. Hairs: Can we leave all these questions to the Sub-Committee?

The President: I think I might clear up one point. I think it was in January that Dr. Hatcher and I met the Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, together with the Director of Religious Services and one of the officials of the Festival. We were told by the Vicar of St. John's that there would be two peals—one by his own men on May 3rd and another possibly at the termination of the Festival. He also stated that it might be possible for ringers from the churches sending choirs to sing in the Festival Church to ring, but apparently the whole of that arrangement has broken down and that is the point we are trying to clear up. It will require very delicate handling and the least we say the better. With regard to handbell ringing, if they have been made we are very pleased.

The report was adopted.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles said two years ago he had the honour of being asked to compile the Roll of Honour of ringers who fell in the last war. The closing date was September 30th when the total was 221. Since then he had other names and the total was now 289. The Council had to decide whether the Roll should be incorporated with the previous one or bound up separately. He had taken advice both in London and Oxford. At London he consulted the librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral, Mr. Ball, and he advised against it being bound up with the present Roll of Honour of the 1914-18 war. He asked what the cost of writing and binding would be and was told that to write the names on vellum would be £75. He then consulted Mr. Clarke, of the Oxford University Press. His estimate for printing on hand-made paper and binding in morocco was £60.

Upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was decided to accept the latter estimate.

### PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report stated: During 1950 a total of 2,724 peals has been recorded in 'The Ringing World'.

These comprise 2,362 on tower bells and 362 on handbells. The tower peals are made up as follows:—Maximus—31 in 11 methods with peals of Spliced Surprise in four, three and two methods; Cinques—50; Royal—86 in 18 methods; Caters—89; Surprise Major—490, with 52 different methods, and Spliced Surprise up to 22 methods; Other Major—448; Triples—298; Minor and Doubles—870.

The outstanding performances were undoubtedly the 21,600 of Bristol Surprise, the 8,032 Spliced Surprise in eight methods (both by the Chester Guild) and the peal in 22 Spliced Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild.

On handbells, the Lincoln Guild have broken records with Spliced Major peals of 27 and 36 methods; the Leicester Guild have achieved the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to be rung on handbells: the Hertford County Association have accomplished the first peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major 'in hand,' and the Middlesex County Association nine Spliced Surprise Major methods.

To the conductors and bands concerned we offer our congratulations.

Will those who send up peal reports please ensure the facts are correct? If a non-Association peal, please say so; do not leave it to the Committee to guess what Association, if any, the peal was rung for. Would conductors of multi-method peals please say how many methods they rang—we are bad counters!!!

Mr. W. Ayre moved and Mr. P. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report.

The Committee—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles—were re-elected and Mr. W. Ayre was appointed convener.

### RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following records, new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year ended December 31st, 1950.

#### TOWER BELLS

Nov. 4, 21,600 Bristol S. Maj., Chester Dio. Guild. This is the record length in any method yet rung.

#### NEW METHODS

Jan. 21, 5,024 Banstead S. Maj., Guildford Dio.; Feb. 4, 5,152 Somerset S. Maj., St. Martin's; Feb. 16, 5,056 Bolton S. Maj., Middlesex; Feb. 18, 5,184 Lindum S. Maj., Oxford Dio.; Mar. 23, 5,280 Solihull S. Max., St. Martin's; Mar. 27, 5,024 Wakefield S. Maj., Yorkshire; Apr. 1, 5,040 Pontefract S. Roy., Yorkshire; Apr. 11, 5,184 Trinity C. Bob. Maj., Norwich Dio.; Apr. 20, 5,020 Solihull S. Roy., St. Martin's; May 3, 5,152 Hallam S. Maj. St. Martin's; May 13, 5,040 Wembley S. Roy., Lincoln Dio.; May 22, 5,280 Bristol S. Max., Leicester Dio.; June 10, 5,120 Radlett S. Maj., Middlesex; July 3, 5,280 Rutland S. Max., Leicester Dio.; July 4, 5,280 Pontefract S. Max., St. Martin's; July 10, 5,152 Dorney S. Maj., St. Martin's; July 15, 5,184 Jersey S. Maj., St. Martin's; July 22, 5,120 Bradford S. Maj., Yorkshire; July 22, 5,056 Stanmore S. Maj., Middlesex; Sept. 16, 5,024 Derby S. Maj., Kent County; Sept. 21, 5,058 Eastbourne S. Maj., Middlesex; Oct. 14, 5,060 Plain Bob Cinques, Suffolk; Oct. 27, 5,056 Truro C. Bob. Maj., Norwich Dio.; Dec. 30, 5,088 Maulden S. Maj., Bedfordshire.

#### PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

Apr. 7, 12,740 Plain Bob Royal, Essex; Nov. 4, 21,600 Bristol S. Maj., Chester Dio.; Dec. 30, 8,032 Spliced S. Maj., Chester Dio.

#### HANDBELLS—NEW METHODS

Nov. 14, 5,040 Yorkshire S. Roy., Leicester Dio.; Nov. 22, 5,120 Spliced S. Maj., 9 meth., Middx;

March 11, 5,040 Spliced Major, 17 methods, April 12, 5,040 Spliced Major, 21 methods, Apr. 14, 5,040 Spliced Major, 22 methods, May 15, 5,004 Spliced Major, 26 methods, July 7, 5,016 Spliced Major, 31 methods, Nov. 11, 5,100 Spliced Major, 36 methods, all Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The report was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall. They were both re-elected to the Committee, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener.

### TOWERS AND BELFRIES

The President reported that the Committee during the year had given advice in 40 cases, of which Mr. Sharpe had been responsible for the majority (25). Mr. Osborne 9 and he had dealt with six. There was nothing out of the ordinary except perhaps a specification for two bells to be rung in the English manner in New York. One of his cases was Handley, the best example of a tower vertically split from top to bottom in the east and west walls. The tower was going to be tied together with concrete and all the bells were to swing east and west.

Mr. F. Sharpe, who seconded, said his cases ranged from Cumberland to Hampshire and from Norfolk to Carmarthen. Most of them were ordinary cases of rebanging, two were acoustics, and another oscillation. In two cases old bells were preserved.

Mr. W. Osborn said some towers were over-doing louvre blocking. They made expensive bells and then complained if they made a noise.

The report was adopted and Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and F. Sharpe were re-elected as members.

### LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee stated: The subject of bellringing has figured prominently in the press during the past 12 months. Parish magazines, which find their way into many thousands of homes all over the country, generally contain an inset supplied by one of the London firms of publishers. Of such insets two of the most widely used are 'Home Words' and 'The Sign.' In June and July each of these publications contained well-written articles on the art of ringing, with good illustrations. On May 31st, 1950, 'Punch' most unexpectedly blossomed out with a two-page article on 'Tintinnabulation.' Later in the year the casting of the Freedom Bell and other operations at the Croydon Foundry figured conspicuously in the 'Illustrated London News' as well as in 'John Bull.' Another journal drawing attention to the art of ringing is the 'Children's Newspaper,' which produced a most interesting article.

The attempt at a record length at Debenham and the subsequent achievement of breaking all record with a peal of 21,600 changes at Over naturally received mention in 'The Times' and other national newspapers. It was only to be expected that in such instances journalists would be tempted to give free exercise to their imagination, but while effusions and comments of an amusing character did make their appearance, a number of journals gave the actual facts quite correctly.

For obvious reasons it is in the provincial press that the activities of ringers find the most frequent mention. The East Anglian journals devote considerable space to such activities at centres like Norwich, Ipswich, Lavenham and, more recently, Grundisburgh. The Midland newspapers have published many reports and articles of this nature. As Lord Mayor of Birmingham, a member of this committee has naturally attracted the close attention of local journalists and his associations with the belfry

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## The Central Council—Cont.

have brought the ringers' art prominently before the public. The 'Shropshire Magazine' has been publishing a notable series of splendidly-illustrated articles on 'Shropshire Bells and their Ringers.' Last September the 'Leicester Evening Mail' allocated two columns to an article by Mr. Ernest Morris on 'The Message of the Bells.'

The Irish press gives marked prominence to news connected with bells. 'Church Bells of Dublin' was the title of an article in the 'Evening Mail.' In one case a picture of handbell ringing featured in an advertisement. Further afield, a Vancouver magazine published an article of outstanding interest under the—to us—familiar title of 'Ringing World.' In Australia, 'The Ringing Towers' continues to stimulate interest throughout the Dominion. Its August number contains a spirited criticism of the authorities responsible for the carillon at Canberra. Mention may well be made here of a similar publication in England. 'The Belfry' makes its quarterly appearance with interesting news of the Maidstone District.

With regard to the B.B.C. there have been a fair number of broadcasts of ringing before Sunday services. In some cases well-struck changes have been duly brought into rounds, but there is a marked tendency to cut short even the one and a half minutes normally allowed for ringing. Bells from various towers were broadcast both at Christmas and Easter, but much of the ringing on Christmas Day was quite unworthy of its purpose. Really good ringing at Easter stood out in refreshing contrast. Those responsible for arranging such broadcasts need to take competent advice in order to ensure that the towers selected have capable band of ringers. On one Sunday the 'Country Magazine' broadcast included a very interesting account both of ringing and bellfounding. Handbells have at times been introduced in Children's Hour and elsewhere: a delightful rendering of 'Linden Lea' on handbells came over from Puddletown in Dorset. Television has brought the public into close contact with the operations of the Whitechapel Foundry, where lucid and practical demonstrations were given of the tuning, sound and motion of bells.

Just as this report is being completed, there comes to hand a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' new book 'Bells of All Nations,' a veritable microcosm of bell lore, with fine illustrations. Ringers the world over will find it a work of absorbing interest.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said just before the meeting there was put into his hand an interesting paper from Sweden giving an account in Swedish of the ringing of Chichester Cathedral bells with photographs of the ringers.

In regard to broadcasting just after the report had been completed the B.B.C. gave a splendid broadcast of Oxford bells and there was also a recording of the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury. In the Western Region a series of seven programmes had been initiated at about fortnightly intervals regarding ringing from various towers. The voices of two well-known members of the Council had already been heard in the series. They cordially congratulated Mr. Morris on his great contribution to ringing literature and thanked the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, who during the past 12 months had made good use of opportunities to give publicity to their art.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood seconded and the report was adopted.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. A. Walker and Alderman A. Paddon Smith were re-elected with the Rev. Edwards as convener.

### PEAL BOARDS

A verbal report of the Peal Boards Committee was presented by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said that approximately 160 records had been typed and filed and there remained another 150 to be dealt with. This would take some time. They felt sure that there were many old peal boards which had not been recorded. He appealed to

local and district secretaries to forward any they came across giving the exact wording and the condition of the boards. He expressed thanks to Mr. W. G. Wilson for typing out and sorting the particulars.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if the Council could be told the date of an old board.

Mr. Walter Ayre: Up to and including 1825. I can think of ten that have not been sent in.

The committee elected was Mr. J. E. Clarke, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. J. D. Fidler with Mr. Clarke as convener.

### THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report stated: The work of the Biographies Committee during this year has gone steadily forward. In previous reports we have explained that for a very good reason we give particular attention to the collection of biographic information concerning those who were members of the first two or three Councils, many of whom have long since passed to their rest. There are some successes but there are still eleven names of members of the first (1891) Council of whom we know nothing.

We have now 130 complete records of past members and the stage has been reached when we consider that our results should be presented to the Council in tangible form. Last year we showed the Council a layout for a loose-leaf biography sheet and permission was granted to print a supply. This has been done and we have written out three specimen sheets for your inspection.

Your Committee thought that while the sheets might be purchased by the Council, a suitable loose-leaf cover could serve as a memorial to some prominent ringer. The cost would be about £25 for a really good leather cover suitably gold blocked, which could form a fitting and lasting memorial. If any Guild or Association would like more details we will be glad to furnish them.

Mr. A. Hazelden, in moving the adoption of the report, said there were eleven names of the 1891 Council of whom the Committee knew nothing. They were F. E. Paul, J. C. Buchanan, A. H. Cox (author of 'The Bells of Buckingham'), T. W. Pressy, B. T. Copley (Bolton), the Rev. Pitt Aidken, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffin, E. A. Nunn (Kent County), H. Reeves (possibly Editor of 'The Bell News'), Canon Latham, and N. E. Snow (who began his career in Lincolnshire and was ringing a good deal at Newark).

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded and the report was adopted.

The new committee consists of Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and E. A. Barnett, with Mr. Hazelden as convener.

### 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The President: 'The Ringing World' Committee's report really consists of the accounts you have already adopted. You will see, if you look at those accounts, that we did not quite break even on the year as costs were rising during the year. It means that there must have been a profit in the first half of the year and a loss at the end of the year. There is to be an increase quite shortly in the price of paper and production. The postage rate is going up from 1d. to 1½d. and we feel very strongly we have not come to the top of the spiral. The retiring Committee feel that the new Committee should go very seriously into prices and in discussion last night the Standing Committee recommended the election of a committee of two members who have practical experience of the printing business and journalism. The names we suggest are Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and Harold Poole, with the idea that they should go into the question of this increase of cost and give them powers to act in any necessary increase in price to cover our rising costs. I put that recommendation forward.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Does that mean that all the existing officers are resigning from the Committee?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Corby: I don't know how you are placed and if you could continue.

The President: I feel I will not be of much use as for a long time I shall not be accessible. In my house in Scotland I am nine miles from the telephone, 60 from the railway station and 21 from the nearest steamer, so it would be much better if we turned it over to a new committee.

Mr. Fletcher: The other members of the Committee are not seeking election. My wife and I ask to be excused. That does not mean we have lost interest. We shall place our experience at the disposal of the Committee and give them every possible help we can.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Harold Poole: Before you go any further, I am not so sure it is a very enviable job you have given us. You have heard we have got to put up the price.

The President: Two of the members have experience in printing and they may be able to put forward suggestions, and two have broad shoulders to take some of the raps when they come.

Mr. F. E. Haines: Is the Committee limited to four? Mr. Edgar Shepherd, of Solihull, is interested in 'The Ringing World' and he would be quite pleased to take an interest in it. He is an accomplished writer and if there is room I should like to nominate him.

The President: This new committee have power to co-opt.

Mr. W. Ayre: Before we go any further I should like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for negotiating 'The Ringing World' so successfully through its very difficult birth stages.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the report was adopted. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was elected convener for the Committee.

### THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced that the officers and conveners of committees were ex officio members of the Standing Committee. The retiring members were Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, H. W. Poole, A. H. Pulling, A. Paddon Smith, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker, with three vacancies.

Mr. Fletcher moved that these nine members be elected members of the Committee.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded and this was agreed to.

For the three vacancies the following were nominated: Messrs. J. Bray, R. S. Anderson, John Freeman, John Worth, E. C. S. Turner, Nolan Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis. A ballot was taken which resulted in the election of Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, C. K. Lewis and R. S. Anderson.

(To be continued)

## 'Bells of All Nations'

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# GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

## Thoughts on a Wessex Association

THE Lord Bishop of Winchester presided at the fifth ringers' rally and George Williams commemoration dinner held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on May 5th. A company of 75 ringers and friends was present. The Bishop was supported by the Mayor of Christchurch, the Rural Dean of Bournemouth (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, Canon R. P. Price (Christchurch), Mr. G. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and the churchwardens of Christchurch.

After an excellent meal, and the loyal toast had been honoured, the Bishop called upon Mr. G. Pullinger to speak to the memory of the late Mr. George Williams. Mr. Pullinger recalled that Mr. Williams was born in Droxford. He felt it very appropriate that the late Master of the Guild should have been born in what is now the Diocese of Portsmouth and finally laid to rest in the Diocese of Winchester, for he did so much to hold Hampshire ringers together.

When the old Diocese was divided in the early twenties, Guildford decided to form their own Guild but Mr. Williams used all his influence to keep the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth united as far as ringing was concerned. There was some discussion at the time of forming a 'Wessex Association' but when the proposals were closely examined, it was found that Hampshire only formed a part of the old Kingdom of Wessex.

Mr. Pullinger said he knew Mr. George Williams for over 40 years but there were those who knew him longer, such as Mr. George Preston who was present with them that evening.

## IMPORTANCE OF INSTRUCTION

Bournemouth, continued Mr. Pullinger, had a large number of ringing instructors at work in the district. Mr. Williams was a great teacher and his work in the Bournemouth area had been followed up by the sterling service of such men as Mr. George Preston and Mr. Frederick Townsend. The best way he thought to commemorate the life and work of Mr. Williams was to see that instruction was carried on without ceasing in the belfries of the Guild.

The Mayor of Christchurch in a happy speech proposed the toast of 'Bells and Bellringers' and Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne, responded. As he looked round the company, Mr. Lockyer felt he had missed many happy years by not taking up ringing earlier in his life. He had been a ringer for nearly 25 years and did not quite know how he first took an interest in the art which was so typical of this country. He seemed to think it was in connection with ringing the curfew at Wimborne that he first entered a belfry; afterwards he became associated with Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. George Preston, who did much to help him progress in the art of change ringing.

He had had the privilege of ringing some 20 peals with the late Mr. George Williams. He did not wish to start a further controversy in 'The Ringing World' upon the question of 'which century,' the fact remained that he was born on May 5th, 1901, and could think of no better company in which to celebrate the anniversary.

In the ringing paper they occasionally heard of ringers being asked to serve the Church as choristers, servers, church councillors and the like, sometimes ringers even became churchwardens. Mr. Lockyer felt that this should not be an exception but that it should become more of a rule. (Note: Mr. Lockyer is a churchwarden of Wimborne Minster and there are ringers as wardens at Christchurch and at Poole.)

Canon R. B. Price then welcomed the visitors to Christchurch saying that Christchurch was a

very lively community over which the Mayor presided with charm and dignity. They were glad to welcome ringers from so far away as Birmingham, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Kent to lovely Christchurch; he hoped they would all take away happy memories and resolve to come again. He coupled the name of the Lord Bishop with his toast.

## BISHOP'S BELFRY IMPRESSION

The Bishop of Winchester, who replied, spoke of the special pleasure it gave him to be with them that evening. For the last five years he had been coming to their Festival dinner but always there had been something to prevent him. Many times he had felt he would like to meet the ringers. When he had arrived at a church unusually early he had felt it right to try and see them, but when he put his head through the outside curtains he found they were ringing and from the look on their faces he had not dared to intrude, knowing that such intrusion would seem like sacrilege to them—like the interruption of divine worship—so he gave them a fatuous smile and retired to the vestry. He hoped they would take his effort at trying to see more of them as having been done, for after the service they had either gone home or embarked upon another three hours' ringing, when he was usually at home.

Ringing, concluded the Bishop, was very much a part of their English heritage. Often

when driving at night to a church and not being sure of the direction he had stopped and listened and heard the bells ringing and had known which way to go.

During the evening there were songs by the Rev. R. Thickness and some amusing sketches by Mr. John Neale and Miss Gillian Edmunds, of Christchurch, also a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Spliced Major on handbells. A peal attempt at Bournemouth failed during the afternoon but some good ringing took place at the Priory and at St. John's, Surrey Road.

The company present included Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Miss Barnes, the Rev. and Mrs. S. Culverwall, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, Miss P. Cartwright, Mr. W. Cheater, Miss Chick, Miss Childs, Miss Crofts, Mrs. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Miss Fletcher, Mr. R. Rex, Mr. D. Reed, Miss Sparshott, Mr. Albert Ward, Sqdn.-Leader A. York-Bramble, Mr. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. W. Glasspool, Mrs. Horne, Mr. Hartless, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Miss J. Gibbon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Matkin, Mr. Marlow and Mrs. Marshall.

The organising committee consisted of the Revs. C. A. Phillips and R. P. Price, Mrs. Marshall, Messrs. A. F. Martin Stewart, J. M. Turner, H. A. Mitchell, W. G. Young and A. V. Davis (hon. secretary).

# THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

## Easter Bristol Tour

THE 1951 tour began on April 5th, when about 15 members of the Oxford University Society assembled at an hotel in Bristol for what proved to be a very enjoyable week. The numbers increased considerably over the week-end and altogether about 23 members attended.

Three peals were scored:—Seven Minor methods at Radstock on April 5th, rung by six members who were cycling to Bristol: Plain Bob Major 'in hand' on Sunday, 8th, and Rutland Surprise Major at Twerton the following Tuesday. An attempt for Bristol Surprise Major unfortunately had to be abandoned after 2 hours 50 minutes and also another for Plain Bob Major 'in hand.' Besides the standard methods, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Ashted Surprise Major were rung and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

Our first ringing was at the City practice at SS. Philip and Jacob's on Thursday evening when we had our first experience of the warm hospitality extended to us throughout the tour by the Bristol City ringers.

The first day was marked by extremely bad weather. By the time we arrived at the second tower even the veterans equipped with cycling capes and sou'westers were fairly wet—the rest were quite saturated. But we had some pleasant ringing at seven towers West of Bristol and especially enjoyed the fine eight at Wraxall.

On Saturday ringing took place at towers in and near Bristol. The weather again was doubtful so the men travelled by bus—and the women by cycle. The latter were badly caught, but they arrived first at every tower and rang the bells up; and then, owing to the infrequency of the bus service, were invariably left to ring them down again. The heavy six at Westbury and the eight at Henbury certainly 'sorted them out.'

On Sunday there was ringing at various towers in Bristol, of which the outstanding one was St. Mary Redcliffe. To those who had previously never rung there, this was an unforgettable experience. In the afternoon the handbell peal and peal attempt took place in two separate rooms at Peter Robbins' home, and here we must acknowledge with special gratitude the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins

who not only provided facilities for the handbell ringing at this time and later in the week, but had entertained the whole party on a lavish scale the previous evening and provided tea for the handbell ringers of the sort to which the Oxford University Society always does full justice.

The next day we were joined on our coach trip by several of the Bristol City and University ringers and visited six fine towers of which the most notable were Wells Cathedral, Queen Camel and Yeovil. Those whose tastes ran to architecture as well as bells, found rich delight in Wells Cathedral and, be it added, at many other churches visited during the week.

Ringing the next day centred on Bath. Those not ringing in the peal spent a pleasant hour at Corston and the party then split up to explore some of the sights of Bath, meeting again for ringing at Weston and Bathampton. Later we rang the fine heavy ten at Bath Abbey and returned to Bristol for the practice at St. Mary Redcliffe where we managed to muster an all Oxford University Society band for Cinques.

Our route on Wednesday lay north-west; towers visited included the heavy six at Yate and the pleasant eight at Thornbury, where a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods was successfully brought round.

The last day we travelled south. It was marked by several accidents and if one member had hurt himself as much as he hurt his bicycle, few people would have recognised him on his return to Oxford. We visited some delightful small churches, and even continuous rain during the afternoon and evening could not spoil our enjoyment of the ten at Wrington and the glorious eight at Long Ashton—our last tower and one we shall always remember. And, after all, we were used to the rain by then.

Our thanks are due to all clergy who gave us permission to ring; to the many local ringers who came to lend us a hand; to the Bristol ringers who made us so welcome; to the Master of the Society, Gwyn Thomas, who coped with the organisation of ringing and had, perforce, to deal with the intricacies of the census; and above all to Betty Spice and Peter Robbins, whose careful preparations ensured our comfort and whose choice of towers proved so admirable.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct a statement claimed in a footnote to a quarter peal rung at the Festival Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on April 29th, published on page 320.

These bells were rung to changes at a special service attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth one Sunday a few weeks prior to the ban on ringing in 1940.

The belfry was visited by the Mayor and Mayoress while ringing was in progress.—Yours faithfully,

ELLEN E. DAVIS

Balham.

## COPT OAK'S PROGRESS

Dear Sir.—My attention has been drawn to a portion of the account of the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting that is rather misleading. The report is on page 298 in the issue dated May 11th and the particular passage is in the part dealing with Copt Oak's progress.

The report states: 'The result was only accomplished after very hard work by the band who had met for practice as many as four times per week.' The facts are as follows:—The band did not normally practise more than once per week. Some weeks, due to members of the band being unable to attend, no practice was held. Four attempts were, however, made in one week for the 105 method peal.

I apologise for the error in reporting and the band would be obliged if you would please make the necessary correction.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. WOOD, Hon. Gen. Sec.,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

## STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—I wonder if any of your readers could tell me of any objections to the practice of making the single in Stedman Doubles in the fourth and fifth changes of a six instead of the usual third and fourth changes?

We practise the single quite a lot at St. Maurice's, Winchester, although we have not rung a peal with this type of single. I have examined a 120 of Stedman Doubles closely, using these singles, and can confidently state that the 120 is true in so far that no changes repeat. Unfortunately, I am not sufficiently well acquainted with the rules and decisions of the Central Council to know whether this is unrecognised.

Such a single gives the advantage that a call may be made immediately after the go off as is common in Stedman on higher numbers of bells.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. C. KING.

Winchester.

## SPliced RINGING

Dear Sir.—On behalf of those of us who struggled hard to put 'spliced' ringing on the map 30 years ago, I send hearty congratulations to the band which successfully rang the peal of Minor in 105 methods at Copt Oak. Mr. Roland Beniston's achievement as the conductor cannot be allowed to pass without notice and he deserves every praise for his successful effort.

When we rang the 35 method peal at Norbury on December 4th, 1923, we thought we had achieved something and though we knew that a greater number of methods could be rung in 5,040, we never dreamed of 105. So much for something that was once considered 'freak stuff'!

May I take this opportunity of thanking those who have written to me or approached me personally re the book 'Method Splicing,' and to inform those who intend writing that the book is out of print.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER

Loughborough.

## YOUNGEST PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Re the query in Belfry Gossip concerning the youngest band to ring a quarter, a complete peal was rung here on April 21st, 1934, in which the average age of the band was 15 years and 2 weeks. If, however, it is thought that a peal isn't the same as a quarter, the same band, on February 10th of that year, did ring a quarter after losing a peal. The average age then would have been 14 years 10 months. This was not, of course, a local band, but it is not clear whether this enters into it.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE GUILD.

Dear Sir,—Can any reader of 'The Ringing World' tell me whether the Royal Air Force Guild of Ringers is still in existence?

The reason for my asking this is that I propose to arrange a peal attempt by R.A.F. personnel, and if the Guild is alive, I feel that the peal should be associated with it.

Would anyone interested please communicate with me, giving full details of their ringing abilities?

The attempt would, of course, be arranged to take place at a tower most convenient to the majority of the band.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, A.C.I.  
C.D.O., S.H.Q. R.A.F.,  
Cardington, Bedford

## PRISTON (SOMERSET) BOY RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. H. Sanger's letter re 'Evercreech's Example' in your issue of March 23rd, I feel he should be congratulated upon his success in training such a young band of ringers in his tower.

I know the spade work he has had before him as I have experienced the same in my tower at Priston. As we are rather an isolated village, with no buses or railways, we rarely see visiting ringers on practice nights unless I run my car to and fro. Nevertheless, I have trained a band of six young boys to ring, their ages varying from 9 to 13 years. The striking of the bells is very good and they have learnt, so far plain courses of Grandsire Doubles.

I am very proud of my young band; they are very keen and have rung in several other towers. Other ringers have envied them and remarked how much they would like them in their own particular tower, and have congratulated them upon their ringing and striking. How many towers can boast of such a young band, which may be the youngest in the country?

These young boys, although sometimes a 'bundle of mischief,' are the right material to instruct in the art of change ringing and to carry on when older ringers retire.

The spade work I have put in I shall never regret; it has been worth it, and in the near future I am hoping to arrange for my young ringers and Harry Sanger's young band to meet in the Priston and Evercreech towers.—Yours sincerely,

E. F. CONNOCK, Ringing Master,  
St. Luke's, Priston.

Camerton, Bath.

## VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir.—There is no such thing as a formula for producing 'methods by the bushel,' as stated by J. A. Trollope in 'Ringing World' on June 6th, 1924 and substantiated by the Rev. E. S. Powell a week or so later.

The two gentlemen mentioned 'climbed down' at the Central Council meeting on June 26th, 1931, as reported in 'The Ringing World' of that time and why Trollope should again have reiterated the statement made in June, 1924, in the booklet on 'Variation and Transposition,' published in 1936, passes my comprehension.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER

Brighton

## MARRIAGE OF MISS MARY P. HILLIAR

## Well-Known Bristol Ringer

The marriage took place on May 19th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, of Miss Mary Patricia Hilliar, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, of Bristol, to Mr. Desmond Guy Mayell, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Mayell, of Brentwood, Essex. The bride, attired in a richly embroidered gown, attended by three bridesmaids, was given away by her father, the best man being Mr. Bert Goddard, of Bentley, Brentwood, a fellow ringer and a friend of the bridegroom.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann. A large gathering of ringers and friends attended the service.

The reception was held at Redcliffe Hall, where 75 persons were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of 27 congratulatory telegrams, which were read by the bride's brother, Mr. Arthur Hilliar.

After the usual toasts were honoured, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. E. F. Hancock 1-2, the bridegroom 3-4, the bride 5-6, the bride's father 7-8. Canon Swann remarked that he had heard of many wedding bells but had never before known the bride and bridegroom to ring their own wedding bells. A toast was honoured to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, whose wedding took place 28 years ago that day.

Mr. Hancock, captain of St. Mary Redcliffe ringers, spoke in appreciative terms of Miss Hilliar's capabilities as a ringer and was glad she was marrying another ringer and hoped they would have lots of good ringing together.

Mr. Harding (chairman, Bristol Rural Branch), also spoke of the excellent work put in by Miss Hilliar, whilst secretary for three years of the Bristol Rural Branch, as by her splendid organising ability she was largely instrumental in placing the Bristol Rural Branch in the position it held in the Association.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe were rung at the ceremony by the Bristol ringers. The honeymoon was spent at Swanage, Dorset, after which the happy couple returned to Brentwood to take up residence, and we wish them every happiness in their future life, and may they have lots of good ringing together.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## North Berks Branch

For the first time since 1947, the annual meeting of the North Berks branch was held at Abingdon, May 19th. Ringing took place at St. Helen's (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) prior to the service which was held at St. Nicholas' Church and conducted by Dr. A. M. Farrer, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Cross, Vicar of Aston Tirrold.

A business meeting in the Roysse Rooms followed tea. Owing to the death of Canon Evans and the absence of the vice-chairman, the chair was taken by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, until the election of the Rev. C. F. Cross as the new chairman of the Branch. There were present the general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; the librarian, Miss M. R. Cross; and the Revs. J. V. Pixell, F. C. Coles, W. B. Goodchild, N. Hope, G. E. Bussell and a company numbering 110.

After the election of officers, at which the Rev. G. E. Bussell was appointed vice-chairman, 37 new members were nominated, a record for the Branch.

The secretary, Mr. A. E. Lock, reported that the Branch was now the second largest in the Guild with a membership of upwards of 280, embracing 26 affiliated towers.

In the evening local towers of Culham, Drayton, Steventon, Radley, Sunningwell and Sutton Courtenay were open for ringing.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Batt (first quarter) 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, B. Williamson (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, W. Viggers 5, Miss E. Stewart 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Williamson 8.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mariorie Skelton (first quarter) 1, H. Hatfield 3, Joanna Chase 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggott 5, C. Stockley 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

**BILTON, RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 540 Grandsire): Miss E. Burnell 1, H. R. Leach 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Toile 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First quarter peal by local Sunday service band.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.**—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Groves 1, Miss Reid 2, Miss Solly 3, H. Luck 4, T. Ellender 5, T. Russell (cond.) 6.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Goodridge 1, Miss A. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, Miss M. J. Skinner (first quarter as cond.) 4, Miss M. E. Richards 5, B. Bladon 6, W. W. Daniell 7, J. Durham 8.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On May 3rd, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Leyland 1, J. W. Kay 2, Miss L. Dunn 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, G. Oliver 8.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wiggins 1, M. L. Baughan 2, M. Northway 3, B. Wakefield (first quarter peal) 4, G. J. Hearn (first quarter peal as cond.) 5, E. Brant 6.

**CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 12th, 1,680 Grandsire Doubles: S. W. Fitkin 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Tomlinson 6. Longest length for 1 and 6.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Oliver 1, W. Tyson 2, A. Cowan 3, P. Draffan 4, R. Skelton 5, T. Dodd (cond.) 6, E. Henderson cover bell.—Also on May 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Henderson 1, W. Tyson 2, Miss J. Lewis 3, A. Cowan 4, P. Draffan 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, T. Dodd (cond.) 8.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On May 12th, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. J. Fowler 1, G. Martin 2, R. Riggs 3, W. Welling 4, F. J. Borcham 5, P. H. Tocco 6, W. Lee 7, E. E. Gosling (first quarter as cond.) 8.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, Miss M. L. Hannam (first 'inside') 2, C. J. A. Brown (first 'inside') 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6.

**COSELEY, STAFFS.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, A. Baker 2, D. Whatmore 3, A. Cope 4, C. R. Godfrey 5, E. E. Speake 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8.

**COUND, SHROPSHIRE.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. T. Davies (first quarter, age 14) 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, R. F. Davies 3, E. W. Colley 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. F. Willcox 6.

**DUNCHURCH, WARWICKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Howard 1, B. Holden 2, P. H. Barnwell 3, G. Pinfold 4, A. J. Stuart (cond.) 5, C. Osborne 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

**DUNMOW, ESSEX.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Gwendoline Salmon (first quarter T.B.M.) 1, R. Boykett 2, Shirley Barringer 3, A. Perry 4, A. Little 5, Dr. L. Castleden 6, G. Schlueter 7, G. Saunders (cond.) 8.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, Daphne Boulton 2, W. A. Godwin 3, Joyce Morse 4, Eileen Morse 5, A. C. Wenban 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. A. Heath (first quarter) 1, J. Wells (cond.) 2, T. Denyer 3, C. W. Denyer 4, E. Gardner 5, C. Beadle 6, J. Heath 7, C. Wells 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joyce Lewis 1, June Ainsworth 2, E. N. Harrison 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, J. Hedley 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Sear 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, I. Hutchinson 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Bumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, A. R. Haynes 8.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On May 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, L. Beale 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Hayden 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, W. Wheeler 8. First in method by 3, 5 and 6. To commemorate the official opening of Harlow New Town by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Local Government and Planning.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On May 13th, 1,253 Grandsire Caters: S. Huckle 1, D. Hiscock 2, Miss Mary Cornell 3, D. C. Price 4, D. L. Cull 5, A. R. Ager 6, R. A. Cochran 7, E. Edmondson (cond.) 8, A. F. Cull 9, L. Cull 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 5, 6 and 8.

**HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, T. W. Kimber 6.

**HOBART, TASMANIA.**—At St. David's Cathedral on May 9th, 1,280 Bob Doubles on the back six: A. R. Wilson 1, D. Lucas 2, L. Lucas 3, S. W. Smith 4, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. Stopps 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Australia.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, A. Holway 2, W. D. Ashdown 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter 6, J. Salway (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Retter on their first wedding anniversary.

**IFFLEY, OXON.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Woodley 1, M. Harding 2, L. Bosley 3, C. Bennet 4, D. Woodley (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Bowles (first quarter 'inside') 6.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Richardson (first quarter) 1, C. Hone 2, G. Francis 3, I. Gumbrell 4, L. Weller (first as cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rector of Itchingfield, the Rev. A. R. Godfrey.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Stephens (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Cowley 2, P. Inskip 3, R. Stephens 4, R. Piron 5, W. Izzard 6, M. Stephens (cond.) 7, C. Izzard 8. Rung before the 7 a.m. Communion service.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—On May 13th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Benedicta Whistler (first on 10) 1, Anne B. Stockdale 2, R. F. B. Speed (first of Grandsire Caters as cond.) 3, Jacqueline Evans 4, D. J. King 5, D. W. Beard 6, L. J. Fox 7, T. G. Fox 8, B. D. Threlfall 9, W. A. Theobald 10.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. P. T. Peters 5, W. G. Newberry 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**LISS, HANTS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Wheeler (first quarter) 1, H. E. Tice (50th quarter) 2, C. A. Pound (first 'inside') 3, H. J. Newman 4, A. Betsworth (first as cond.) 5, P. Heath (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by local band.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On May 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Daphne Keeley 1, C. E. Teit 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitehead 5, R. Keeley 6, N. Mallett 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Frazer 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, D. Searey 4, W. Vince 5, S. Casley 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. H. R. Soper (a member of the band) and Miss E. M. Worthy, who were married this day. 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung the following evening for service and also as a compliment to Mr. G. Herbert, a former member, on reaching his 70th birthday.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At All Saints' on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Farey 1, W. Atherbury 2, E. Foster (first quarter) 3, W. J. Allen 4, W. J. Dove (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 5, W. Robinson 6, F. W. Brown 7, F. Farey (first quarter) 8.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Stedman, 240 of Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Miss R. Buchthal 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, A. Elliot 3, D. Woodley (cond.) 4, K. M. Grayson 5, J. Homfray (first quarter) 6.

**OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Varnam (first quarter) 1, S. Pinder 2, R. W. Carlisle 3, H. Seagrave 4, Patricia Lewin (first as cond.) 5, R. E. Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. Crisp (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sheppard 1, C. Turner 2, J. Arbury 3, L. Hine 4, C. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Marks 6, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 7, R. Wood 8.

**OVERSEAULE, DERBYS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton (10) 1, H. Carter 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, W. F. Woodward 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, W. Brooker 8. Rung for the christening of John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quimby.

**OXFORD.**—On May 5th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Renate Buchthal 1, Elizabeth Roe 2, K. M. Grayson 3, N. G. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. Border (cond.) 6.—Also at Carfax Tower, 1,260 Oxford Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Single Oxford and Double Oxford: Susan Brown 1, Shirley Rymer 2, Diana Panting 3, J. B. Guy 4, E. H. Edge 5, F. P. Wright (cond.) 6.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents each of April Day, Norfolk, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): R. Youdle (first quarter) 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. J. Jones 3, J. Holbrook 4, F. Carter 5, D. Youdle 6.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, and 300 of Grandsire): P. D. Norman (16) 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner (15) 5, T. Kendrick 6. First quarter in six methods by all except the conductor.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On May 6th, 1,440 Bob Minor: O. Cripps 1, Sheila Kilbourne (first 'inside') 2, W. E. Simpson 3, Mrs. I. Simpson 4, T. E. Measures 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On May 3rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Butler 1, P. Saunders 2, J. Horsman (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Hunter 4, L. Hunter (cond.) 5, K. Girdler 6.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.**—On April 30th, 1,340 Bob Major: D. Goodridge 1, Miss B. M. Stange 2, Miss B. J. Stange 3, Miss M. Skinner 4, V. Griffin 5, A. R. Peake 6, B. Bladon (first as cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.—Also on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (being 2 six-scores each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and 24 Grandsire), 4,6,8 covering: Miss P. Partridge 1, B. Bladon 2, E. Anger (cond.) 3, W. Ayres 4, E. Boardman 5, M. Collins 6, P. Anger 7, F. Pearce 8. Rung following the Confirmation of Miss P. Partridge.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's on May 4th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: O. N. Curtis 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, P. Page (first on ten) 3, Mrs. J. Kippin 4, Miss J. Cox 5, W. Glasspool 6, R. Brown 7, A. York-Bramble 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, D. Longman 10.—Also at St. Mary's on May 13th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. Richmond (first quarter) 1, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, D. Cecil Williams 4, Miss J. Cox 5, R. W. Rex 6, W. Glasspool 7, E. Brown 8, O. N. Curtis 9, D. Longman 10.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At St. George-the-Martyr's on May 6th, 1,248 Spiced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Watford, Wembley, Rutland, Ealing, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge): R. H. Begrie 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, D. W. Beard 4, W. Williams (cond.) 5, N. J. Diserens 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First quarter in nine methods by all except 2nd.

**SOULTON, DEVON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willington 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Seldon 3, J. Dunster 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Riddiford 1, B. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, Miss D. Sheppard 4, T. Price 5, T. Wits (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, W. Brunt 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Sharpe.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At St. James' on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Chedzey 2, W. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, S. Jarman 6. First quarter Doubles 1, 2, 4.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pym 1, G. Bagg 2, H. May 3, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 4, R. Coles 5, W. Gibbins 6. A compliment to Harry May, who has been a member of the Devon Guild for 50 years.

**TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.**—On May 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (two extents of 720): R. Ferris 1, J. Rainsford 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey 4, A. R. Botting 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6. In honour of the jubilee of the Commonwealth of Australia.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Mulford (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fulbrook 2, K. Leach (first quarter) 3, H. Gregory 4, C. Lester 5, H. White (cond.) 6, H. C. Mulford 7, A. R. Wood (first quarter on eight bells) 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Bishop Shedden.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—On May 13th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 600 Cambridge): Miss Doris Marshall 1, R. T. Flint 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

**WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. O. Fry, jun. 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, P. W. Weeks 4, W. F. Webb 5, E. Sutton 6. Each ringer conducted two six-scores. In honour of the wedding of Mary Bennett and John H. Davey, both ringers at Bristol.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On May 13th, 1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, K. Mary Cowley 2, G. E. Green (first quarter as cond.) 3, A. H. Hinton 4, W. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts 7, F. C. Case 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 4.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. C. Smith 3, R. G. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, H. Parker (first quarter in the method) 6.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Edwards 1, Miss B. Succamore 2, W. Mellin 3, S. Bones 4, W. S. Butler (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. Bright 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.



## OBITUARY

### MR. JOHN NEAL

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Neal, a valued member of St. Martin's Guild, who passed away in a Birmingham hospital on April 11th, in his 86th year.

He commenced ringing at Moseley Parish Church in 1883 and later joined John Carter's band at St. Philip's Church (now the Cathedral). In 1888 he left Birmingham for Skipton, Yorks, where he rang his first tower bell peal and returned to Birmingham in 1899, rejoining St. Philip's band.

In July, 1903, he became a member of St. Martin's Guild and was a regular member of St. Martin's Sunday service band until 1935, when failing health compelled him to give up ringing for the following eight years and finally, in 1948, he had to cease ringing altogether.

John Neal was a man of fine physique and very pleasing personality. He was a very good heavy bell ringer, having rung the tenor in Guild peals at Southwark and Hereford Cathedrals. At Exeter Cathedral, on July 5th, 1924, he rang the tenor with the late James H. Shepherd as strapper to a peal of Stedman Cinques, being the first peal on the augmented twelve bells.

He rang approximately 350 peals on tower- and handbells, about 100 of these at his beloved St. Martin's, he having 'circled' the old twelve and the first eleven of the recast twelve. He succeeded the late Frank Banks as tower-keeper at St. Martin's; also at St. John's, Deritend (now demolished), he did good work in teaching others to handle a bell. His peals range from Minor to Cambridge Maximus; he also conducted one peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral. On handbells he rang the tenors to several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques and was always very willing to give his services and help to others. His last peal was Bob Major at Edgbaston Old Church in 1935.

He leaves a widow, now in her 85th year and, unfortunately, since his death in the same hospital; and to her and his four sons the deep sympathy of his many friends has been conveyed. St. Martin's loses a very old and valued friend.

### MR. A. H. HAYWARD

Ringling in North Devon has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. A. H. Hayward, after a very short illness, on May 12th. The Combe Martin bells were rung muffled for services on Sunday, May 13th, and after the funeral on May 16th.

Mr. Hayward had been chairman of the North Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers since February, 1949, to which office he was appointed when he retired from the office of secretary and treasurer after 26 years of enthusiastic service.

The Combe Martin band have lost a fine leader, friend and instructor, no less than four of the present band having been amongst the ringers originally instructed by him in the art in 1921. They mourn the loss of a good companion who was the core of all their ringing. His high standard of craftsmanship had maintained the bells in excellent order since 1923 when, largely owing to his efforts, they were recast as a ring of eight. He also beautified the ringing room with panelling and, with a small bell hung from the wall, in full working order, the frame and wheel of which were of his own making.

Before coming to Combe Martin, Mr. Hayward had been an active ringer in the Taunton area, especially at Wilton, where he learnt to ring nearly 60 years ago, and at Wiveliscombe. He took part in a number of peals, often as conductor, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

### MR. A. ADAMS

The death occurred on May 12th of Mr. A. Adams, of Walsall, of the age of 61 years. He had been a member of the St. Matthew's band for 42 years and the Staffordshire Society since 1910.

His death came after a long and painful illness and after undergoing a serious operation from which he never fully recovered. Not a great peal ringer—his total was 23—he rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall by an entirely local band.

The funeral service was held at St. Matthew's prior to cremation. The ringers present were Messrs. Smith, Walker, Higgins and Eastwood.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung on May 17th as a token of respect.

### RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

The following names are added to the Ringers' Roll of Honour of those who fell in the 1939-45 war:—

**Truro Diocesan Guild.**

COUCH, W. T., St. Breock.

GARD, J., St. Breock.

**Lancashire Association.**

RICHARDSON, J., Middleton.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Annual Meeting and Diocesan Festival

In accordance with the revised rules the annual business meeting and diocesan festival were combined and held on May 5th this year at Liskeard, with the neighbouring towers at St. Cleer, St. Ive, St. Keyne, Menheniot and St. Neot. The new plan was quite successful, although several of the older members preferred the old order of things, one reason being that now there is little time for ringing.

The service was held in Liskeard Church, with its fine but hard-going ring of eight, and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Parsons, and the Guild secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella. In the course of his sermon the Vicar confessed that he had never learnt to ring although he was brought up in Oxford, a city that contained more rings of bells than any in England.

At the meeting Miss E. Symons, the president, who took the chair, handed the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, a large photograph of the Dr. Symons' memorial bell now hanging in Madron tower, in appreciation of all he had done in raising money to provide the bell. Mr. Roberts, thanking Miss Symons, said this came as a pleasant surprise and suggested that an annual ringing day might be held at Madron to keep green the memory of the Doctor.

The officers were all re-elected and Messrs. J. Northey and R. Trestain, both unattached members, were added to the general committee.

The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a balance of £27 6s. 4d.

The peal secretary, Mr. C. Lanxon, said that 15 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1950 and that the number of peals now rung for the Guild was over 200.

Canon Peeke sent a form of certificate which he suggested might be awarded to ringers who had done long service. The number of years of service required and the exact form of the certificate were not decided. When the diocesan secretary has put in the number of years required, he will do what some ladies over 70 do about their extra tea, not take it.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting festival at Truro on Saturday, May 7th, 1952, and to ask the new Bishop to give the address at the service.

**NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Couzens 1, R. Allcock 2, F. Beals 3, A. Leet 4, R. Owen 5, R. Owen (cond.) 6.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Lentell 1, A. J. North (first 'inside') 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. J. Gammon 4, F. W. Slocome 5, G. Walford (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, D. M. Bellamy 8. First of Major for 1, 4 and 5. Compliments to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Lentell on the birth of a daughter.

## NOTICES

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALAN ROGERS.—Will friends please note that my address is now 39, Park Lane, Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Yorks. 8931

Mr and Mrs. R. W. DARVILL, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, are now living at Ridge View, 75, White Horse Lane, London Colney, St. Albans, Herts. Phone No. London Colney 2135. 8939

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### MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on June 2nd at South Weald (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, The Bays, Bentley, Brentwood. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards. 8897

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Elland, June 2nd. Visit of the Rev. Theodore Mathieson (Founder-President). Past and present members specially invited. Ringing from 3. Tea 5. 8907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal and Seal Chart (both 6) on June 2nd. Service and tea at Seal at 4.30 and 5 o'clock respectively. Names for tea to G. Acott, 2, Zion Cottages, Seal, near Sevenoaks. 8860



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, June 2nd. Usual times.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints' Church, Otley, Yorks, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 8913

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Duke's Head 5 p.m. 8916

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Garden fete, Timberland, June 2nd, in aid of Bell Restoration Fund. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Please support.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8914

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, June 2nd, All Hallows', Chertsey Road (rehung 10), 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, St. Mary's Church Hall. 5.30 p.m. St. Mary's (8) after meeting, if available. Twickenham (S.R.), 667 T.-bus, 33 bus.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 8923

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. 8924

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road Station) on Monday, June 4th, at 7 p.m. Festival visitors welcomed.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8940

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's grave, Birmingham, June 9th. Train, Paddington, 9.10 a.m. Coach leaves Snow Hill 11.30. Ringing St. Martin's and Cathedral. Meeting at St. Martin's Hall 5. Social Hour Tamworth Arms 6.—A. B. Peck. 8926

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8948

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8953

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Hessele, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all those who notify, not later than Tuesday, June 5th. Mr. J. Poole, 6, Oatlands Drive, Hessele. 8963

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names by 6th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8961

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Prestbury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. First-class cafes in the village—make your own choice. Short business meeting to follow. Visitors most welcome.—Wilfred Stevenson, Hon. Branch Sec. 8954

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby (8), June 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 6th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8957

**COLTISHALL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S, NORFOLK.**—Rededication of bells (6) after rehanging. Saturday, June 9th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3 p.m. Tea and ringing afterwards, by kind invitation of Rector and churchwardens. Make this a great occasion. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Coltishall Rectory, Norwich. 8870

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Sandford, near Crediton, Saturday, June 9th. (Bus leaves Crediton 3.45 p.m.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by June 4th. Crediton available 6.30.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8902

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 8959

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Rotherfield (8), June 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. Names by June 8th, to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8942

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8845

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, June 9th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8950

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8935

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton, June 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 8945

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 6th.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 8949

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 8930

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting at Bilton Church, near Rugby, on June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying, by Wednesday, June 6th, Mr. W. E. Burnell, 18, Plexfield Road, Bilton, near Rugby. 8951

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea, by June 6th, to W. Starr, Woolley, near Bath.—Mrs. H. Parfrey, Hon. Sec. 8956

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, June 9th. Bring own food. Buses from Chorley 367 at 2.26; Preston 113 at 2.5.—L. Walmsley. 8938

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 9th, at Halewood. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.30 (price 2s. 6d.). Names to Mr. J. Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8958

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Tudor Cafe; afterwards Old Woodhouse. Names, by June 6th, to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield.—C. W. Hall. 8937

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild will be held at Mablethorpe on June 9th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to H. C. Count, 65, St. Andrew's Road, Mablethorpe. 8903

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn Bridge, on Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business; tea at local shops.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8941

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Mursley, June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—E. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow. 8906

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stonesfield on Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 7th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 8921

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Piddington, June 9th. Names for tea by June 5th. This is definite.—Mr. E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8928

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stalbridge on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 8928

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than June 2nd.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 8934

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. A. Eastland, Church Cottage, Blyth, Workop.—H. Denman. 8905

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A ringing meeting at Leiston (8) on June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 5 p.m. Names, by June 7th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 8898

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddham, June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names essential, by 5th, to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 8955

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, June 6th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8943

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Notify for tea, by June 12th, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 8933

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. Division.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, at Harwich (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by June 12th, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich.—R. Duesbury, Dis. Sec. 8925

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, June 16th, 3 p.m. Bells available. Names for tea to reach Mr. R. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, near Godalming, by the 13th.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 8964

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—June 16th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8952

**LADIES' GUILD FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING.**—Join West Midland, Midland, and Lancashire Branches, Nottingham, June 16th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing and social evening. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—Jill Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 8875

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Festival of Britain ringing, Newbury (10), June 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Demonstration Lecture on ringing given by Mr. A. York-Bramble at 6.30, with slides and handbells. Object—to interest the general public in our art. Please give your support and bring prospective recruits. Tea 5, for those notifying, by June 13th. Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67 King's Road, Newbury. 8946

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. S. Osborne, Newnham, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 8947

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 2.30. Tea 4.30 in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Bells—Cathedral 2.30–3.15 and 6–15—7 o'clock: St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8944

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**NOTICES—Continued**

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norwich on Saturday, June 30th. The following bells will be available: St. John de Sepulchre's 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea in St. Clement's Hall 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, June 23rd, please, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers welcome.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8936

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS** (N.E. Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Taunton Deanery).—Preliminary Notice! Joint meeting, Silverton, Saturday, July 7th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8962

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26413587	62148375	26435	3	—	—	—	
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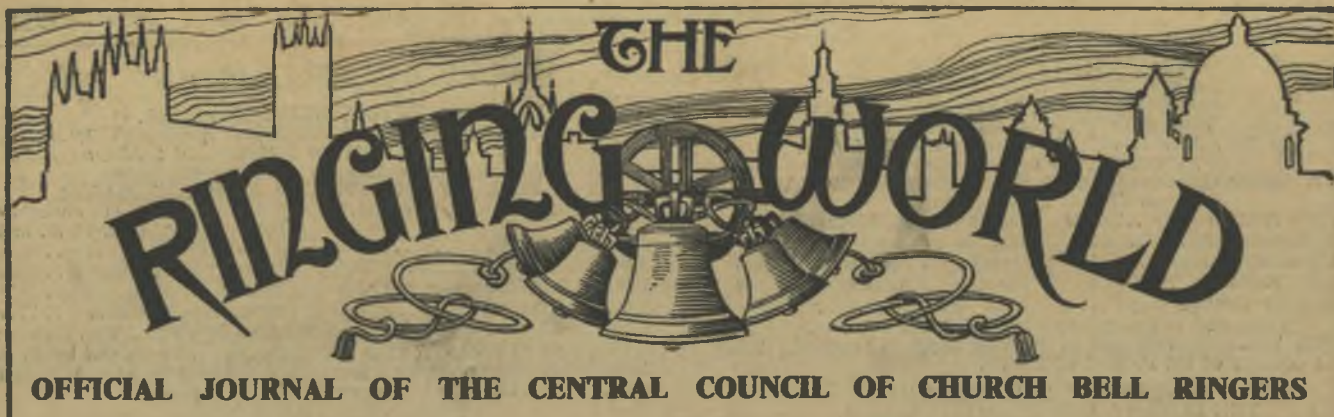
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## HISTORIC CHURCHES AND BELLS

THE Church of England is faced to-day with many problems and among them is the preservation of its churches. Some prominence has been given in the Press recently to the dire need of many of the ancient churches, which, apart from the fact that they are in each parish the House of God and the place of worship, are also part of the nation's heritage. The Pilgrim Trust, which in the past has done so much for the preservation of particular churches, has indicated that it is not prepared to continue making grants for such purposes until the Church has found some general policy for grappling with this problem. While there is no lack of evidence that churchpeople have subscribed generously for the maintenance and repair of their ancient churches—a practical example is Chester Cathedral—the position to-day is that there are many great buildings crying out for restoration, which it is entirely beyond the capacity of the inhabitants to meet. Probably the most striking examples are to be found in East Anglia, where great buildings serve tiny and somewhat impoverished populations.

One of these examples from another part of the country reached the Editor this week from the Rev. A. S. Midgley, Vicar of King's Sutton, near Banbury. His parish has a population of 1,500 and he has to find a total of £9,000 for a new church roof, a sum of £6 per head of population. So dangerous is the present structure that the bells have been silenced and no more ringing can take place until the existing roof has been demolished. King's Sutton has one of the few rings of eight bells in South Northamptonshire and it has a keen young band of method ringers. As things are to-day, the only hope for King's Sutton people is outside assistance, and if any of our readers are desirous of helping, their contributions should be sent to The Secretary, Church Restoration Fund, c/o The Vicarage, King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxon.

The Church Commissioners are in the process of trying to collect the necessary information in order to see what the existing needs of the country are. In the Guildford Diocese a questionnaire has been sent to incumbents, and we hope that in making their returns they will state whether their bells are silent because of lack of repair. 'The Ringing World' feels that bells should be included in this nationwide survey. The purport of this return is that the central authorities of the Church should know

what has to be faced in order that they may consider whether the time has come to ask the State to take a share in the upkeep of these buildings, which are, in some degree at least, the property of the nation and not merely the possession of the inhabitants of the parish who belong to the Anglican Communion.

We are reminded that a church building that remains in use as such can never become an 'ancient monument.' That was established in 1913, when the first Ancient Monuments Bill was before Parliament. But the law from which the churches were excluded still did a great deal to encourage the preservation of the English parish church; for when Archbishop Davidson succeeded in having the churches taken out of the Bill, he promised that their own machinery should be set up to see that maintenance and repair should not be neglected or carried out on the wrong lines. It is unlikely that the State will come to the rescue of church buildings unless they come within the provision of the Ancient Monuments Bill and the existing law is amended. On the other hand, unless State assistance is forthcoming, there seems little prospect of saving many of the country's priceless heritages. There is no lack of expert advice on the work that is necessary. The Central Council for the Care of Churches has just issued its eleventh report, and while the Council is not directly able to assist dilapidated churches with funds they need for repairs, it can at least ensure through its statutory relations with the diocesan authorities that, as building and repairs become possible, the worst of the old mistakes that were once too common shall be avoided.

It is important that we as ringers should watch the trend of events. Every Guild and Association should periodically make a survey of the bells in its territory and present to the diocesan authorities a statement showing the exact state of bells in its area. The information, if collated, would be very valuable. The report should be as comprehensive as possible, and where rings of bells are defective, the main reasons should be given. We have cases similar to King's Sutton of good bells in unsafe towers. These should be duly noted. Where recent surveys have been made, as in the case of Oxfordshire by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the information is readily available, but there are many areas where information is somewhat scanty. Mr. R. H. Dove, in his 'Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain,' gives a certain amount of information, but it is important that this should be brought up to date.



## TEN BELL PEALS

INVERARAY, ARGYLL.  
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

*EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* 600th peal. The first peal of Surprise Royal in Scotland. Rung for the opening of the Festival of Britain.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*CHARLES R. GODFREY .. Treble	SAMUEL BIRCH .. 6
HENRY HUBBALL .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES .. 7
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 8
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 9
†DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 5	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'  
First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Guild.  
A Festival of Britain peal.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	*LEONARD RODMELL .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER .. 8
*JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 4	*CHARLES BARKER .. 9
†COLIN HARRISON .. 5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT CHEIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	PETER O. LAFLIN .. 7
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. 9
JACK BRAY .. 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The conductor's 400th peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	ALLEN MORGAN .. 8
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
*WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a 78th birthday tribute to Mr. Ernest Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 2,752 Cambridge, 2,304 Superlative, with 114 changes of method.

JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	ARTHUR PEAKE .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 6
RONALD BARLOW .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by ALAN CATTELL.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.  
First peal of Spliced for the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a welcome to Mrs. J. J. Hall, donor of the bells, on her return to The Hall, Broughton.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 5
*WILLIAM WENBAN .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

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

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PATRICIA M. WAREHAM .. Treble	†DONALD NIBLETT .. 5
†RENATE BUCHTHAL .. 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 6
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
†ALASTAIR ELLIOT .. 4	†JOHN B. GUY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN B. GUY.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. § First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE .. Treble	GEORGE SKINNER .. 5
FRANK N. BASTIN .. 2	WILLIAM REEKS .. 6
JOHN L. P. GLANVILL .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
WILLIAM A. WILLS .. 4	*H. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

\* First peal. Heavitree's contribution to the Festival inauguration. Also a farewell to the tenor man, who is shortly leaving the district.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY J. SPICE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 5
JAMES BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM PACKER .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
SYDNEY W. BALL .. 4	JACK DAFTERS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.  
A Festival of Britain peal. Also as an 89th birthday compliment (May 14th) to Mrs. Wm. Spice, mother of the treble ringer.



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## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. .. Treble	*HAROLD G. SMITH .. .. 5
FRANK BARNARD .. .. 2	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 6
FREDK. S. SUTTON .. .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 7
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 4	STANLEY SUTTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung for the induction as Rector of the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	†PERCY D. BALBOCK .. 5
†RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	*FRANK W. LACK .. .. 6
†LESLIE WITTEN .. .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. 7
HERBERT GOAKES .. .. 4	BRIAN WARWICK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. The conductor's first peal of Treble Bob and 50 peal as conductor. Festival of Britain peal.

## UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 7
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 13, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 67 lb. in F.

JOHN LUNHAM .. .. Treble	THOMAS R. HAMMOND .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 7
ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## AXMINSTER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 5
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 7
J. LEONARD GLYDE .. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival and also the Festival of Britain. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE, N. WALES.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5
W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 3	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

## GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS and  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

*TIMOTHY COBB .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 2	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 6
GEORGE CASE .. .. 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 7
WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

## GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. 5
*MARY DREW .. .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. .. 7
DAVID SMITH .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Major away from treble. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Noah Smith, a local ringer.

## NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen, Witton,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5
C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2	THOMAS SIMMONS .. .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. .. 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 7
*MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 4	MARK J. BARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. JONES .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
FRED C. LYNE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
†JAMES CORBETT .. .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 4	†A. JAMES COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Lee, to the living of St. Mary's.

## WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

CECIL W. PIPE .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	T. MARK WHITE .. .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.



## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
A. ERNEST LONG .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
WALTER R. FARROW .. .. 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON .. 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4	*HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* 50th peal on the bells.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	*ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal in the method.

## FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
FRANK W. PERRINS .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung for the installation of Canon George Vaughan, B.D., Rector of Farnon, Hon. Canon of Chester Cathedral.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. .. 2	ARNOLD HILL .. .. 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Turley.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GIBSON JACKSON .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

## KINGHAM, OXON.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 2	KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 6
*SUSAN M. BROWN .. .. 3	JOHN B. GUY .. .. 7
*DIANA M. PANTING .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	WILLIAM THORNTLEY, JUN. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman on tower bells.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	ALBERT PRYKE .. .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 6
*COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 4	JOHN H. STICH .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. D. G. Mayell and Miss M. P. Hilliar, whose wedding was solemnised at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday, May 19th.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER .. .. Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. Treble	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in the method.

## CURRY RIVIL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

F. Dexter's Variation.	
JACK DREW .. .. Treble	*PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 6
HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. 7
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary P. Hilliar and Desmond G. Mayell.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
*RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY .. 3	*ROBERT W. PERCY .. .. 7
†GEORGE BEENY .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung for the birth of Charles Robert and Susan Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Percy.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WILLIAM G. HAIR .. .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Festival of Britain peal.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TIMOTHY COBB .. .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 4
DORIS M. SHEPPARD .. .. 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. .. 5
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 3	CHARLES LARNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES E. F. EASLEY .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 4
J. MARTIN PAGE .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 5
F. STEDMAN POOLE .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal, aged 13. A Festival of Britain peal.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS .. .. Treble	CHARLES NORTON .. .. 4
*ALAN WEARE .. .. 2	WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. 5
*GWILYM G. SALMON .. 3	FREDERICK SANDY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVILL.

\* First peal. Festival of Britain peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Treble	JOHN A. HILTON .. .. 4
*JEANNE N. ROBERTS .. 2	PETER NEWING .. .. 5
DEREK J. WILSDEN .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal. An 18th birthday compliment to Peter Newing.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 720 each of St. Bartholomew, St. Dunstan, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	RONALD F. COLLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to mark the 23rd anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. .. 4
*DENIS R. WOODS .. .. 2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 3	H. REGINALD WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Festival of Britain peal.

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# DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's of St. Simon's and twelve 120's each of Grandsire, Canterbury Reversed and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

\*MICHAEL PARKINSON .. Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3  
†MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | MOSES BILLINGS .. 4

W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor in four methods.

# GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble | C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 4  
MONICA DAVIS .. 2 | JOHN J. WEBB .. 5  
LESLIE EVANS .. 3 | REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

# HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE. THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

\*J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. Treble | †DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4  
\*BRIAN HARRIS .. 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY .. 5  
\*FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

# HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble | DENIS A. FRITH .. 4  
DONALD H. METTAM .. 2 | BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5  
HARRY BARNES .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

# MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble | THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 4  
\*K. MARY COWLEY .. 2 | WILLIAM YATES .. 5  
\*GEORGE E. GREEN .. 3 | †GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two combined extents of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble | \*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 4  
JANET S. BAILEY .. 2 | \*TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 5  
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

# THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP BARNES .. Treble | \*THOMAS RADFORD .. 4  
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 2 | FRANK BRADLEY .. 5  
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 3 | ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal. The conductor's 25th peal for the above Association.

# APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

\*HORACE HILLMAN .. Treble | F. GEORGE BAILEY .. 4  
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 2 | WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5  
FRANK SHARP .. 3 | \*ARTHUR YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

\* First peal in two methods.

## BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

# THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Hereward, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4  
A. GEORGE CLARE .. 2 | LEONARD DERRICK .. 5  
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 3 | RONALD G. BECK .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

## EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

\*ANDREW J. H. SCOTT .. Treble | STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 4  
A. TREVOR SUTTON .. 2 | \*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5  
A. LENNARD SHEPHERD .. 3 | †ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. L. Shepherd.

## HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble | HENRY PARKER .. 4  
MARY DREW .. 2 | ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5  
DAVID SMITH .. 3 | \*HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* 150th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. The quickest peal on the bells.

## HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.

# THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY COMMINS .. Treble | TOM HANCOCK .. 4  
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 2 | \*ARCHIE GALE .. 5  
CLAUDE TARR .. 3 | †WILLIAM WINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

## NEWINGTON (HYTHE), KENT.

# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

\*JEANNE N. ROBERTS .. Treble | \*PETER J. H. SMALL .. 4  
PETER NEWING .. 2 | THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5  
\*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3 | WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal in three methods.

## RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

# THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Hereward, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4  
A. GEORGE CLARE .. 2 | †LEONARD DERRICK .. 5  
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 3 | RONALD G. BECK .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.



**HANDBELL PEALS****NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,  
At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,***A PEAL 5079 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, a touch of 39 changes. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 3-4

WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A Festival of Britain peal.

**DROGHEDA, EIRE.****THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,**At 26, WILLIAM STREET,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Mrs. F. E. DUKES .. .. 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. .. 3-4

\*ROBERT W. SMYTH .. .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES. Witness: MISS A. HENNESSY.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 5-6.

**COVENTRY.****THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,**At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,***A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. .. 1-2 | PAUL WILLIAMSON .. .. 5-6

FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 7-8

HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

**BOURNEMOUTH.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY. Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,**At GLYN GARTH,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6

CYRIL WANDER .. .. 3-4 | STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,**At THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

\*TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4

LAURENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: HOWARD N. GREGORY.

\* First peal away from the tenors. Birthday compliment to Diana

M. E. Goodman, sister of the conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

**BOURNEMOUTH.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2 | \*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Witnesses: ETHEL FLETCHER, ALBERT H. WARD, and ARTHUR G. JAMES.

\* 150th peal.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,**At 52, RICHMOND ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4

WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Last year we recorded  
that the ringers of All  
Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W.,  
had rehung their tenor on ball bearings, with a  
steel headstock. On April 24th a fracture was  
discovered in the axle of the treble and the  
company decided to rehang the remaining five  
with ball bearings and steel headstocks at their  
own expense. The steel, with difficulty, has  
been obtained. The work is being carried out  
by Bruce Dunbar and George Williamson with  
Bobby Ferris as labourer.

Mr. W. A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks, rang  
his 70th peal on his 70th birthday (May 17th)  
and 'completed the circle' of the tower.

Mr. J. Swindley, one of the oldest members of  
the Chester Diocesan Guild and for many years  
captain of the Cathedral band, died on May  
25th, aged 78. A memoir will appear in our  
next issue.

Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, is the new  
Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. A  
report of the successful annual festival at Leo-  
minster on Whit Monday will appear in our  
next issue.

There was a scene after a combined practice  
at Wonston, Hants, recently, when a well-known  
Bosham and Winchester ringer found that the  
'apple of his eye,' his brand-new motor-bicycle,  
had disappeared. Practical jokes have their  
limit!

The peals rung at Radstock and Binegar  
(Somerset) on Whit Monday were the result  
of an attempt to ring three peals during the  
day; the first, at Chilcompton, being unsuccess-  
ful. Last August Bank Holiday, the first peal  
was scored and the other two were unsuccessful.  
However, third time lucky!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

In recognition of his ser-  
vices to the Essex Associa-  
tion, Mr. G. L. Joyce has  
been made a life vice-president of the Associa-  
tion. A report of the Association's very suc-  
cessful annual meeting will appear next week.

Having passed her Girl Guide Bellringing  
Badge test some weeks ago, Miss Jill Vernon, of  
Stoney Stanton, Leics, rang her first peal in her  
local tower on May 19th and received the con-  
gratulations of the band for the way she rang  
her bell throughout the peal.

The birth of twins to Mrs. Percy, the wife of  
Mr. R. W. Percy, was commemorated by a  
peal at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on May 19th.  
The peal was rung at the second attempt, the  
first lasting over one hour. A wit of the party  
suggested an attempt for the peal for each of  
the twins.

Mr. E. Percy Thomas, whose gifts to his  
parish church of Claines, Worcester, include  
five new bells and an electric clock, had a 78th  
birthday compliment paid to him in the form  
of a peal of Stedman Caters rung there on  
May 18th. His interest in bells and ringers  
is well known in Worcestershire and elsewhere,  
and when the Cathedral bells were recast in  
1928, he played a large part in the scheme.

Admired at the social evening that followed  
the Central Council meeting at Chester was the  
case of tankards that accompanies the Chester  
Diocesan Guild special company when they  
attempt new records or go for special peals.  
Each ringer has his own tankard with his re-  
cord engraved on it. One member has five  
such peals recorded. We could get no satis-  
factory explanation why Mr. Walter Allman's  
was of quart size and the others just modest  
pints.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHESTER

(Continued from page 346)

## CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK — INVITATION TO LINCOLN ACCEPTED — BARRON BELL TRUST — BUTLIN'S RINGING COMPETITION NOT ACCEPTABLE

### CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

A progress report on the preparation of a Central Council handbook was submitted by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. The price of the 1927 edition was 1s. 3d., so allowing for a rather larger book, a present-day price of 5s. would not be excessive.

Proposals for the handbook were:—

1. Title: Handbook of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, 1951. Naming present officers on title page (possibly with frontispiece photograph of Canon G. F. Coleridge).

2. Preface. If Mr. E. Alexander Young were invited to contribute a short preface, this would provide continuity with the 1927 edition. It would be countersigned by the present president and secretary.

3. The Council—its history, aims and procedure. This section to be re-written, and could be divided into sub-sections dealing with the three main aspects mentioned. This account should include mention of the more important actions of the Council in the past.

4. Rules of the Council—as adopted 1950.

5. Decisions of the Council—as to be adopted 1951.

6. Members of the 21st Council (1951-1954).

(i) Honorary and life members—alphabetical order.

(ii) Representative—classified under affiliated associations and guilds.

It would be a great asset if addresses could be given. Old and new members should be signified.

7. Active committees of the Council. Each member to be described, with names of convenor and other members.

8. Publications of the Council. This should include guiding notes where appropriate.

9. The Council's Library. The Librarian to be invited to prepare an account.

10. The Council's Journal. A concise history, with details appertaining to the policy and production of 'The Ringing World.'

The above would form the main body of the handbook and following this would be a group of factual appendices.

### APPENDICES

(a) Annual meetings of the Council since its foundation.

(b) Past and present officers of the Council.

(c) List of members of the Council, 1891—1950.

This would be an alphabetical list covering Council 1—20 but excluding the current Council. Having been compiled, this list need not further be revised (except to indicate subsequent deaths) but a new list should be commenced covering Councils 21 onwards which would first appear in the next edition.

Each name in the list would occupy one line of print only, giving the following details:—

Name, initials and title, year of birth (and death, where applicable), period(s) of membership of the Council, symbol or abbreviation to indicate guild or society represented or if honorary, finally an indication of continuing service in the 21st Council.

The total number of names would possibly be of the order of 750, which, at 50 to a page, would require 15 pages of text, not unduly heavy in demand on available space, and a most worthy record.

The Biographies Committee would doubtless have this information readily available.

### TRIENNIAL SUPPLEMENT

At the beginning of each new Council, i.e., every three years, a supplement would be published giving the names and addresses of members of the new Council, and any alterations in work or constitution of the committees.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee recommended that the Committee be authorised to go ahead with the production of a handbook on the lines suggested.

This was agreed to.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Will readers please substitute the following report for that which appeared on page 345 under this heading.

Mr. H. Miles said two years ago he had the honour of being asked to compile the Roll of Honour of ringers who fell in the last war. The closing date was September 30th when the total number of names was 221. Since then he had had other names and the total was now 289. The Council had to decide whether the Roll should be incorporated in the previous one or bound up separately. He had taken advice both in London and Oxford. At London he consulted the librarian at St. Paul's Cathedral (Mr. Gerald W. Henderson) and he advised against it being bound up with the present Roll of Honour of the 1914-18 war. He put him in touch with Mr. Ball, and his estimate for writing 280 odd names on vellum, and binding was £75. He then consulted Mr. Charles Batey, printer to the University Press at Oxford, and his estimate for printing the Roll on hand-made paper, and binding in morocco was £60.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee considered this question and the estimates given by Mr. Ball and the Oxford University Press and certain advice given by Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild) and they recommended that Mr. Clarke be co-opted to this committee with a view to making further enquiries and in obtaining estimates in other directions.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved this recommendation which was accepted by the Council.

### NEXT MEETING

The secretary announced that the Council had been invited to visit Lincoln next year and an invitation to Newcastle had been received for the following year. The Standing Committee recommended that the invitation to Lincoln be accepted. This was agreed to.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, said: 'It is 29 years since the Council were last in Lincoln and we are very pleased to hear that they have voted in our favour. We shall do our best to give you a hearty welcome.'

### BARRON BELL TRUST

Mr. C. W. Pipe said at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild he was instructed to seek information concerning the Barron Bell Trust. He should like to know how an application was made and whether it was likely to be successful.

Mr. Clarke: I have had occasion to write to the Barron Bell Trust three or four times and each time there has been no answer.

Mr. W. Pullinger: That is the position. The present trustee is Mr. Hopkins, whose last address was at Christchurch. A number of applications have been made and the letters are unanswered. I wonder if the proper thing is not to take the matter up with the Charity Commissioners so as to ascertain the position. I believe the Charity must be registered.

Mr. G. Harding said a tower in the Swindon branch recently had a very substantial grant. Another tower made an application but had no reply. He had a word with the person from the successful church and it appeared that Mr. Hopkins took no notice of any correspondence or circulars from begging bellringers but if the person in search of the grant met Mr. Hopkins personally he might be successful. It was no use writing.

Mr. J. W. Jones: I know of several cases of persons writing and receiving no reply.

The President: I think the answer is that for any one to be successful he should go to Christchurch and meet Mr. Hopkins. If Mr. Hopkins did not like the church or the vicar's face then there was no grant.

### BUTLIN'S CAMP RINGING

The President: There is a question I want to raise concerning a ringing competition in connection with Butlin's Camps. Mr. Pugh, who is head chaplain of Butlin's Camps, got into touch with me and, with Mr. Hughes, I interviewed Mr. Pugh. Mr. Pugh had already communicated with the Diocesan Bishops and told me that Mr. Butlin was willing to give a prize to be rung for in a national competition with finals at Skegness. He (Mr. Butlin) understood that ringing was a dying art and he wished to do something to revive it. Mr. Pugh is a very energetic man who has done a good deal to improve the religious life in the camps. Except in very few districts we cannot say that ringing is a dying art or there is a lack of young ringers.

With one or two exceptions, the Bishops seemed to be in favour of the national competition. For that reason we could not turn the thing down stone cold although that was my first inclination. I asked Mr. Fletcher to circulate a letter to the Standing Committee and about a dozen members replied and in practically every case they were against the competition.

After all the Associations have done in the last 70 years to get rid of prize-ringing we thought it was a very retrograde step. I propose to write within the next day or two to Mr. Pugh pointing out that we very much appreciate Mr. Butlin's generous offer but the whole idea is based on a false conception of the fact that we do not consider that there is a dearth of young ringers or that ringing is a dying art and that the idea of a competition is repugnant to all the Societies affiliated to the Central Council. At the same time there are certain ways Mr. Butlin can help ringers going to camps. One is that a set of handbells be provided in each camp and a notice displayed inviting ringers to get in touch with the chaplain who would try and get facilities for ringing. I am also suggesting that the chaplain get in touch with the Diocesan or County Association and meet the local secretary and ascertain times of Sunday ringing in the locality and practice nights, so that any stray ringer should get some ringing.

Another thing, which is more important. We should send a copy to all Diocesan Bishops pointing out the reasons for turning it down because I feel it is a good opportunity to educate the Bishops. I feel certain they do not realise the feeling of ringers with regard to prize-ringing.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I propose we ask our president to write that letter.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

The action was approved.

### RINGERS' SERVICE BOOK

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had been in correspondence with the Guildford Guild during the last few weeks about the production of a new service book. They wanted to print a new service book and had rather shelved the idea because they wanted a better selection of ringing hymns and an intelligent service. Norwich was interested and he was wondering how much further they could induce the Central Council to let this book be a nation-wide service book for ringers. He hesitated to suggest that it should be the service book to be used all over the country as Elizabeth Tudor found to her cost. At any rate it might be convenient to a considerable number of Guilds.

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## The Central Council—Cont.

They had duplicated advance copies which were available for anyone interested. It might be that the Central Council could persuade the S.P.C.K. to produce a new manual for ringers.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

Mr. T. Butler submitted a plea that the 'Ringing World' should publish all true extents of 5,000 with two or three cover bells, to be given under the heading of miscellaneous or unauthorised performances.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis sympathised with Mr. Butler and thought that such performances should be published.

Mr. C. Kippin: I am going to support that. A peal of Doubles with a cover was put in 'The Ringing World' under the heading 'A New Band's Encouraging Start.' I thought it was the title of a cynic!

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I recommend the Committee of 'The Ringing World' should consider this point in their deliberations.

Mr. T. Butler: Does it mean that you will lose 12 months?

The President promised that the Committee would take note of the point.

Mr. Atkins said a peal of Doubles was rung in Essex with covers and the band did not know any better. It upset all their members that it was not published. He suggested that such performances be published.

### THE ATTENDANCE

The Secretary reported that 33 associations were fully represented at the meeting, 17 associations partly represented and four not represented. There were 118 representative members, four life members and nine honorary members present, making a total of 131 with 35 absent. This was a record attendance.

### VOTES OF THANKS

The President: It is usual for me to propose an omnibus vote of thanks. I want to include the Bishop of Chester for giving us the welcome he has; the Dean for all arrangements in connection with the Cathedral and for arranging the service this morning; the Chester Diocesan Guild, particularly mentioning the master and the secretary, who had done a great deal of work; Mr. Edwards for arranging peals; and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the resolution was carried.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed a vote of thanks to the president, to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the way they had carried out the business of secretary, to Mr. Hooton and Mr. Hughes and also to Mr. White, editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The vote was carried with acclamation.

A report of the revision of the decisions of the Council will be published when the various amendments have been checked by the convener of the Sub-Committee.

The representatives were most hospitably entertained to tea by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The thanks of the company were expressed by the president and acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Clarke, the Master of the Guild.

A social evening followed at the Blossoms Hotel, when some very good handbell ringing was demonstrated by bands from Lincolnshire and Leicester.

### JOINT MEETING AT MEASHAM

About 40 ringers and friends attended a joint meeting of the Midland Counties Guild and the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Measham on May 19th.

During the afternoon and evening this light, handy ring of eight was kept going to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise.

An excellent tea was served in the school-room; this was very kindly prepared by the local ringers and friends.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. J. W. Cotton and Mr. A. E. Rowley, the two respective Central Council representatives, made a short report on the recent meeting at Chester. J. A. U.

# YORKSHIRE ROYAL AT INVERARAY

## Peal Saved by Presence of Mind

THE origin of this peal began with a chance remark that several of the band had rung a peal on the first and third rings of ten in order of weight of tenor and was followed by the suggestion that the trio should be completed. It was decided that the opening of the Festival of Britain would be an admirable opportunity and by the beginning of the year permission had been obtained and a band briefed. It was, of course, necessary to take ropes and each man was asked to be responsible for finding a suitable rope. The band arranged to travel in two parties, one of seven to leave early on Friday and the second of three on Friday afternoon.

The first party left their rendezvous at Saddleworth early on Friday, May 4th, and proceeded via Bradford, where they picked up the three Yorkshire members, to Carlisle for lunch. After lunch, the journey continued through Glasgow, at rush hour, via Loch Lomond to the shores of Loch Fyne and the town of Inveraray. Here, after an excellent dinner, handbell ringing was indulged until bedtime. Meanwhile the rear party was on its way with an additional member, who came to listen, and proceeded via Kendal where the fell-walking enthusiast was picked up, to Carlisle for dinner. From there they had a windy journey to Lanark where they spent the night. Early next morning they were on the way again by the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond to Inveraray, arriving just in time for lunch.

While they had been travelling, the advance party had not been idle, for they had thoroughly examined the bells and fittings and, ably led by Ralph Edwards and Walter Allman, had seen to it that the bells were all properly greased, ropes fitted, pulley blocks in order and all the hundred and one items necessary to ensure success. In this they were greatly helped by the kindness of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in sending a tin of suitable grease and a grease gun by post, to await them.

The bells were raised before lunch and several minor adjustments made so that everything should go smoothly in the afternoon. A very cheerful party sat down to a substantial meal and afterwards wandered in the direction of the tower, not many yards distant. This tower is a fine structure and was built specially to house the bells and at the same time it was intended to build the church on to the tower but it seems that interest in this project has now died with the death of the Duke. The bells themselves are an excellent ring of ten with a tenor of 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. and the frame is one of the best the band had ever seen. In view of the absence of ringers there, the condition of the frame and fittings is adequate testimony to British workmanship.

Soon after 2.30 the band assembled in the tower made the last few final adjustments and at 2.40 the conductor called 'Go.' For the first few minutes the noise in the ringing room proved a little troublesome, particularly to the light end, but soon everyone was comfortably settled down and some excellent ringing resulted. After about 55 minutes' ringing a loud crack was heard as something hit the floor. The thoughts of the band at that moment showed in their faces. Was something coming apart? Was someone outside throwing stones at the boarding on the west side of the tower? Had some irate Scot taken out his shotgun and was taking pot shots at the tower?

### PRESENCE OF MIND

All speculation was silenced ten minutes later when the iron ceiling boss on the ninth slid swiftly down the rope and gave the ringer (Mr. Ralph G. Edwards) a smart crack on the knuckles. Fortunately it occurred as he pulled off at backstroke so, letting go the end, he allowed the boss to slide off the rope as he caught the sally. His presence of mind undoubtedly

saved the situation and, apart from a badly-cut knuckle and three of four bad blows, the whole incident passed off without upset. Needless to say, for the rest of the peal many an anxious eye was cast ceilingwards by the other members of the band. In fact the ringer of the ninth afterwards remarked he was glad it was his boss which had come adrift for he did at least know where it was.

The peal proceeded to an uneventful end except for perhaps a little troublesome sunshine during the last hour or so which affected the third and fourth mainly. The ringing throughout was of an excellent character and when, at 6.42, the bells ran into rounds the band had the justifiable feeling that their efforts had not been in vain. Reports from our outside observer confirmed the inside impression and a visit from some of the local people who said how much they had enjoyed it confirmed our perhaps biased opinion. It is, however, only fair to record that the waiter at the hotel, who had been told to listen to the Sassenachs said with emphasis that he could have done better on the bagpipes! All attempts to get him to try proved unavailing, nevertheless.

### THE CHRISTENING

At dinner that evening, at which the guest was the Rector, a happy party pursued its way through a somewhat lengthy menu, for Englishmen at any rate, but which appeared to be the usual thing for the Scots. We can recommend Scottish meals. Handbell ringing in the lounge provoked many questions from interested guests and the high spot of the evening was the 'christening' of certain drinking utensils of which more will be heard on future occasions. One member found his so limited in capacity that he had to replenish it five times before he thought the ceremony concluded.

At a late hour a tired but happy band of ringers retired to rest having accomplished another self-imposed task. Next morning an early start was made and at 9.30 the return journey was commenced and the two cars set off for Lockerbie where lunch had been arranged for one o'clock and, needless to say, they arrived there with ten minutes to spare. From Lockerbie the convoy continued to Kendal where the two cars parted company, one to go into Yorkshire and the other to Lancashire and Cheshire.

The peal could not have been accomplished without the fullest co-operation of all concerned and thanks are due to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the attempt. Taylors for their help, to Ralph Edwards for his hard work on the bells, to Walter Allman for his organisation and the car drivers and owners for the transport. Things we would like to know are:—

(1). What 'Beautiful Thought' did some of the party harbour?

(2). Who was the driver who changed his 'political' label as he grew more accustomed to a strange car? From 'conservative' through 'liberalised' to 'socialised'.

(3). Who was it who, at two o'clock on Monday morning, decided he had ridden far enough and decided to walk the rest of the way (3—4 miles) home. (Moral—look at the petrol gauge next time.)

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A beautiful day on Whit Saturday and a fine ring of bells made the Society's meeting at North Cave very enjoyable. The Rev. C. M. Oswell met the visitors, gave them a hearty welcome and later conducted the service. A feast of home-cooked dainties was provided by local ladies for the tea in the Temperance Hall.

At the business meeting, Hutton Cranswick was selected for the annual meeting in July. In the evening some good touches of St. Clement's, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round.



## OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

### MR. HARRY KILBY

The death of Mr. Harry Kilby, at the age of 72, on May 23rd, removes from Middlesex one of the most respected of ringers. Throughout his ringing career he was associated with the Willesden tower. His first peal was one in four Minor methods in 1898 at Willesden and was rung for the Society of Cumberland Youths. There was for many years a flourishing six-bell band at Willesden and before the bells were augmented to eight in 1915 they succeeded in ringing extents in all the known Minor methods.

Mr. Kilby was an accomplished ringer and enjoyed nothing better than ringing the seventh to a peal in a Major method. It was most unusual for him to make a mistake in a peal and he took pride in the way he struck his bell. In all he rang 235 peals, ten of which he conducted. Of this total 164 were rung at Willesden. He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in five to twelve methods, conducted by the late William Pye, and also in a number of other methods rung for the first time at Willesden.

He was tower secretary of St. Mary's, Willesden from 1914, when the band joined the Middlesex County Association, until he retired from active ringing a few years ago. During that time many ringers received from him encouragement and opportunities for ringing in the more advanced methods. In 1939 he was elected Master of the Middlesex County Association and held that office for the following five years.

He was interred in Willesden Churchyard on May 28th. Those present included Mrs. H. Kilby (widow), Mr. E. H. Kilby (son), Mr. G. M. Kilby (brother), Mr. R. G. Kilby (nephew), Messrs. A. Cutler, A. W. Coles, H. C. Collier, H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. E. C. S. Turner and Mrs. L. Bowler. There were many wreaths and in addition to those from the members of his family, there were others from the Willesden ringers, the Middlesex County Association, the staff of the Royal Academy of Music, where he was employed for many years, and the Almora Cricket Club.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Messrs. A. W. Coles and H. G. Hart. The tower bells could not be rung as the tower is under repair but a half-muffled quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in the evening at Harrow Weald.

E. C. S. T.

### An Appreciation

Mr. Harry Kilby, captain of the band at St. Mary's, Willesden, for a number of years, was a gentleman whose unsaid motto was 'I serve.' He was a ringer whose conduct and ability was of a very high order and would have been more well known but for his retiring nature and desire to remain behind the scenes.

Mr. Kilby set an example of punctuality and perseverance and was as happy in helping someone not so far advanced as in performing himself.

Many will attribute their progress and success in eight-bell ringing to Mr. Kilby's unfailing interest, deeply regretting the loss of a true friend, but confident that God will welcome him with 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

T. J. L.  
K. M. L.

### MR. G. N. IVES

We regret to record the death of Mr. George N. Ives, aged 40, of Rayne Road, Braintree, Essex, who died in hospital on May 19th.

The funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, Braintree. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. At Cavendish, Suffolk, his native village, where he learnt to ring, the bells were rung half-muffled in the afternoon.

### MR. THOMAS H. REEVES

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Henry Reeves, suddenly, at his home, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, on May 18th, aged 67.

He had been in failing health following a seizure while on business in Sheffield and, after leaving hospital there, was able to return to his home with fairly high hopes that he would eventually recover. Only a week before his death, he had been to his office in the city and had intended going again on the day he died but was persuaded not to by his wife, who had so carefully nursed him. Now his family mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father, and the St. Martin's Guild a vice-president and a good and faithful servant. He served as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild for 20 years and ably maintained the high tradition of service handed down to him by his immediate predecessor, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, who served in the same office, also for 20 years.



MR. T. H. REEVES

As many know, the duties involve the arranging of the annual 'Johnson Dinner,' and these he successfully carried out to the satisfaction and comfort of all who attended and his familiar figure and cheery voice will be missed by his many friends not only in Birmingham, but throughout the ringing Exercise and they, with we of St. Martin's Guild, mourn the loss of a very dear friend.

Tom, as he was familiarly called, was the son of a famous ringing father, the late Samuel Reeves, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and for many years parish clerk at Christ Church, West Bromwich, where he was also in charge of the 12 bells. Here he taught his son to handle a bell and later conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Hartlebury in 1903. A few years later Tom conducted the same composition at Christ Church. He, with his father, took part in the silent, non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Christ Church on November 20th, 1909, no mean performance for one so young. His peals totalled 283 and were in a variety of methods on six to twelve bells. He was also an excellent conductor, having called peals on eight, ten and twelve bells. Tom was also a prominent Freemason and in the Craft had attained high provincial rank. He had rung in several Masonic peals.

The first part of the funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Sparkhill, where he and his family had attended for many years, and was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Tetley. A good number of Freemasons were present and the St. Martin's Guild was well represented. The Vicar, in his address, paid a very high tribute of his services to the Church and as a bell-

ringer at St. Martin's and as an excellent husband and father. A Masonic tribute followed, after which a course of Triples was rung on handbells by J. F. Harvey, A. Walker, E. C. Shepherd and G. E. Fearn. The cortege then proceeded to Perry Barr Crematorium, and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his memory at St. Martin's, where he had been a Sunday service ringer for many years.

Truly it can be said of Tom Reeves: 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.'

A. W.

### MR. V. R. HITCHMAN

We regret to record the death of Mr. V. R. Hitchman at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on May 13th, aged 76.

He was a member of a Harwell family and in recent years lived at a small village in the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild. His last pull was at Great Tew about three years ago, where he had rung for the last 12 years.

Mr. Hitchman was a good striker and Stedman was his favourite method. He had not rung many peals, but he rang a peal of Stedman Triples with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at Wantage on April 26th, 1900.

The funeral was at Harwell on May 16th. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was lost in the last five minutes, through a rope breaking, at Great Tew. It was attempted as a token of respect to a grand old gentleman.

R. T. P.

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

### Chew Deanery Branch

The monthly practice meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Weston-in-Gordano (six bells, tenor 12 cwt.) on May 19th.

The tower is situated on the south side of the church, which is very unusual in this part of Somerset. The porch contains the remains of a gallery, where the choirboys used to sing on Church Festivals, and a pre-Reformation Sanctus bell hangs in a turret where the chancel and nave meet, this being rung from the Rector's stall.

Ringers were present from Abbots Leigh, Clapton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Publow, Winford and Wrington. A wide variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

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# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## Annual Festival at Stockport

THE Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual festival on May 19th at the church of St. George, Stockport, when some 140 members and friends were present at the service. The service was conducted by the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon, and the address was given by the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick, Vicar of St. George's, perhaps more widely known as 'the parson who calls.'

In his opening remarks the Vicar said he was rather ignorant of the details of their art but that was not the fault of his band of ringers: they had tried many times to get him into the belfry but the many demands upon his time at the hours when the ringing took place made it impossible for him to take an active part in it himself. He referred to the need for a Ringing Master in the tower to direct the efforts of the rest, and said that if men and nations were to live together in peace and amity we must have a Master and a plan.

Referring to the different tones of the bell which he said must all be in harmony if the sound of the bell was to be perfect, and also to the different kinds of metals needed to make a perfect bell, Mr. Garlick went on to say that many people were under the impression that only one note need be correct and only one kind of metal need be used to obtain the perfect bell. But just as we know this was not correct for bells, so we must realise that it was not true of the perfect 'Bell of life.' There was a need of a correct proportion of 'tones' and 'metals' in the Christian life. God had shown them that they were body, mind and spirit, each part serving neither more nor less than the others. He thought that there was no theoretical formula for the perfect bell but that it was an accident into which the skill of the founder entered. In life, just as in bells they must have the overtones blended and sometimes they thought that the overtones were overpowerful.

Turning to the ringer himself he said he considered the parable of the sower most applicable to ringers. The ringer must have the same qualities as those required for the Kingdom of God. An ability to make a mistake and check and correct it, a most important thing in being a Christian. He reminded the congregation of the Roman Catholic bishop who said: 'The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.' The sound of the bells, he felt, reminded people of the voice of God, calling them back to Him, and in this way the ringers were taking their part in the redemption of mankind, and the clergy and people were glad to have them as colleagues.

A feature of the service was the use of handbells, rung by the Norbury Handbell Ringers.

for all the hymns and as voluntaries. The impressive array of some hundred or so handbells on tables at the foot of the chancel steps was equalled by the excellence of the playing of the dozen members of the band.

Tea in the nearby Parish Hall followed the service and some inconvenience was caused by the large number of people who had failed to send word for tea. However, the difficulties were overcome by the expedient of two sittings, the caterers fortunately having sufficient food to cover the needs of the increased numbers.

After tea the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, supported by the Rev. W. Garlick. The statement of accounts and annual report were adopted as printed in the report, and he said this would require effort by all.

A report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. D. Smith, and the Master made special reference to certain items, in particular the Butlin scheme.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner in Chester on October 13th, the place to be arranged by the Master and general secretary. The meeting showed its appreciation of and confidence in its officials by electing them for another year and also expressed its thanks to the Vicar and wardens of St. George's for their ready and able assistance, to the handbell ringers and the local band for their work. It also thanked the Rev. J. Kingdon for his special efforts to make the Central Council meeting a success and Mr. R. G. Edwards for his efforts to arrange peals for those visiting ringers who wanted them, a most unenviable task.

It was decided to place on record the Guild's appreciation of the performances of 21,600 Bristol, and also the peal of silent Spliced Surprise, records of which the Guild was proud. On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Leicestershire band who have just rung the maximum, so far as is known, number of methods which can be spliced into seven extents of Minor. The thanks of the meeting were also extended to the printer of the annual report for the production of the report in a new form in time for the Festival. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. John Worth.

During the afternoon and evening ringing was enjoyed on the bells of Cheadle, Norbury, Stockport St. Mary and Bredbury churches as well as St. George's.

The annual festival for 1952 will be held at Bromborough on the Wirral peninsula when it is hoped a large gathering will be able to hear of the further achievements of the Chester Guild.

## DEDICATION

### SNAITH, near Goole

The Church of St. Lawrence, Snaith, Yorkshire, belonged, in the 12th century, to a Benedictine Monastery. It is a large and elegant structure 172 feet in length, chiefly in the Early English and Perpendicular styles.

The bells, six in number, cast in 1778 by Pack and Chapman, of London, have now been augmented by the addition of two new treble bells recently completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, the gift by the late Mrs. Jane Shearburn in memory of her husband, the late Roderic Bryant Shearburn. In addition a chiming apparatus has been installed.

The dedication service took place on May 19th. A large congregation assembled in the church to a service conducted by the Archdeacon of Doncaster, assisted by the Rev. B. A. Ramsker, Vicar of Carlton and Snaith, and the Rev. C. Norton, Vicar of Cowick, and other clergy.

The bells and chiming apparatus were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Doncaster, the ropes being handed to the Archdeacon by Messrs. L. Holmes and E. McClure (executors). Immediately following, the bells were rung in rounds by Master D. Smith 1, Mrs. B. A. Ramsker 2, Mrs. W. Graves 3, Mrs. E. Smith 4, G. Pickering 5, W. Graves 6, L. M. Woodhead 7, R. Coldwell 8.

A very instructive and interesting address was given by the Archdeacon, who emphasised the necessity of team work being applicable not only in bellringing but in the Church at large. He also drew attention to the difference between chiming and ringing the bells.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch on the bells, Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung by L. M. Woodhead 1, H. Drake 2, C. W. King 3, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 4, J. Martin Thorley 5, F. Terry 6, J. Waud 7, R. Coldwell 8. Ringers were in attendance from Selby Abbey, Goole, Thorne, Leeds Parish Church, Ledsham, Rawmarsh, Hemingbrough, Carlton and Snaith.

Tea was provided by the women members of Snaith Church. The bells were again rung until 8 p.m., all those participating were pleased with the excellent manner in which the bell-founders had completed their work.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### Biennial Tower List Recommended

The new list of visits to towers was started with a meeting at Batley on May 26th. This tower is a very popular one with members as the bells are easy to handle and hear, the ringing room is on the ground floor and only requires two steps to be negotiated.

Ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and tea was served in the Church House, where over 20 members sat down to enjoy one of the best meals arranged at a ringing meeting for some time.

At the business meeting, held in the adjoining schools, the new president (Mr. J. W. Ben-ton) presided. The usual business details were effectively cleared and one new member (Mr. E. Lofthouse, of Armley) was elected.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was very ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson, who included the Vicar of Batley, churchwardens, local company and the ladies for service at the tea-tables: this was seconded by Mr. A. Cole. Mr. Senior acknowledged the thanks and in his reply said he hoped all present had enjoyed their visit to Batley and, if so, he was amply repaid.

The next meeting is due to be held at Kippax on June 30th, 1951.

Under the heading of any other business the date of the September meeting was discussed and it was decided that it should be the 22nd to avoid clashing with the Snowden Dinner at York, on September 29th.

Methods rung were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Duffield.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

To all Secretaries of Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies

Sir,—In the course of the Chester meeting, it became clear that some Associations still hold copies of Central Council publications on a 'sale or return' basis.

Many years ago an attempt was made to ascertain how much stock had been distributed in this way, there being no official record owing to loss of some papers after the death of the librarian: but two replies only were received then.

I should be grateful if secretaries or other officials responsible would either return all Central Council publications on 'sale or return' or send me a complete list of those held.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian.

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## ANNIVERSARY REMEMBERED

To commemorate the opening of the bells at St. Nicholas Church, Wickham, Hants, in May, 1768, 720 Plain Bob Major was rung recently by J. Partridge 1, W. Linter 2, H. W. Merritt 3, E. Whiteman 4, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 5, R. W. Handley 6.

The following extract taken from the 'Salisbury Journal,' dated May 2nd, 1768, is of interest:—

'A new peal of six bells, cast by Mr. Robert Wells, of Albourne, Wilts, for the Parish Church of Wickham, Hants, was opened a few days ago by a set of ringers from Bishops Waltham with a Grandsire, which they performed with great judgment and dexterity. Afterwards another set of ringers from Portsea rang the favourite peal of Plain Bob. The bells are very harmonious and so exactly in tune and gave great pleasure to the inhabitants.'

Four of these bells remain to-day. The present treble was hung in 1887 and the fourth, which had become cracked, was recast early in the present century.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 12th, 1,296 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court, 216 of Kent Treble Bob, also 240 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise: L. Woollard 1, P. S. Bedford 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 5, Wm. Smith 6.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marshall 1, F. Blondell 2, J. G. Nash 3, R. Charge 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. W. Coles (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Langley 8. An 81st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At the Abbey, on May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. Medway 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, T. F. King 4, E. J. Fry 5, M. Helms 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, H. D. Taylor 8, P. W. Weeks 9, R. O. Fry (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by all except 2, 4, 8 and 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells. Rung for the inaugural service for the Bath Assembly Festival of Arts.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Church 1, Miss E. Steel 2, L. Williams 3, M. Stephens (cond.) 4, E. Jeffries 5, A. Church 6. First quarter by 1 and 6, both of the local band.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, Miss H. J. Holloway 3, Miss P. Manning 4, A. Peake 5, B. Bladon 6, W. W. Daniell 7, J. Durham 8.

**BLACKBURN, LANCs.**—On May 17th, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: A. Tomlinson (cond.) 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, J. A. Tomlinson 3, J. Skeats 4, A. Swindlehurst 5, L. Henrys 6, F. Heyes 7, T. Wilson 8, H. Anderton 9, J. Benson (first quarter) 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters for First quarter of Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**BLACKROD, LANCs.**—On May 1st, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): A. Greenhalgh 1, E. Baldwin 2, T. Turner 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Crook, sen. 6. In memory of Canon Pugh, a former Vicar.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On April 29th, 1,440 Bob Major: S. Slaney 1, A. B. Cooper 2, L. Coo 3, D. Cooper 4, H. Jackson 5, W. Dickinson 6, J. Saxton 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

**BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, J. Eldridge 2, G. Martin 3, W. Judd (cond.) 4, G. Lister 5, D. Poole 6, E. Gosling 7, K. Tuck 8. For the official visit of the Mayor and Corporation on Festival Sunday.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. James 1, A. C. Baker 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, F. J. Sampson 4, F. Skidmore 5, N. Denison 6, R. G. Hooper (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. For the marriage of Miss A. Mary Bennett to Mr. John H. Davey.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Hendry (first quarter) 1, J. Walklate 2, G. E. Watson 3, C. Everitt (first 'inside' 4), B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's on May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Price (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hannington 2, H. Cassell 3, F. J. Bailey 4, L. Hulbert 5, R. E. Coles 6, T. Yeomans 7, W. Dare (cond.) 8.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKs.**—On May 6th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 City Delight, 720 Wragby): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon 6.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Old, 240 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): G. Sugg 1, R. G. Beck (cond.) 2, J. Fowler 3, E. J. Chivers 4, E. J. Targett 5.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. Bowden 2, G. A. Pafsons 3, J. G. Nash (cond.) 4, H. Miller 5, W. D. Prockson 6, M. Fensom 7, F. Miller 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 6.

**COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOS.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Boulton 1, Eileen Morse 2, C. Roberts 3, Joyce Morse 4, Miss F. M. Hop 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—On May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Layland 1, W. Holding 2, H. Edge 3, W. Kerr 4, R. T. Holding 5, H. F. Holding 6, G. A. Packer 7, W. Edge 8, R. D. Langford (cond.) 9, F. Stenson 10. Rung for the centenary service of the A.E.U.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On May 20th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkstone Variation): Miss R. Hopkins 1, J. Fleetwood 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, J. Armstrong 4, I. Campbell 5, C. E. Wright 6, A. R. Chaplin 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's on May 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Bond 1, H. Fletcher (aged 79) 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, J. W. Glew (aged 70) 4, W. Lancaster 5, W. Steen 6, W. Shaw 7 (covering). Rung for Confirmation service.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Atkins 1, Ruth C. Russell 2, J. Eaton 3, W. Mumford 4, J. F. Harvey 5, Joan Ashton 6, J. N. Lindon 7, W. C. Dowling (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, W. Bowers 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Staggs 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Lord Elveden.

**FISHTOFT, LINCs.**—On May 5th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Jessop 1, A. Dixon 2, F. Dewey 3, J. P. Morris 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, D. White 6.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKs.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Alexander 1, C. Haslop 2, M. Cooper 3, J. S. Bedlington 4, T. S. Jefferson 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, A. V. Coates 8.

**GODSHILL, L.O.W.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman Slow Course, 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, L. Bailey 2, E. Thorne 3, C. J. Champion 4, C. H. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in four methods for 1 and 4.

**GOODNESTONE, KENT.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stringer 1, A. Gambrell 2, W. Goldup 3, J. Walter 4, S. Walter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newson 1, W. Hill 2, A. Dockerill 3, L. Coburn 4, Mrs. L. Coburn 5, A. Day (cond.) 6, F. Jacklin 7, G. Curi 8.

**HATFIELD, YORKs.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. H. Shaw 4, G. Jackson 5, A. Shaw 6.

**HEENE, SUSSEX.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. White (first away from tenor) 1, A. Bowers 2, R. Wilson 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, E. Treagus 6, E. Charman 7, F. Jackson (first quarter Triples) 8.

**HEREFORD.**—At All Saints' on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Downes 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Davies 3, W. H. Symonds 4, L. Evans 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, A. W. Davis 7, A. T. Wingate 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to C. L. Sadler, a former ringer at this church.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKs.**—On May 6th, 1,097 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Pearce (first quarter on 10) 1, Sylvia Coker 2, F. Hayes (cond.) 3, E. Markham 4, Doreen Coker 5, P. Baldwin (first Grandsire 'inside' on 10) 6, A. Clutton 7, W. H. Plumridge 8, R. Coles 9, C. Wilkinson 10.

**HINCKLEY, LEICs.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Mellor 1, N. Marklew 2, A. Jordan 3, W. Aldridge 4, G. Charlton 5, A. Ballard 6, W. H. Duncombe (cond.) 7, B. Ridgeway 8. A farewell to F. Mellor, who is leaving shortly for service overseas.

**HITCHIN, HERTs.**—On May 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, P. W. Croft (first of Major 'inside' 2), A. E. Symonds 3, C. V. Hare 4, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Todd 6, E. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Hollingsworth 1, E. E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, R. F. Harman 4, E. Hoare 5, W. A. Theobald 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. A birthday greeting to Miss M. Prockson.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' on May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. T. Howes 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On May 4th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: J. Newman 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, G. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hollingdale 1, A. Backshall 2, C. D. Linington 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. Newman, of Hassocks.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFs.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Dorothy Morgan (first quarter) 1, Sidney Jukes (first quarter) 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, Bert Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Atkins 3, Miss M. J. Freer 4, K. W. Mackintosh (first in method) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Betty Poole 1, M. J. Jefferies 2, C. R. Harding 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, P. C. W. F. Scudamore 5, F. Skidmore 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, T. Jefferies 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

**MELBOURNE, DERBYS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: M. Dailman (15, first quarter) 1, Miss O. Smith (first quarter) 2, H. Hollingsworth (82) 3, L. Hollingsworth (74) 4, G. Tivey (58) 5, C. Earp (15) 6, W. Taylor (16) 7, Lt.-Col. Rev. J. Morris, D.S.O. (68, Vicar) 8. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On May 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. J. Matthews 1, Miss M. F. Jackson (first in method) 2, H. Allen 3, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, P. J. Hutchings 5, S. Howard 6.

**NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden (first quarter) 1, A. Worth 2, A. Campbell 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6.

**PENHURST, KENT.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. H. Cunningham 1, W. Manser 2, L. Goater 3, Edna Sills 4, E. Turley 5, L. Honess 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. Branch 8.

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Petter 1, C. Baker 2, J. Avenall 3, E. Sherwood 4, F. Cherryman (cond.) 5, E. Pepler 6.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. G. McCrum 1, Miss D. M. Panting 2, Miss B. M. Rose 3, F. P. Wright 4, D. Niblett 5, P. Border 6, H. Elliott 7, J. B. Guy (cond.) 8.

**PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Burston 1, F. Phillips 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Freeman.

**RAMPTON, NOTTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Burchall (cond.) 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, Miss G. Redferne 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, W. A. Wilson 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. B. Crawford.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering: Miss M. Page 1, R. Lowe 2, F. E. Manns 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Lewis 5, H. Farmer 6, L. F. Harris (cond.) 7, L. Page 8.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKs.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hudson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wing (first quarter Triples) 2, D. Beach 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. First quarter by entirely local band since 1939. Rung for the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal for the presentation by her of new colours to the Red Cross Society's North Riding branch.

**SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKs.**—On May 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Appleton 2, T. S. Jefferson 3, G. Crame 4, L. Bonnard 5, A. Robinson (cond.) 6, C. Robinson 7 (cover). First of Surprise by all working bells. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's on May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. W. Faithfull 1, D. C. Williams 2, Miss J. Cox 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull (first quarter Bob Royal) 5, W. Glasspool (first quarter Bob Royal) 6, R. Faithfull 7, R. A. Reed 8, E. J. Smith 9, R. W. Rex (cond.) 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, Old, 180 Grandsire, 120 each Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Antelope): Miss C. Hunt (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink 2, J. Howey 3, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6.

**TARRING, SUSSEX.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Chappell 1, D. Smith 2, F. Jackson 3, F. Chipper 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, R. Black 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6.

**WALSALL, STAFFs.**—On May 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. Sitch 4, A. Botterell 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, B. A. Woolley 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, E. T. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled for A. Adams, a ringer at Walsall for 40 years, who died May 12th.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Moore (first quarter) 1, A. J. North 2, D. Lentell 3, G. J. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, D. M. Bellamy 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Woolley.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Double Court: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes (first quarter in the method) 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On May 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Rhodes 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, Dorothy Kidd 3, S. Page (first in method) 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mothershead (cond.) 6.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—At St. Maurice's on May 6th, 1,259 Doubles (consisting of 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 New Doubles, 360 St. Simon's, 120 Plain Bob, 299 Grandsire): W. Harrison 1, R. M. Currie 2, J. A. C. King 3, P. N. Bond 4, H. D. Buckingham (cond.) 5, D. Verrier 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Rector's induction.

**WINTERTON, NORFOLK.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Larnar 1, G. Powles 2, D. W. Green 3, R. G. Larnar 4, J. Powles 5, R. E. Woodhouse (cond.) 6.

**WORTHEN, SALOP.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, J. Culley 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, L. Colley 5, J. D. Green (first quarter) 6. Longest length by a local band.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS IN BRIEF

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY

Twenty-four members and friends had an enjoyable outing to Shrewsbury on May 19th. Ringing took place en route at St. Luke's, Newcastle-under-Lyme (8), St. Mary's, Market Drayton (8), and St. Luke's, Hodnet (8). At Shrewsbury both St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12) were rung and everyone praised these fine bells.

### WYE, SUSSEX

A day's tour, covering 145 miles in Sussex was held by a party of 15 ringers from Wye town and college on April 28th. Towers visited were Cuckfield (lately rehung on ball bearings), Lindfield (the deep-set bells making rather heavy work), Burwash (with its low-roofed ringing chamber), Brightling (bells a joy to ring), Appledore (as good as any bells met on the tour). Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Doubles.

It was a pleasure to have the captain, Mr. C. Head, with the party, after his illness, and to have Fred Huckstepp as the driver of the coach. The outing would have been incomplete without the Vicar, who has the welfare of the bells and ringers so much at heart.

### HALESWORTH DISTRICT

On Whit Monday the Halesworth District of the Suffolk Guild held its annual outing, when a party of local ringers with Mr. Alfred Watson, of Badingham, visited five towers in Norfolk. Ringing was arranged to suit all members, methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

The towers visited were Ditchingham, St. George Colegate, Norwich, St. Michael's at Coslany, Norwich, St. Mary's, Wroxham, and St. Helen's, Ranworth. Tea was served at the Broads Hotel Restaurant, Wroxham, and was much needed after an energetic afternoon.

At Wroxham the visitors were particularly glad to ring with Mr. George Bailey, the local captain.

### CIRENCESTER

Cirencester ringers had their annual outing on Whit Monday, three Somerset towers—Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna and Yatton—being visited. At the first-named tower, Mr. H. W. Knight met the party and piloted them through very beautiful scenery. Tea was served at Clevedon. The best thanks of the company are due to Mr. Knight, who made all the arrangements.

### ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

Accompanied by the president of the Hertford County Association, the St. Albans District had an enjoyable outing in Surrey on May 19th. Towers visited were Worplesdon, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, Shalford, Cranleigh, Ranmore, Dorking and St. John's, Redhill. Lunch was taken at Guildford and tea on Ranmore Common with its commanding view of the countryside.

### ANDOVER

Andover ringers and friends from Winchester and Alresford had their annual outing on Whit Monday. Ringing took place at Easebourne, Petworth, Warnham (the ringing here was poor, probably on account of lunch at Horsham), Farnham (remembered by 'Ginger' Hill's lecture on bad striking) and Alton (some good ringing). A sing-song at the local hostelry followed with Jack King at the piano.

### ON CYCLE IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Leaving Anstey at 8 a.m. on May 15th, 14 Leicester Diocesan Guild ringers had a 73 mile cycling ringing tour. Ringing took place at Bingham (8), Bottesford (where the eight were the highlight of the day), Eaton (6), Twyford (6). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

### SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The fifth annual ringers' outing was held on Whit Monday, the route chosen being North Yorkshire. The party, consisting of ringers and friends, commenced at Barnby-Don, picking up at Stainforth, Thorne, Goole, Howden, East-riding, Hemmingbrough, Fishlake, Snaith, Carlton, assembling at Selby.

An early start was made, three buses being utilised, proceeding from Selby via York to Malton, where the first call was made. The eight bells (Gillett and Johnston) at St. Leonard's Church were rung, the party being welcomed by Mr. H. Long. The second tower visited was St. Peter's, Norton. At Malton, the eight bells (Taylor) had been raised in readiness by Mr. H. Rowsley.

After an enjoyable hour at SS. Peter and Paul's, Pickering, the party crossed the Yorkshire moors, the buses safely negotiating the notable 'Blue Bank' Hill. At Whitby the party dispersed to enjoy the various attractions, the ringers proceeding to St. Mary's, Whitby, where Mr. S. R. Elwick accorded them a welcome. The ten bells, recently recast by Taylor and Co., were enjoyed by all who rang on them.

High tea was provided at the Royal Hotel, West Cliff, Whitby, and the party proceeded to Fylingdales, Robin Hood's Bay, where the eight bells (Gillett and Johnston) at St. Stephen's were rung, a hearty welcome being extended by Mr. Alexander. The party arrived home around midnight. L. M. W.

### LINCOLNSHIRE CYCLE TOUR

Approximately 100 miles were covered by six ringers of the Lincoln area in a cycling tour of North Lincolnshire on Whit Monday.

Ringing took place at Messingham (6). Broughton (6), Brigg (6), Bigby (where a ringer of 60 years' standing welcomed the party), Caistor (6), Claxby (6) and Market Rasen (regarded by the visitors as one of the worst going eights in the country).

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and London. J. E. C.

### PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET

A round trip of 275 miles, which included a visit to the Hereford Guild at their annual festival at Leominster, was successfully accomplished by the Piddlehinton band on Whit Monday. A start took place at 6 a.m. and home was reached at 2.20 a.m. The journey was made in two cars, the party being joined en route by M. H. J. Gaylard, W. Panter (Pinhoe) and Miss P. Willmington (Sowton).

Ringing took place at Slymbridge, Hardwicke, Newent, Dymock, Leominster, Wellington, Moreton-on-Lugg (where dust, bits of nest and egg shells descended whilst the bells were in motion), Holmer (with its detached tower) and Fownhope. At Castle Cary the Austin broke a back spring necessitating temporary repairs.

### Lancashire Ringer's Golden Wedding

Mr. Ralph Taylor, conductor at Mossley, Lancs, where he has been a ringer for 60 years, and Mrs. Taylor celebrated their golden wedding on May 21st. The occasion was marked by their entertaining local ringers and friends. Congratulations were extended to them by Mr. H. Pickles (secretary of the local company), Mr. H. Jackson and Mr. Fred Dunkerley (general secretary of the Lancashire Association). Mr. and Mrs. Taylor both replied.

Previous to the tea, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which failed after 2½ hours' ringing. The following evening a second attempt took place which was successful. Mr. V. Sykes deputised for Mr. F. Dunkerley in the successful attempt, the peal being conducted by Mr. A. Tomlinson.

## NOTICES

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### DEATH

SMITH—On May 28th, 1951, at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. Mr. J. Smith, late of Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey. 8973

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GEORGE GILBERT (Burnham) to 29, Salisbury Avenue, Slough, Bucks. 8980

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth LEWIS. Will all correspondents please note that our address is now 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. 8998

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### PUBLICATIONS

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### MISCELLANEOUS

YORK MINSTER.—York Festival, June 3rd to 17th. Sunday ringing 9.30 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. Visitors welcome. 8968

WILL ANY RINGERS INTERESTED in a week's ringing—cycling—youth hostels in Chepstow-Malvern-Gloucester area, August 12th-19th, please contact I. H. Trueman, 23, Cavendish Road, Henleaze, Bristol, at once. 8984

I couldn't say it at Chester, but your biographical records are best kept in a 'DELIGHT' RINGER'S RECORD BOOK. Write me for details.—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 9000

### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8948

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 8959

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), June 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. Names to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8942

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8845

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, June 9th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8950



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton, June 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 8945

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8930

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting at Bilton Church, near Rugby, on June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. 8951

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Whitworth, St. Bartholomew, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Teas can be had in Red Lion, Whitworth.—F. Prichard. 8970

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 8992

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn Bridge, on Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business; tea at local shops.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8941

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddanham, June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5. 8955

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m.—B. W. White. 8943

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Puriton, June 16th, 6.30—9 p.m.—R. Short, Local Hon. Sec. 8985

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, June 16th. Bells 4 to 7 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8983

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, June 16th. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 8979

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea at Victoria Cafe 4.30. Names for tea, by June 13th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hill-side, Darley Dale. 9014

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Notify for tea, by June 12th, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 8933

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, June 16th, Wingerworth (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Mr. E. Blyth, 58, Church Street (South). Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield. 8996

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. Division.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, at Harwich (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by June 12th, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich.—R. Duesbury, Dis. Sec. 8925

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, June 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8987

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, at Shipton-Moyne and Tetbury, June 16th. Shipton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.

Tetbury (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea, Tuesday, 12th.—E. H. Jeffries, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. 8993

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deerhurst, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, before 12th, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 8975

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The meeting announced for June 16th at Dunsfold, is cancelled.—R. Kenward, Hon. Secretary. 8994

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Essendon, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hatfield (10) 6 p.m. No tea.—W. J. Southam. 8926

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, June 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8952

**LADIES' GUILD FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING.**—Join West Midland, Midland, and Lancashire Branches, Nottingham, June 16th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing and social evening. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—Jill Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 8875

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, by 13th, to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley. All welcome.—R. Benson. 8995

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod, Saturday, June 16th (not 23rd). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8990

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Festival of Britain ringing, Newbury (10), June 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. **Demonstration Lecture** on ringing given by Mr. A. York-Bramble at 6.30, with slides and handbells. Object—to interest the general public in our art. Please give your support and bring prospective recruits. Tea 5, for those notifying, by June 13th, Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67 King's Road, Newbury. 8946

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3.30.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8982

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Bere Regis, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 12th, to Mr. Pitfield, Jenkins Farm, Bere Heath, Wareham. Weymouth.—Bournemouth bus route.—Hayne, Abbotshury, Weymouth. 8974

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Limpsfield (6), Limpsfield Chart (6). Ringing Limpsfield 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing Limpsfield Chart afterwards. Names for tea by Thursday, June 14th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 8977

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice, June 16th, Shipley, 3—4.30; Itchingfield, tea 5, ringing after. Names to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8971

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting,

Upham, June 16th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, by June 12th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8981

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8976

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Tadcaster. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Apply by June 13th to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Chapel Street, Tadcaster. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8967

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District) and **BARNESLEY AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Wentworth Arms Hotel 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names by Thursday, June 14th, to Mrs. Mashada, Wentworth Arms Hotel, Penistone. 8997

**GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX, OXFORD JOINT.**—Meeting at Egham, June 23rd. Tea. Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor also. Details later.—G. Dodds, S. and W. Middlesex, Dis. Sec. 9013

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), June 23rd. Names for tea, by June 19th, to Mr. C. J. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8989

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, before June 16th, to Mrs. Lawson, Aingarth, Whaplode, Spalding.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss J. Blackourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 9015

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Ebbw Vale, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8972

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Bells—Cathedral 2.30—3.15 and 6.15—7 o'clock; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8944

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea at the 'Victoria': please notify for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, Miss J. Brittain, 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Tea 4.15. Saddlers Arms, Sutton Scotney. Convenient five minute bus service Wonston and Sutton Scotney. After tea, London practice. Names, by Monday, June 18th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8965

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**LADIES' GUILD.** — Southern District. — Meeting at Thames Ditton, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach leaves St. Nicolas', Guildford, at 2.15. Fare approx. 3s. Please send names for coach and tea, by June 21st, to Mrs. Howard, The Caravan, Handpost Corner, Wokingham, Berks.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9012

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norwich on Saturday, June 30th. The following bells will be available: St. John de Sepulchre's 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea in St. Clement's Hall 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, June 23rd, please, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers welcome.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8936

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).**—Preliminary Notice. Joint meeting, Silverton, Saturday, July 7th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8962

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, July 21st. Full details later. Intending choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibern, Gen. Sec. 8969

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.** — Ringing week, Bristol, August 3rd—11th. Final reservations now being made. Members wishing to take part please write, by June 23rd, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8978

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.** — On April 30th. 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Stephens (cond.) 1. Miss A. Smith (first 'inside') 2. R. Freeman 3. R. Stephens 4. W. Izzard 5. C. Izzard 6. A birthday compliment to R. Stephens.

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## OLIO

THE English language has the happy knack of borrowing any word from another country and fitting it to the circumstances of the moment. 'Olio,' the Spanish word for a mixed dish or hotchpotch, has through the centuries been introduced into the English tongue to represent a medley or miscellany, and it is a discursive article that the Editor submits to his readers this week.

The first point is from an Essex reader. Looking through his 'Ringing World,' he notices that there is a meeting in a neighbouring county—we leave our readers to guess where—and, accompanied by a friend, he decides to make the journey feeling certain that the welcome that is, we might almost say, 'universal' would be accorded him. 'Imagine our surprise,' he writes, 'when we spent half an hour in the tower and the one in charge absolutely ignored us. This is the first time in 26 years I have been in a tower and have not been asked to ring.'

Naturally, everybody sympathises with our Essex friend on making such a journey. We can quote other cases. A young ringer went 26 miles out of his way on a Sunday evening hoping to have the privilege of ringing at a provincial 12-bell tower. The company were ringing Doubles with cover bells and continued in this fashion for 20 minutes. At 6.20 when the time came to lower the bells he was asked if he was a ringer. On being assured that he was there was an expression of regret, but that it was too late now.

Another incident. A lady travelled some 120 miles to attend a meeting in one of Bristol's famous towers. When the Editor enquired whether she had enjoyed her visit he was told that she was ignored and did not have a ring. This we might add was not a recent occurrence and was not a meeting arranged by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Now the last thing the Editor desires in mentioning these three incidents is to start a general inquisition and various companies sorrowfully asking, 'Is it I?' The point that arises is how to make the stranger welcome. Some towers and areas take infinite pains to ensure that the visitor receives an opportunity to enjoy the bells and a friendly greeting is accorded the outsider. There are, of course, cir-

cumstances that make the reception not as cordial as would be desired. At a large meeting it is at times difficult to make certain that all visitors have been adequately catered for. Much, no doubt, depends on the visitor. We feel certain, however, that when that 'friendly keenness' is manifested in his face his wants, if possible, generally receive preferential treatment.

Regarding Sunday service ringing, one is tempted to ask how far should it be infringed to enable the casual visitor to have a pull. There are towers that pride themselves on their Sunday ringing. To them it is their best and constitutes for the ringers an act of worship. No choir-master would dream of asking a visiting singer to join his choir without knowing his qualifications and without a previous practice with its members. Ringing, like music, is very much a matter of team work. The perfect performance, or should we say the best possible, should always be the objective when made as an offering to Almighty God. It must be remembered that bells on such occasions are not rung just for the pleasure of the ringer. Their audible properties extend far and wide to the whole community. We hope that no towers treat Sunday ringing as another practice meeting, as an opportunity to try out new methods. These should only be introduced when the conductor is convinced that all the company have fully mastered the method. It is far better to ring Stedman perfectly for a service than to essay an excursion into a Surprise method with some of the company a little shaky.

Public performance is a difficult thing. A reader writes expressing his unhappiness at a handbell performance at one of those gatherings attended by hundreds of people. He felt that those who organised the ringing could have found in the locality better exponents. Probably this was a case of 'the sheep and the goats.' Ringing generally, like most organisations, is apt to get into too water-tight compartments. A good 'goat' will not mix with a good 'sheep.' Some might say, 'Why should they? I like my pals; why should I have to accept others because they are better performers than some of my friends?' The 'olio' is now embarking upon dangerous ground. However much we write on the subject no satisfactory solution will be found. There is something, however, in the principle of 'putting our best face to the world.' Big occasions, however, do create stage fright, and without attempting to solve the conundrum we implore all to exercise that greatest of all gifts—charity.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 7
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 8
JOYCE A. ENGLAND .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 10
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 11
WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 6	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First twelve-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 9
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the memory of John Neal and Thomas H. Reeves, valued members of the Guild for many years.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 22 cwt.

PETER BAKER .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN .. 7
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 3	†GEORGE KILLMISTER .. 9
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 4	†THOMAS BOREHAM .. 10
*FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 11
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Granta Variation. Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 8
*HERBERT P. CLIFF .. 3	*EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 9
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	*KENNETH ARTHUR .. 10
*ERNEST WALLACE .. 5	ROLAND PARK .. .. 11
*THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Granta Variation on twelve bells by all except the treble ringer. First peal of Maximus as conductor. In honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH .. Treble	*LESLIE T. HANSELL .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 2	BERTRUM C. JOHNSON .. 8
ALFRED HATTEN .. .. 3	*REGINALD F. EWER .. 9
*AUDREY BAILEY .. .. 4	CHARLES F. SAYER .. 10
*OLIVE MARTIN .. .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 11
ARTHUR DAY .. .. 6	BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 6
ROYDON DAVIES .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 8
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 9
KENNETH SNELLING .. 5	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	*PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	*GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 7
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 3	*PHILIP BARNES .. .. 8
*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	*JACK BRAY .. .. 9
*GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5	*CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung for the patronal festival.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

**A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. Treble	AIDAN J. N. BOYACK .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN .. 7
AUDREY M. CASTLE .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 5	JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung by officers of the Association for the Festival of Britain.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT P. CLIFF .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 6
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 2	†MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 8
ERNEST WALLACE .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells for the Association and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 8
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 4	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 9
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER AYRE .. .. Treble	†D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 6
*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 2	HARRY G. TIMMS .. .. 7
*WALTER G. PAUL .. .. 3	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. 8
†RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	RICHARD G. BELL .. .. 9
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of the ringing of the first peal at this church, being a peal of Bob Triples on May 25th, 1751, by the Eastern Youths.



## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 6
*MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 9
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 2	DAVID VINCENT .. .. 7
MARY WALSHAW .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 8
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 9
FRANK VARTY .. .. 5	GEORGE LEDSHAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman and first peal of Caters. The quickest peal to date on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 84th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

'Barrabool' peal by Rev. E. Bankes James.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
NORMA HOWES .. .. Treble	EDWIN HOPKINSON .. .. 5
DOROTHY J. DUNN .. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 3	DENNIS SCOTT .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 4	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Festival of Britain peal.

## MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALAN TAYLOR (13) .. .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 3	ALFRED MOULD .. .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

## ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 6
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. .. 4	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A Festival of Britain peal. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Armstrong, of Barwell.

## CAMBERWELL, LONDON.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE OF ENGLAND,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. Treble	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

\* First peal in the method.

## CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 each of Rutland and London, 640 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, and 320 of Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in six methods by all the band and on the bells.

## DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM KILSBY .. .. Treble	†VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 6
*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 7
*LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. 4	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 2	*BRIAN PIDGEON .. .. 6
†NORMAN MALLETT .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN .. 7
THOMAS G. MYERS .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

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

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 6
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
†TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 4	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.



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HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicars'.	Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
WILLIAM WILBY .. .. Treble	*JOHN SHATFORD .. .. 5
JOHN KING .. .. 2	ERNEST WHITMORE .. .. 6
ALBERT WILSON .. .. 3	*JOHN SKERRITT .. .. 7
WILLIAM WHITMORE .. .. 4	CHARLES UNDERWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITMORE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehang-  
ing.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 28 lb. in F.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

275th peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Festival of  
Britain.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM DIXON .. .. Treble	PHILIP M. WHITAKER .. 5
WILFRED H. WHITAKER .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 3	MARK J. BARKER .. .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

50th peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VICTOR S. CONNELL .. Treble	†DERICK WOODWARD .. 5
*JACK H. BRETT .. .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. 6
†ERNEST BROWN .. .. 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 7
CECIL BARKER .. .. 4	THOMAS BIRD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*JILL VERNON (15) .. Treble	REGINALD C. TIPLER .. 5
EILEEN CHENEY .. .. 2	LEONARD E. TOWERS .. 6
NUN L. WALKER .. .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7
GERALD L. BALL .. .. 4	ROGER HEYWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal. Specially arranged for the 96th birthday of Mrs. Peters,  
of Stoney Stanton, a lifelong churchworker.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 3	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 7
*BERNARD H. DALTON .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.
*DAVID J. GOODRIDGE .. Treble	†BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 6
*PAULINE MANNING .. .. 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 7
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 4	ELI VINCENT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the  
bells.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

IAN JONES .. .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	†EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 6
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN .. .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 5
NEVILLE A. BROWN .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
JACK CLEGG .. .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 7
ROY BROOM .. .. 4	DAVID VINCENT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung for the ordination as deacon of the curate, the Rev. A. W.  
Penn. B.A., for the 25th anniversary of the Vicar's (the Rev. D. P.  
Low, M.A., T.D.) ordination as deacon, and for the 60th anniversary  
of the Assistant Priest's (the Rev. Arthur Dale, M.A.) ordination as  
priest.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Treble	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 5
WILFRED H. WHITAKER .. 2	ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
HARRY ROE .. .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 7
MARK J. BARKER .. .. 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

Conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble	VERNON SYKES .. .. 5
HAROLD JACKSON .. .. 2	RALPH WALKER .. .. 6
ERNEST GARSIDE .. .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
HARRY PICKLES .. .. 4	*JOSEPH BURGESS .. .. Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM .. Treble	MARY PEMBERTON .. .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 2	FREDA MURKITT .. .. 6
JOYCE HEARN .. .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. .. 7
MARY JAYCOCK .. .. 4	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4
†R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. A Festival of Britain peal. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. John R. Smith and Miss Elizabeth Faulknall, married at Desford on May 12th. Harold S. Peacock has now circled the tower.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL J. EADES .. .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	ERIC T. EADES .. .. 5
WILFRED S. PALIN .. .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

A first birthday compliment to Andrew Eades, son of Eric T. Eades.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day and 12 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 5
MARY A. CARPENTER .. .. 3	DAVID BISHOP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A 20th birthday compliment to Harry M. Payne, brother of the conductor, serving with H.M. Forces in Germany.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one each of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 58 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT .. .. Treble	ROBERT LARKEY .. .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 5
ANNIE ABRAHAM .. .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble	ALBERT CLEMENTS .. .. 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dunnington on their 20th wedding anniversary. A Festival of Britain peal.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALICE WORRALL .. .. Treble	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. .. 4
ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5
MARY DREW .. .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

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CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Stedman (seven callings), 10 extents of April Day (three callings), 10 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), and 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings and Morris's 240).

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. Treble	*JAMES BROOKS .. .. 4
*AUDREY EWINS .. .. 2	*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3	*DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\*First peal in four Doubles methods. Rung on the birthday of Colin Gay. The fastest peal on the bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WM. A. BRECKON .. .. Treble	†GEORGE W. WHITE .. .. 4
*ALBERT V. COATES .. .. 2	†SIDNEY R. ELWICK .. .. 5
†JOHN R. WALLER .. .. 3	†HARRY SHORT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

\*First of Minor on tower bells. †First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday, this being his 70th peal.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. A. TARGETT .. .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	FREDERICK SAVAGE .. .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 3	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SAVAGE.

Rung for the patronal festival.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JEAN A. BROOKS .. .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4
†MARY A. CARPENTER .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, two callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 4
*JOAN M. SMITH .. .. 2	CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 5
*ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss Catherine Rooke.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

*DAVID SMITH .. .. Treble	*MARY DREW .. .. 4
ALBERT H. CRAWLEY .. .. 2	*ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 5
*A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\*First peal in the method.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*LEONARD J. MILLS (15) .. Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP .. .. 4
*DAVID J. LAKER (13) .. .. 2	JOHN H. G. GARDNER .. .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. .. 3	ALBERT E. LAKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.

\*First peal.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK WINDSOR .. Treble	*GEORGE ASTBURY .. .. 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON .. .. 2	†ARTHUR ALLMAN .. .. 5
*JOHN TIMMIS .. .. 3	ERIC B. ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

\*First peal of Minor. †50th peal on the bells.

DEEPIST. ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Wells, Norfolk and Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, Beverley and Surfleet, York and Durham and Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN .. .. Treble	*LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4
CECIL WADE .. .. 2	FREDK. FRENCH .. .. 5
HORACE M. DAY .. .. 3	WILLIAM OLDMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\*First peal in 14 Surprise methods.

EAST FARNDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Simon's and Kennington and six extents each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. .. 3
IVOR DICKIN .. .. 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4

EDWARD G. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BENNETT.

\*First peal of Doubles in eight methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells and quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the Festival of Britain and also to commemorate St. Dunstan's Day.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, 16 of St. Dunstan's and eight 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEVENS .. .. Treble	THOMAS MARTIN .. .. 4
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5
RALPH HAZELL .. .. 3	*VICTOR COX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*GILBERT LATTY .. .. Treble	HARRY BOYCE .. .. 4
LEONARD JONES .. .. 2	EDMUND MORRIS .. .. 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\*First peal of Minor.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*JUNE AINSWORTH .. .. Treble	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4
†JOYCE LEWIS .. .. 2	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4
WILLIAM J. BOWTON .. .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\*First peal of Minor in seven methods.



## SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Treble	2	†J. PILGRIM .. .. . 4
†PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. . 2		NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. 5
*RAY PECK .. .. . 3		WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.' This peal was rung on the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Woollard. Also to commemorate the 51st anniversary of Mr. Charles F. Bailey ringing his first peal.

## BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK LORD .. .. Treble	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4
ERNEST BRITAIN .. .. . 2		HARRY HALL .. .. . 5
JACK BRAY .. .. . 3		PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

A Festival of Britain peal.

## LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods, viz.: 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 9 extents of April Day, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 9 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 4
†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. . 2		HOWARD HOWELL .. .. . 5
†ERNEST STITCH .. .. . 3		*DAVID WILLIAM BARR .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in four methods and 25th peal together. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jagger, of Little Aston.

## BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*BRIAN BLADEN .. .. Treble	†JACK VINCENT .. .. . 4
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. .. 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
†WENDY D. PEAKE .. .. . 3	†PATRICIA CASEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADEN and ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells and by a local company. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. H. E. Robeson, a former Rector, who was interred in Blunsdon Cemetery on this day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1-2	*MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5-6
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 3-4	†W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'in hand.' A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ETHEL FLETCHER, ALBERT H. WARD, ARTHUR G. JANES.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

On his 75th birthday, Mr.  
J. Doel rang his first quar-  
ter of Triples at Wincanton,  
Somerset, on June 7th. It was 1,260 Grandsire  
Triples, the band being J. Doel 1, G. T. Dyke  
2, F. Symonds 3, Dorothy Lintern 4, S. J.  
Pound 5, G. Chilcott 6, J. Lintern (conductor) 7,  
R. Higgins 8.

The Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Com-  
mittee, acknowledges with grateful thanks a  
donation of one guinea to help forward the  
finances of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. H. L. Martin, district secretary of Ely  
Diocesan Association, writes that Bottisham,  
Cambs. has five bells and not six as stated in  
the list of errors in the 'Guide to Church Bells  
of Britain,' published on page 205.

In an admirable review of 'Bells of All  
Nations,' Mr. Ernest Morris's latest book.  
M.P. writes in 'John o' London' that 'it is a  
mine of information and delight, richly illus-  
trated and with a good index.'

On the bicentenary of the first peal at St.  
Mary's, Watford (Bob Triples, by the Eastern  
Youths on May 25th, 1751), a peal was rung in  
the tower by the Hertford County Association.  
Participating in the anniversary peal was Mr.  
F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, who is one of the  
few living people to have rung a peal on the  
original bells at Watford, which were recast in  
1920: these being the bells on which the 1751  
peal was rung.

June 6th was a great day for the band of  
young ringers at Shipbourne, near Sevenoaks,  
Kent, who are largely a self-taught band with  
no experienced ringer to help, except assistance  
from Sevenoaks. The following quarter was  
registered:—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J.  
French 1, Miss J. Vidler 2, Miss S. Jenner 3,  
Miss D. Colgate 4, R. Pankhurst (first as con-  
ductor) 5, R. Fairweather 6. First quarter 1, 2,  
3 and 6.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells of Malmes-  
bury Abbey have been aug-  
mented to eight with the  
addition of three new trebles, and the original  
five retuned, the work having been carried out  
by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The dedication  
ceremony will be held at an early date  
before the bells are hung in the steeple. The  
opening day is fixed for July 14th.

Mr. Ernest Morris, by ringing the peal at  
Grendon, Warwickshire, has now rung a tower-  
bell peal at 240 different churches.

By the peal at East Farndon, Northants. Mr.  
E. G. Bennett has fulfilled his desire to ring a  
peal at the village of his schooldays and at the  
church where he served as a choirboy.

A point of special interest in the peal of  
Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Granta Variation,  
rung at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on May 26th, is  
that the first peal of Granta Variation ever  
rung on twelve was conducted by W. H.  
Barber on these bells on July 22nd, 1930. Mr.  
John Anderson rang in both peals. Another  
member of the 1930 band was the late Mr. T.  
H. Reeves, of Birmingham, who was a frequent  
visitor to Newcastle, and an honorary member  
of the Newcastle Cathedral band.

'We are all feeling very smug at having  
managed the first "all local" quarter,' writes  
Miss Joan Hills, of Grays, Essex. The event  
took place at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on June  
3rd, and was a golden wedding compliment to  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Willis, Mr. Willis being for-  
mer tower-keeper and verger. It was intended  
to get an outside ringer to call a quarter of  
Minor; he did not arrive and the Sunday ser-  
vice band decided to go for the quarter 'off our  
own bat.' Constance Chinnery, who had never  
called a quarter before, was the conductor and,  
in spite of the late start, all went 'swimmingly.'  
The band was H. Kenyon (first quarter) 1, Joan  
Hills 2, A. Reeve 3, A. Howell 4, Constance  
Chinnery (conductor) 5, A. Hammond 6.

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# THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NEW BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO RINGERS — MEMBERSHIP AND PEAL INCREASE — MR. G. L. JOYCE  
A LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT — CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ERNEST MORRIS

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 ringers and friends.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Precentor, the Rev. J. Morgan James, with Dr. W. Stanley Vann at the organ. The lesson was read by the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., and the address given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

During the service the names of members who had passed on during 1950 were read. Ringing members—E. Bacon (Loughton), E. A. Bowhill (Earls Colne), I. Cavill (Stansted), H. Collins (Braintree), W. Honeywood (Mistley), G. Jay (unattached, of Chadwell Heath), T. Jordan (Stansted), G. Lindridge (Braintree), A. Rolph (Hornchurch), W. Spokes (Danbury), C. Steward (Rayleigh), W. D. Taylor (Prittlewell). Honorary members—F. Jacob (Felstead), the Rev. J. P. Sutherland (Nazeing). Non-resident ringing members—D. H. Elliott (Groton, Suffolk), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), W. Pickworth (Kingston), G. Radley (Broxbourne), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), G. W. Steere (Sutton).

## THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The recently-installed Bishop based his inspiring address on Zechariah xiv., v. 20:— In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, "Holy unto the Lord"; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot shall be Holy unto the Lord.'

The Prophet here is looking forward to the day when even upon the commonplace horses' bells—the bells were the normal ornament adorning the horses of those days—even upon the normal bowls before the altar there would be engraved some very special words 'Holy unto the Lord.' I say very special words because they were words that had a very great significance for the people of those days. They were the words engraved on a gold plate on the front of the High Priest's mitre.

I think it is true to say that the individual Christians are coming in a new way to see that the whole of life is God's gift and belongs to God, and must be offered to God, and, in fact, to be a Christian is to see the whole of life as God's, to live the whole of life for God, without drawing any line of distinction between the so-called secular and the so-called sacred, between our daily life and our Sunday worship. It seems to look back to the Victorian days when a well-known political leader was heard muttering to himself as he left a church on a Sunday having heard a sermon on religion and life: 'Things have come to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to interfere with one's private life.' None of us here this morning would endorse these words. Unless our religion transforms our private lives our religion might just as well be thrown on the dust heap.

If then the Christian ideal is that all our workaday life should be offered to God in worship, how much more so ought we to regard the ringing of the bells as something that we offer to God as an act of worship. When you ring the Church bells, not only are you offering to God, who is the source of all beauty, something very beautiful and very lovely, not only are you inviting men and women to come together as a family and worship in Church, you are doing something which in itself is, or should be, an act of worship, just as every act in your daily life is, or should be, an act of worship. Having worshipped God in the ringing of the bells, that act of worship is only complete as you join in the family of God, the family of God that you have invited to come together, and you offer your ringing, as all your daily work, to God himself, and you join the family of

God in singing the praises of God and offering to God in true worship the ringing of the bells, and all your daily life and work.

May each one of us help to hasten the day when the Prophet's vision will be realised. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses 'Holy unto the Lord.' The whole of life, however commonplace, set apart for the glory of God and offered in worship to God. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses 'Holy unto the Lord', and if upon the bells of the horses, how much more so upon the beautiful bells of our parish churches, the bells of the house of God. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the churches 'Holy unto the Lord.'

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 19s.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House supported by the Bishop, the Deputy Master, the Rev. Scott Little, M.A., and the officers of the Association. After the adoption of Standing Orders, the Master extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and friends, with a special welcome to the Bishop of Chelmsford. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. J. Butler (life vice-president), owing to his wife's illness, and from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield and F. V. Gant, members attending the Central Council meeting at Chester.

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were taken as read. Mr. Barnard (Rayleigh) raised the question of the Association badges. The secretary reported on the steps that had been taken and he had hoped that the contractors, Messrs. Denton and Down, Ltd., would have delivered the badges in time for the annual general meeting.

## AN EXCELLENT REPORT

The 72nd annual report of the Association again showed that it had been very active throughout the year. Ringing membership had reached 832, an increase of 36, and hon membership 120, an increase of 50 per cent.

The General Committee had given much time and thought to Association business, backed up wholeheartedly by the local bands, and particularly the District officers. A bookcase had been provided to house the Association's library and in time this should be one of the 'highlights' of the Association.

Dr. Henry Wilson, Bishop of the Diocese, retired last autumn and the Association sent congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement, one so well deserved. Congratulations and greetings were also sent to the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sherard Falkner Allison, M.A.

Restorations had taken place at Foxearth, Bobbingworth, Sandon, Thaxted and Leyton and an augmentation at Fyfield, grants having been made in most of the cases from the Bell Restoration Fund.

Excellent work had been done to build up bands for regular Sunday ringing, with a few 'black spots' still left. Very promising recruits had been enrolled at Stebbing, Witham, Danbury, Sandon, Wanstead and Woodford. Hornchurch merited congratulations for having rung their eight on every Sunday throughout the year: one blank Sunday in the last two years was a record to be proud of. Mr. J. H. Crampton had arranged monthly practices on the ten at Walthamstow and the twelve at Chelmsford and in time these practices should bear good fruit.

## PEALS INCREASE

A total of 75 peals was rung as against 68 in 1949. About 180 took part, 55 rang their first in the method, 9 their first in the method as conductor, 16 rang their first peal and 3

conducted their first peal. Twenty-eight shared the conducting, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, H. Turner and R. Suckling reaching double figures. Miss S. Barringer (Stebbing) and Miss B. Candler (Black Notley) scored their first peals at the age of 14. Miss W. M. Elliott added fame to a ringing family by being the first lady to ring a peal at Kelvedon, whilst Mr. H. J. Millatt's calling his first peal, viz., London Surprise Major, at Colchester, was indeed a great achievement. Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield) added to his laurels by successfully conducting a peal of Double Norwich at Hornchurch, his own composition.

The outstanding peals of the year were the 12,740 of Bob Royal and Albanian Surprise Royal at Prittlewell, both conducted by Mr. F. H. Lufkin; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden, conducted by Mr. H. N. Pitstow; London Surprise Major at Colchester, conducted by Mr. H. J. Millatt; and Bristol Surprise Major at Leytonstone, conducted by Mr. J. H. Crampton. Quarter peals, though not recorded in the report, showed a pleasing increase.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) congratulated Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch) on compiling such a comprehensive and illuminating report. He mentioned the good work done by the District secretaries. He thought more could be done to rope in honorary members: at least three per tower should be possible. Roydon, Wanstead and Witham had set the pace, the last-named's list including the name of Dorothy Sayers.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch), in seconding, called attention to the steadily expanding library and desired that more use should be made of it. Messrs. A. H. Everett (Boreham), H. Turner (Shenfield), L. W. Wiffen (Braintree) and the general secretary contributed to a discussion on the correct numbering of the reports.

Mr. G. L. Joyce then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. F. V. Gant for all his work in connection with the report. The Master seconded and endorsed what had been said, the proposition being carried with much applause.

## INCREASED INCOME

The treasurer presented the accounts as printed in the report. Mr. H. Turner, auditor, dealt with the figures in the General and Bell Restoration Accounts. The gross income from the districts totalled £105 13s. against £101 11s. 6d. in 1949; £97 11s. 7d. was paid into the General Account. Peal fees added a further £12 8s. The balance at the end of the year stood at £198 13s. 8d., an increase of £8 9s. 11d. £33 3s. 9d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund against £38 3s. 8d. Grants amounting to £45 had been made, leaving a balance of £217 18s. 9d.

Mr. H. Turner proposed that the accounts be adopted. Mr. J. H. Crampton, co-auditor, seconded. Carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. J. H. Crampton proposed that Mr. G. L. Joyce be made a life vice-president, an honour he thoroughly deserved. Miss H. G. Snowden (Bocking) seconded. Carried with applause. Mr. Joyce thanked the members for the honour bestowed upon him and declared that a life vice-president had still a job of work to do, viz., to help the Association in all it undertook. He mentioned that the election of the honorary officers appeared to be cut and dried but this was not the case as it was open to the members to propose anyone for these offices, but in order to save time at the annual general meeting the nominations were made at the District annual meetings.

(Continued on next page.)



## The Essex Association—Cont.

The following were declared elected:—Master, Dr P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs H. Turner and J. H. Crampion; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Messrs. W. Butler (Witham), E. W. Palmer (Shenfield) and E. Wright (Clacton); hon. members, the Rev. Burton (Vicar of Romford), the Rev. G. M. M. Lessor (Rector of Shenfield), Messrs. M. S. and H. J. Crellin (Wanstead).

The Master thanked the members for their continued support and agreed to take office for another year. The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked all for again electing him to the office and then in turn thanked the Master for his advice and support, the Deputy Master for preparing the agendas and précis of the meetings, Mr. F. V. Gant for preparing the annual report and all those who had assisted during the past year.

Mr. H. W. Shadrack (Springfield) thanked the secretary and Mrs. Heazel for all they had done on behalf of the Essex Association.

A discussion followed on the printing of quarter peals in the annual report. It was decided that those rung should be included in the report in an abbreviated form, as a single line.

Mr. J. H. Crampion requested that the methods in which peals have been rung for the Essex Association be published in the report. Mr. R. Suckling, peals secretary, said that he had the work in hand.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. E. MORRIS

The secretary read a letter on the new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' by Mr. Ernest Morris, Dr. Spencer-Phillips proposed that the book be secured for the library. Mr. J. Chalk then offered an autographed copy of the book to the Association for inclusion in the library. His offer was accepted with thanks. He then spoke of the great work that Mr. Ernest Morris had done for ringing and bells in general, commenting on his previous books and press articles. He proposed: 'That the Essex Association congratulates Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, on his recent production, "Bells of All Nations," and extends its thanks for all that he has done on behalf of the ringing fraternity.' The Master seconded the proposition which was carried with acclamation.

The Master, before closing the meeting, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford for his fine address; to the Rev. J. Morgan James, the Precentor, for the use of the Cathedral bells and the Chapter House and for conducting the service; to the organist, Dr. W. Stanley Vann; and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. The Rev. Scott Little seconded the proposition was carried with much applause. The members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where lunch was served by the catering branch of the Chelmsford Rural District Council, the Bishop and the Precentor being the chief guests. A buffet tea was in operation from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., an arrangement that was appreciated as the day wore on.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing:—Chelmsford Cathedral, Broomfield, Boreham, Danbury, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Little Baddow, Sandon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Widford and Writtle.

## AN IRISH PEAL BOARD

On May 19th, the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells at SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Northern Ireland, a peal board recording five first and special peals was unveiled by Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association. The peals recorded range from 1932 to January, 1951.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Barber). The representative company was afterwards entertained to tea by members of the local band.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AS has been customary for many years the annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held on Whit Monday and this year it was at Leominster. The magnificent Priory Church has a pleasant old ring of ten and these bells were kept going from about 11 o'clock until the service at 3.30, and again after the meeting. Ringers arrived from all over the Diocese, which extends over half of Shropshire and the whole of Herefordshire. During the day parties visited the three six-bell towers in the neighbourhood—Eye, Kimbolton and Kingsland—and even the five bells of Stoke Prior.

Well over a hundred members and friends attended the Guild service in the Priory Church, which was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Benson, hon. secretary of the Guild. Mr. Benson also preached, taking his text from the verse of the Psalm: 'Their sound is gone out into all lands,' and spoke as a ringer to ringers.

After the service 115 ringers and friends sat down to tea at the Central Restaurant, filling it to overflowing. Following this the members of the Guild crowded into the largest room for their annual meeting at which Mr. A. T. Poulton, the retiring Master, at first presided. A message of welcome was sent by the Vicar of Leominster, who regretted that he was unable to be present owing to the Church Fete which was being held in the parish at the same time.

The first business was the election of the new Master, Mr. Leslie Evans of Eardisland, who at once took the chair. Mr. Evans also holds the office of peal recorder, which office the meeting was pleased to learn he was prepared to continue. The other officers were re-elected.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the accounts showing a balance in the General Fund of £87 15s. 2d., together with £16 5s. 6d. in the War Memorial Fund and £36 19s. 11d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The War Memorial tablet to be placed in All Saints' tower, Hereford, below the 1914-18 tablet was reported to be in hand and it would be ready for dedication about the end of July.

The report shows that there are 77 towers in union with the Guild and nearly 600 ringnig members. All Districts show satisfactory progress and 32 peals were rung during the year.

Amongst items discussed at the meeting was the question of a new supply of badges; and for the annual festival and meeting it was decided to go, if possible, to Coalbrookdale, in Shropshire, another ten-bell tower, but right on the border of the Diocese.

Altogether it was a very pleasant meeting and the members present and their ringing friends from away had an enjoyable day at the Priory and neighbouring towers.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Joint Meeting With Chester Guild

The annual joint meeting of the Chester Guild and the Shropshire Association was held at Market Drayton on May 26th, some 36 members from 13 towers being present, including Mr. F. W. Perrens and party from Coventry.

The service was conducted by the Curate, according to the rites of the Chester Guild. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and the usual lavish spread was in evidence.

During the meeting the secretary (Mr. E. J. Rowe) asked for a committee to be formed to discuss the southern half of the county. This was convened and the meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Salop.

The usual 'enthusiasts' special' left for Norton-in-Hales, where there was a welcome surprise—these supposedly bad-going bells were in good order. This surely is one of the smallest eight-bell ringing rooms in the country. On return to Market Drayton, methods up to London Surprise were rung but somehow Double Norwich 'wouldn't work.' Thanks are due to Mr. Langford, of the Chester Guild, and Mr. Fred Price, of the Market Drayton band, for the arrangements.

E. J. R.

## DEDICATION

### ST. MARY'S, GUILDFORD

GUILDFORD has another six-bell tower with the rededication on Trinity Sunday of the restored bells of St. Mary's, which have been silent for 50 years. The cracked fifth bell has been recast, the bells mounted on ball-bearings and the ancient wooden frame strengthened, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It was also necessary to place a concrete girdle around the Saxon tower. The bells are a mellow old six in keeping with the church.

When the bells were last rung, 50 years ago, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and H. Hutton were members of the band. After the rededication by the Bishop of Guildford, they rang treble and second to the customary minute rounds that followed. Other ringers were Messrs. W. J. Robinson, F. J. Munday, G. L. Clode and T. Mark White.

Special reference was made to the service to Guildford ringing by these two veterans by Canon R. G. Clitherow, priest-in-charge, who conducted the service which was attended by the Mayor and members of the Corporation.

Taking as his text Our Lord's words to Peter, 'Lovest thou Me more than thee?' the Bishop said he would give a different interpretation to the words and address them first to bellringers and secondly to church workers. He would ask that question of those who rang Church bells. 'I am not saying anything to those responsible for the task in this place but we know from other experience that it is not always the case that the bellringer comes down from the tower where he has rung to join with his fellow Christians in the worship of Almighty God. He is too often seen, having finished his labours, walking in the other direction. Did they love the Lord Jesus Christ more than their work? Did these secondary things take the first place in their lives? He would ask those who in that place were entrusted with this useful work to say the six words 'Lovest thou Me more than thee?'

The opening touch after the service of 360 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the same band that rang for the dedication. Afterwards a number of visiting ringers tried the bells.

The bells of St. Mary's are being rung for morning service by the ringers of Holy Trinity Cathedral as part of their regular Sunday ringing. For the time being, until present recruits are sufficiently proficient there will be no Sunday evening ringing. Visitors are asked to apply at the Cathedral first and if possible a band will be formed.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The Spring meeting of the Society was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on May 19th. After three successive meetings in industrial towns it was pleasant to visit a country village, particularly at this time of year with the trees and hedgerows resplendent in their fresh green.

The members of the Society received a very hearty welcome on arrival at the beautiful old church from the Rector, the Rev. F. Abbott, and his address at the subsequent service will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear it.

An excellent tea, to which 40 sat down was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel, a typical English country hostelry on the banks of the Dove.

The Rector, who was present at tea, invited members to visit the Rectory garden which commanded a delightful view of the surrounding countryside, and the majority of the ringers and their wives availed themselves of this opportunity. The ringing during the afternoon and evening on the easy-going light ring of eight was greatly enjoyed. Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be the annual one at Lichfield on June 23rd.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR

Dear Sir,—I must draw attention to errors in your leading article of this week headed 'The Covering Bells.' The accepted rules adopted by the Council at Chester are as follows:—

## PEALS OF DOUBLES

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

- True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
- Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
- Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.

2. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

## PEALS OF MINOR

A peal of Minor shall consist of seven or more blocks of 720 rows. Each block to be true and complete in itself. The peal to begin from and end in rounds. Six bells only shall be used.

**Additional touches.** It was agreed that there should be no odd lengths added at the end of peals and that peals of Doubles should be in multiples of 120 and peals of Minor in multiples of 720.

**Unorthodox peals.** The Council also agreed that these should be published. By unorthodox it is meant a peal which does not comply with the Rules and Decisions of the Council. This does not only refer to a multiplicity of cover bells but to methods which do not conform to the Council's requirements, for example, Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet, Duke of York, etc. Since the Council meeting I have been wondering whether Plain Bob on odd numbers does not come under this heading!

I should point out that the definition of a peal of Doubles is that which was accepted in 1937 and that the definition of a peal of Minor includes Bankes James' Cambridge.

I am sorry to take up so much space but as one who did much of his early ringing on six bells and who still enjoys six- and five-bell ringing, I feel the position should be made clear to those who, either from force of circumstances or from choice, ring five and six bells.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

**NOTE.**—The Editor regrets that the quotation given was from the previous Decision of the Council. We hope to publish at an early date the Decisions of the Council at Chester, together with points from the discussion. The point he was making in his editorial was how cover bells invalidate peals and quarters. Other letters on this subject are gratefully acknowledged.

## NORWICH CELEBRATIONS

Dear Sir,—The official celebrations at Norwich in connection with the Festival of Britain will last from June 17th to July 1st. Any ringers in the neighbourhood during that time will be most welcome to share in our ringing at the following places and times: Mancroft on the Sundays at 10.30 and 5.45, also Monday, June 18th, at 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and Tuesday, June 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles' on Sundays at 10 a.m., also Tuesday, June 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; and St. George's, Colegate, on Sundays at 10.15 and 6.15, also Mondays at 7.30 p.m. For details of the Festival ringing meeting in Norwich on June 30th see the advertisement columns of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

## SINGLE IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In reply to J. A. C. King, the single in Stedman Doubles must be made in the third and fourth changes of the six. If made in the fifth and sixth change there will be a repeat in the six-score.—Yours,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

St. Columb, Cornwall.

## METHOD SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Sir,—It is, perhaps, not surprising that Mr. J. E. Cook has received little information in these columns in response to his letter on page 283 of 'The Ringing World,' dated May 4th, 1951. A reason, both for this fact and for the cause of his query about the possibility of a sort of 'omnibus formula' for method-production, he may find satisfactorily given in a former series of articles entitled 'A Note on Method Structure,' in a paragraph headed 'N. Method Formulae,' on page 62 of the issue dated February 4th, 1949.

Mr. Peter White's reply to Mr. Cook (latest issue dated May 18th, page 315), will be found, if he will forgive my putting it this way, to imply only a very small part of the truth about this matter; although even what he says may be regarded as nearer the truth than some previous statements, which might be considered as rather extravagant. Mr. White's last sentence about the 'number of rows per lead' is restrictive, in so far as, put that way, it can apply only to methods of the hunt-controlled class. Indeed his phrase 'with few exceptions,' if it is to be considered as of general application, will be found to conflict with the facts.

Universal types of 'formulae' are hardly practicable in Method Structure; but a specification, mathematically deduced from the basic stage of any given method, will yield the theoretic extensions (and contractions, if any) for all its stages.

If Mr. Cook finds his problem unanswered by the article to which I have referred, and cares to write to me, I will endeavour to give an answer.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park.

Netley Abbey, Hampshire

## Ringers Honour Crewe's Mayor

A peal of 5,067 changes of Stedman Caters was rung at Christ Church, Crewe, on June 2nd, as a compliment to the Mayor, Councillor John A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., himself an old Christ Church boy. The Mayor paid a surprise visit to the church and tower and was introduced to the ringers.

In the tower the Mayor saw, amongst others, two very interesting records; one, a tablet to commemorate the late James H. (Jim) Riding's ringing activities of 471 peals, three of record length, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. The other, a unique peal board recording two peals, one a muffled peal for the Fallen of the first world war, 1914-18, and a victory peal in which appears the honoured name of the late C. J. Bowen-Cooke as a ringer, Mayor of Crewe, and President of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Another interesting exhibit was a fine specimen of 'a ringer's jug,' which holds 11 quarts, and which it is the privilege of any ringer achieving his first peal to fill.

The Mayor said that although he was educated at Christ Church Schools, he had never been into the tower; he would like on some future occasion to see the bells at work; he thanked the ringers for the thought that prompted them to include him in the compliment.

The ringers thanked the Mayor for looking in on them before the peal, and thought his good wish for the success of the peal was a lucky omen. They wished him a very happy and profitable term of office.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

## Whitsun Tour, 1951

Twenty-three members and friends spent the Whitsun week-end at St. Leonards and were joined at some towers by other members and friends living in the locality. The main party stayed in the only guest-house the organiser could find large enough to accommodate everyone. It must be admitted that there were some restrictions involved, but they were not too irksome, and could, on the whole, be fairly easily and enjoyably overcome. Some appropriate texts on the walls and singing round the piano helped to maintain morale.

After supper on Friday evening there was an hour's ringing at Christ Church, St. Leonards. Ringing on Saturday started at Hailsham, and continued at the three available Eastbourne towers—All Saints', Christ Church and St. Mary's. After this, the party disintegrated to some extent, and the interval before ringing on the very pleasant six at Pevensey was variously occupied by tea, bathing, waiting for buses or going to Westham by mistake. An enjoyable hour at Bexhill, after supper, back at the lodgings, completed the day's official programme.

On Sunday morning, those who had not arrived on Friday went to Christ Church, St. Leonards, for service ringing before joining the rest of the party at All Saints', Hastings. In the afternoon, St. Clement's, Hastings, was visited in order to try the steel bells there. The 'go' of the bells was not nearly so bad as we had been led to believe, but half-an-hour within earshot of this discordant collection of ironware was as much as even the most unmusical person could stand. Service ringing in the evening was at Rye—a charming town with a fine church.

Monday brought with it a cold, northerly wind, and the cyclists found the journey to Battle very hard work. Ringing at Battle was followed by another tiring journey to ring at Brightling before going on to Burwash for lunch and ringing on the bells of St. Bartholomew's. The next stop, Salehurst, will always be memorable for the fine ring of bells and the excellent tea at the 'New Eight Bells.' This was easily the best meal of the week-end. The grand eight at Hawkhurst were a fitting finale to the week-end's ringing, and we were interested to find that in the visitors' book there, the signature immediately preceding those of our party was 'Geoffrey Cantuar.'

Transport during the tour was by nearly every means in common use—car, motor-cycle, pedal-cycle, bus, train and Shanks's pony. This resulted in a delightful uncertainty about the exact composition of the party available for ringing at any given moment. As promised in the circular, details of the bus services were available from the organiser and the secretary, and the information supplied by these two officials agreed on several occasions. The Society thanks all those who helped to make the tour such a success, and particularly Peter Blackman for his organisation. D. N. L.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Tonbridge District

A highly successful bye-meeting was held jointly at Seal and Seal Chart, near Sevenoaks, on June 2nd, about 50 ringers and friends being present. The service was held at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Seal, and was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Miller, in the absence of the Vicar of Seal, the lesson and address being given by the Rural Dean of Sevenoaks, the Rev. A. S. Harryman.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. S. Harryman presided and three new members were elected, viz., Miss W. Thomas, Mr. H. King and Mr. A. Hughes, all of Seal. Tunbridge Wells was chosen for the annual district meeting in October in lieu of Tonbridge, where the bells are to be repaired.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president of the Kent Association and president of the Central Council, was also present.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—15

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 318)

### RETURN TO LONDON

In October, 1886, Mr. Russell records: 'Arranged to begin business at Great Russell Street. . . . On arriving at my apartments after unpacking and arranging matters, got to bed at 10 p.m. Although a Sunday, a good deal of noise was occasioned by traffic in streets close by which—after my quiet room at home where I have written my diary for so many months past—will take some time to get used to.' He at once began to visit many churches in the City and says: 'Saw many old friends who seemed pleased to hear of my being up again. The belfry of St. Clement Danes' has been repainted and whitewashed—not before being wanted. Met W. H. Judd and suggested peal by W. H.'s.' (In his diary is a long list of ringers with Christian names William H.)

### ROYAL CUMBERLANDS REORGANISED

At this time he notes that: 'The new master, the early meet at St. Martin's, the more business-like style of carrying out the whole meeting, were objects of satisfaction to me as it was time that some change other than the old slipshod way of doing matters as formerly—a drawback to the Society removed in many ways. Also the brotherly good feeling between all the members now existing. Baron, Dains, Newson and Rogers hanging well together and all quite unanimous in their bearing to each other, instead of having anything unpleasant. We may expect to see something done this winter worth hearing.'

### A 'TWO-SOCIETY' PEAL

A day or so later they met at St. Giles' (where F. Bennett was steepkeeper) for a peal with J. Smith, of Market Drayton, who was up in search of work. They rang 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Dains, conducted by Newson, in 2 hours 56 minutes. 'Very good and quick.' All were members of the Norwich Diocesan Association except Titchener so they made him one and booked the peal for that Association and the Royal Cumberlands as well. 'Newson and Dains had a lot to say about the composition while ringing.' He met Mr. G. H. Phillott on one occasion 'at a sing-song' and heard him sing a local ringing song of Cheltenham. (The present writer had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with this gentleman, at Cheltenham, on several occasions.) Other artistes included Marriott, 'Shelling Green Peas,' and Newson. 'About the Cumberlands' 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.' Stackwood also sang, making them laugh and roar with his quaint sayings and doings.

While at a Waterloo Society dinner, 'Stack' and A. Hayward (a College Youth who is a good cricketer and engaged to play for clubs) arranged to play a single wicket with Newson as umpire, as Arthur had a lot to say about his abilities. This resulted in Hayward being bowled out second ball. Stack's innings also was soon over for the very first ball he sent out of bounds in one hit and not a sign of it could be found by anyone, much to Hayward's discomfort, and whenever they met Stack says the ball hasn't done going yet!

Mr. Fussell went to St. Mary's, Islington, for the first time and describes it as 'a large ringing room with several peal boards, bad ropes, good draught and circle. 'Went to their meeting house the other side of the churchyard called "The Mitre" where I found one of the best little rooms for a ringers' Society I ever saw—skylight in the centre of the ceiling, no windows and one door, cosy and comfortable. Here I stayed till 12.30, drinking and refreshing with the local gang who had a set of handbells out of tune and tone which were freely used during the evening. Much to the delight of the company, a visitor came in and stood pots of ale which were soon out of sight. There were

five steepkeepers present: Loring, of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; Moore, of St. Bride's; Barry, of Vedast's, Foster Lane; Spicer, of Islington; Bennett, of St. Giles' Bloomsbury. Moore, Tingey (a big, stout man) Bennett and I walked home together.' . . . 'Horton, now living at Battersea, tells me he keeps a diary, also a list similar to mine. He also told me about the diary the late Jas. Barham used to keep.'

### WHEN THINGS GO WRONG!

'At St. Martin's everything seemed right to go and ring a good peal.—Alas! the deceptiveness of all ringers. At 2 o'clock G. Harvey sends his boy to Newson with word that "he could not come to Southgate as he had knocked his leg." but rather than fail us, George Newson called on Chapman (out): H. Tyler (at a funeral); T. Gled (tipsy); Foskitt (must stay indoors, as his wife just confined); C. Deal (at work). He was compelled at last to come to Southgate one short, only to find two more were absent (pleasant!). However, Lewis, a cab proprietor, with cab stories kept us alive in good humour, with some difficulty, as our spirits were quite upset.'

### TROUBLE WITH A FLAG POLE

'Jack Lewis, who is a Bath man, told me some of his ringing tales of that town which is a very loyal one and always on the Queen's birthday flag all the church towers. At one of these a long pole was raised and lowered inside the tower, vertically, by means of an old windlass. Jack was helping the sexton to lower it once when the old man's handle came off. Jack, being only a lad, could not hold the full weight of the pole by himself, so he let go and the heavy pole went down through each floor like a thunderbolt and smashed through the communion table of the church. Much ado was made about it and the steepkeeper much alarmed. Jack says the old windlass wheel "whissed round" for nearly half-an-hour after the pole had fallen.'

The next day Mr. Fussell went to St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and says while ringing, Gifford, of Salisbury, came up and a lot of College Youths from St. Paul's—Hayes, Greenleaf, Joyce, French, who took part in a good touch of Caters. After finishing in time for service, 'a numerous meeting of ringing people grouped themselves at the corner opposite—Barry, Dains, Rumsey, Lovett, Taylor and others, besides those already mentioned.' For evening service at St. Clement Danes' they rang Triples and Caters and afterward a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original on handbells by Fussell 1-2, Winney (conductor) 3-4, Gifford, of Salisbury, 5-6, McLaughlin 7-8; Banks and Goddard, witnesses.

During 1886 Fussell rang 14 peals (including 6,048 Kent Major and 5,104 Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street) and lost eight. He also rang 18 different 720's of Minor.

(To be continued.)

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 9th with an attendance slightly below the average. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Hatherley Jones) and Mr. H. W. Bishop presided over the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman.

The secretary gave a report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chester, calling special attention to rules governing peal ringing. It was proposed that meetings be held at Wroughton (evening), Castle Eaton and South Marston during the next three months. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob

## OBITUARY

### MR. JAMES SWINDLEY

By the passing of Mr. James Swindley on May 28th, the Chester Diocesan Guild lost one of its foundation members and a familiar figure in local ringing circles. As captain of the Cathedral band and also of St. Mary's, Handbridge, he was well known to the many ringers who have visited the city. A native of Eccleston, he learned to ring there on the six at the old church which was demolished in 1899 to make way for the fine modern building which enriches the village to-day. In the early part of the century he moved to Handbridge and associated himself with the ringing at St. Mary's and later at the Cathedral.

To his great disappointment, his doctor advised him to give up ringing about a year ago but he hoped that this was only a temporary measure and looked forward to an early return to the belfry. During this time his ringers frequently visited him, especially after ringing, hearing his comments on the performance and discussing the latest events in the ringing world. These meetings did much to help him during this trying period.

'Jim' was a keen peal ringer. He had taken part in 249 peals in a great variety of methods and among his accomplishments was the record peal of 17,280 Kent Major at Over, Cheshire, in 1923, when he rang the sixth. He had also taken part in a number of ringing tours, a form of recreation which gave him much pleasure and satisfaction. Six-bell ringing had also an attraction for him and he had been a member of the band which, under the leadership of the late Mr. James Morgan, rang extents in all methods in the C.C. Collection.

He was one of Cheshire's foremost craftsmen in wrought ironwork and in this he followed his ancestors, who had carried on the craft through 300 years. Many examples of his work can be seen in churches, halls and mansions in all parts of the country. The account books, which cover almost two centuries, are interesting, not only as a record of work and places, but also for items concerning bells and ringing jotted in odd corners here and there.

For instance, it is noted that at the opening of the new ring at Eccleston in 1810 'Lord Grosvenor gave a sheep, and the wardens plenty of ale.' Another note records the fact that the same bells were rehung in 1895 at a cost of £5 15s.

It is, therefore, not only among the members of the Chester Guild, but in a much wider circle, that the passing of 'Jim,' ringer and craftsman, is lamented, and many assembled in the church to pay their last respects. Half-muffled bells sounded from the tower as he was carried in, and after the interment a quarter peal was rung on the bells which had held his interest for over half a century.

### MR. JOHN GILSON

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. John Gilson (70), a ringer at Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, and a member of St. Martin's Guild for the past 16 years. He was ringing at Monday night's practice on May 28th, when he was taken ill. He managed to set his bell and was helped down the tower in a state of collapse and taken home by car. A doctor was fetched but Mr. Gilson never properly recovered and passed quietly away at 9 a.m. on May 29th.

The funeral service was at Erdington Parish Church on June 1st, prior to cremation. In the evening some muffled touches were rung to his memory. He was the mainstay of Sunday service ringing and his passing leaves a great gap in the Sunday band, for he could always be depended on and his place will take a long time to fill.

W. J. M.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Coulson (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, J. H. Hunt 4, E. A. Jurd 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, R. J. W. Jurd 8.

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Hicks 1, A. W. Glazard 2, R. Rowley (first 'inside') 3, E. C. Lucas 4, G. Bowers (cond.) 5, J. Hicks 6.

**BANBURY, OXON.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bishop 1, J. Bishop 2, R. Cave 3, J. Stretton (cond.) 4, T. Impey 5, W. Watson 6, H. Hyde 7, R. Douglas 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 7 and 8.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Peter-de-Merton on May 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Harpin 1, E. Izzard 2, W. Carpenter 3, A. Woodcock 4, H. Harlow 5, S. Harlow 6, G. Hullet 7, W. Stapleton (cond.) 8.

**BEDWELLY, MON.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Powell 1, Ryan Price 2, G. Williams 3, Mrs. R. Price (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, T. Yeomans 6, W. Dare 7, Geo. Flower 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

**BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Stedman and Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 420 Grandsire): F. R. Goddard 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. First quarter in four methods by all.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Dart 1, N. Denison 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, R. G. Hooper 6, E. Sutton (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, G. Elliott 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. Baker.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Brumpton 1, J. Bray (cond.) 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Hall 4, R. Chaffer 5, G. W. Moody 6, P. Barnes 7, B. Cuthbert (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. E. M. Hadley, for some years Vicar of this parish.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew's on Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Bates 1, A. R. Guy 2, R. D. Edge 3, W. J. Ridman 4, M. N. Bland 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, C. M. P. Johnson 7, A. S. Watt (cond.) 8. For the ordination of J. B. Rowsell, deacon, and P. T. Robbins, priest.

**CAYTHORPE, Lincs.**—On May 27th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Simcock 2, P. M. Freeman 3, C. E. Brown 4, J. Freeman (cond.) 5, J. Cragg 6, J. A. Freeman 7, G. King 8.

**CHALGROVE, OXON.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles and 180 Grandsire): M. Harding 1, L. Busby 2, J. Adams (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, T. Bowles 5, G. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Woodward, one time secretary of South Oxon Branch.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garlick 1, B. Hill-Baldwin (first quarter) 2, John N. Money 3, J. Taylor 4, F. Wise 5, A. P. Fletcher (cond.) 6, M. Eccott 7. Rung with 5 and 7 covering.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On May 24th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the opening of the Cotswold Tradition Exhibition in conjunction with the Festival of Britain.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. White 1, A. G. Hall 2, Miss F. Raybould 3, H. Wyrce 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Fowles 1, P. Woodgiver 2, Barbara Thrush 3, H. Belcher 4, M. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

**DRIFFIELD, YORKS.**—On May 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Johnson 1, T. H. Huddleston 2, Miss Anne M. Huddleston 3, H. Parker (cond.) 4, J. A. Parker 5, T. R. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter in the method by all. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**EALING, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Bennett 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. C. Birt 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. E. Davis 7, A. Harding (cond.) 8.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, A. Woodley 2, M. Bishop 3, G. Bishop 4, E. Robey 5, H. Bishop 6, J. Gordon (cond.) 7, J. Blond 8.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jemmett 1, H. Manual 2, P. R. Jemmett 3, C. Eades 4, F. Pack 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, Miss E. S. Wyles 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On May 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: S. Ellis (first quarter on ten) 1, H. Belcher 2, R. Mackrill 3, A. M. Houghton 4, R. Cherge 5, M. Chilcott 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips 3, Dr. P. Spencer Phillips 4, L. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, C. Furbank 7, L. Arnold 8.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. A. Warwick 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Miss V. Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Kilby, late Master of the Middlesex Association, who was interred at Willesden earlier in the day.

**HIGHGATE, LONDON.**—At St. Anne's on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, G. F. Carter 2, R. Newman 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. O'Dell (first quarter 'inside') 6, T. Bevan 7, H. S. Ball 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 6th, 1,259 Stedman Caters: A. R. G. Twinn 1, F. Blondell 2, F. Corke 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley (first of Stedman Caters) 4, H. W. Impey 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. M. Stacey (first of Stedman Caters) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10.

**HOBART, TASMANIA.**—At Holy Trinity on May 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. R. Wilson 1, S. Smith 2, L. Lucas 3, J. Gilligan (first quarter) 4, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. Stops 6. First quarter on the bells by resident members of the Society, rung to celebrate the 118th anniversary of the founding of the parish of Holy Trinity.

**HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.**—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Plain): P. Parrott 1, G. Goulding (first quarter of Minor, aged 15) 2, G. Barnes 3, P. Barnes 4, M. Page (cond.) 5, G. Page 6.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Blake 1, Miss E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, J. Oliver 4, M. Flynn 5, P. Williams 6, W. B. Cartwright 7, N. J. Goodman (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, L. Pryke 2, W. Jarvis 3, M. T. Symonds 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 6, F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Preb. M. Fountain Page.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Ashman 1, J. Hillard 2, O. Tucker 3, E. King (cond.) 4, E. Trim 5, R. Hardy (first quarter) 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles 2 and 5.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On May 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. S. Bailey 1, C. Whiting 2, A. R. Bridges 3, June Empson 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, J. L. Geater 7, E. C. Pizzeby 8. A 77th birthday compliment to C. Whiting.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, J. S. Dear 2, Mrs. J. Ling 3, L. Chislett 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, J. Dafters 7, E. Mounter 8. A birthday compliment to conductor.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Ranzetta 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. C. Chapman 5, G. Dawson 6, C. Otley 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 22nd, at St. Michael's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Muriel Fairfoot 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, J. Smith 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Lonyon 6, K. Smith 7, W. Masheter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, G. Morledge 10.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Jaine 1, C. Aaron 2, G. Gee 3, D. Sharples 4, A. Bond 5, A. Rothery 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, D. B. Cater 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2 and 8.

**MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Skinner 1, N. Stevens 2, W. Cavill (cond.) 3, C. Norton 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Norton and Miss F. White.

**MOTHRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.**—On May 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Parry 1, Miss J. Brown 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, C. Clegg 4, B. Walshaw 5, J. Heap 6, J. Clegg 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mrs. H. V. Greenwood for her hospitality to the church, local and visiting ringers at all times.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dixon (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. Dear 2, J. Collins 3, M. Collins 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Buck 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. First of Triples 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung for the opening of Letchworth Festival of Britain Week.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKS.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Tallis 1, J. W. F. Trotman (cond.) 2, E. Wilson (first quarter) 3, A. J. Twigger 4, W. R. Beebe 5, J. Turner (first quarter) 6.

**OLNEY, YORKS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stapleton 1, M. Cook (cond.) 2, B. Fisher 3, A. Armstrong (first in the method) 4, F. Mynard 5, A. Freeman 6, F. Boswell 7, R. Perkins 8. Rung for the 71st birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kitney (first quarter) 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, C. J. Eades 4, W. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, D. E. Eades 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Roe 1, J. B. Guy 2, Miss S. M. Brown (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. Border 4, Miss D. M. Panting 5, F. P. Wright 6, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 7, K. M. Grayson 8.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—At All Saints' on May 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes (first quarter of Surprise Royal) 4, E. Furbank 5, E. D. Smith 6, J. Bennett 7, C. W. Otley 8, J. W. Ward 9, J. Bullock 10.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's on May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. F. Diserens 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. Lewington 5, C. Pullen 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On May 9th, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 576 Oxford): J. Myhill 1, W. Glover 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. Thrift 4, Mary E. Shadrack (first in method as cond.) 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, S. G. Peck 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. Rung for the induction of Southgate's new Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Plummer.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hyde 1, G. P. Elphick (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. S. James 3, F. J. Cress 4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, G. Beency 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, J. E. A. Wilmshurst 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 8.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—At the Cathedral on May 27th, 1,056 Cambridge Maximus: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Miss J. England 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, Miss D. Lidbetter (longest length) 5, T. Fox 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, H. Langdon 8, J. Crampton 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips 11, R. F. Deal 12.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On April 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. G. Mason 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, R. W. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service. At the Cathedral on May 15th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, L. Hansell 3, A. Hatten 4, Miss O. Martin 5, A. Day 6, J. T. Kentish 7, B. C. Johnson 8, R. F. Ewer 9, W. J. Arnold 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicolls 12.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. A. H. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, J. E. Rootes 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. Clark 5, C. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.

**STAPLETON, BRISTOL.**—At Holy Trinity Church on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Juliff 1, B. Comer 2, Miss M. Juliff 3, R. G. Bryant 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Anstey 6. First quarter in method for all. A birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At St. James' on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Rowell (first quarter on eight) 1, W. Warren 2, F. Matravars 3, W. Tarr 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. Jarman 8.

**TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Canterbury): J. Rainsford 1, L. Butcher 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, R. Smith 6.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On May 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. Stitch 4, A. Botterill 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, B. D. A. Woolley 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, E. T. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Adams, a member of St. Matthew's band for 42 years.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, Miss J. M. Brown 2, W. C. Shute 3, R. W. Rex 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, W. E. Cheater 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Mussell 8.

**WIGFOOT, Lincs.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 360 Double Oxford, 180 Plain Bob): F. O. Richardson 1, P. Reynolds 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. W. Bailey 4, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. R. Toynton (captain of the ringers) and Mrs. Toynton.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—On May 26th, at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 New 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire, 180 Stedman): F. N. Bond 1, R. M. Currie (first as cond.) 2, J. Armstrong 3, J. A. C. King 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, D. Verrier 6. First in six methods by all. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 84th birthday.

**WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.**—On April 30th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: A. Minney 1, P. Amos 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Roome 4, R. Russell 5, H. Wooding 6.



# RINGERS' OUTINGS IN BRIEF

## SOUTH-EAST SOMERSET

On May 26th a party of ringers from several towers in the S.E. corner of Somerset and a few from just over the Dorset border enjoyed a most successful afternoon outing at four towers west of Taunton.

This party was formed about three years ago with a view to encourage the use of more advanced methods. A practice meeting is arranged every fortnight throughout the year at one of the 14 towers within the ten mile radius and practice is confined to Stedman and Surprise Minor and Major methods. The results have been encouraging both in the ringing standard and the attendance at the practice which is almost always 100 per cent. The regular party consists of members drawn from Templecombe, Yeovil, Stalbridge, Yetminster, Queen Camel and Charlton Horethorne.

The outing started from Preston, near Yeovil, and at the first stop, Rockwell Green, a delightful six were soon going to a fine touch of Cambridge Surprise, followed later with London and Beverley. At Wiveliscombe, another hour's ringing was enjoyed on the eight, which goes well. Another party from Chew Magna followed, who continued the ringing, while a splendid tea at Barrington's Cafe was enjoyed. Here the Vicar of Wiveliscombe (the Rev. V. A. C. Allen) expressed his welcome to all.

A short run followed, to Milverton, where Claude Tarr met the party. After a fine rise of the bells, the company settled down to a long touch of Stedman Triples followed by Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major. The last tower was Norton Fitzwarren, where two of the local ringers awaited the visitors. This heavier six possesses a fine mellow tone and were kept going until 9 p.m. to Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

The long run back to Preston ended a most enjoyable afternoon.

## ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

On June 2nd, St. Margaret's (Leicester) ringers, with friends from the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints' and Loughborough, set off in good time in beautiful weather. Jean found a dog that took such a liking to her that it wanted to come with us and nearly got run over by two buses in the process. No other exciting incident occurred except the 'back of the bus party' causing Betty to lose her shoes.

Arriving at Stratford-on-Avon, the new ten bells were set going to Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. The bells here are grand, the conditions for ringing ideal and anyone who cannot ring when here could never ring anywhere.

After seeing the bridesmaids and bride arrive for a wedding, we set off for Tewkesbury Abbey, whose great and glorious tower was admired by all. The 12 bells were raised and good use made of them for an hour.

At Cheltenham several of the local company welcomed us and had the bells up ready. The 12 bells here go very well and were kept busy for an hour in several methods. Then off to Painswick for a final hour on this grand 12, which was thoroughly enjoyed. At each 12-bell tower, Cambridge Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung. 'Ernest' was delighted to meet old Mr. Staite, of Painswick, who had stood by his side in 1919 to a peal of 6,335 Grandsire Cinques.

Tea was partaken of at the Falcon Hotel and Paul Taylor, not content with about six cups of tea, had one in his lap, thanks to Uncle Ernest.

A grand run home through the glorious countryside, with a brief stop at Worcester to view the Cathedral, etc., brought a happy outing to a close. Everything went according to plan and good time kept.

## IN NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE

The five-bell festival this year was held on Whit Saturday in glorious weather—totally different from last year's festival held on St. Swithin's Day—and, as a result, the 28 people present had an enjoyable afternoon and evening visiting three interesting Bedfordshire churches.

Ringing began at Oakley where, in spite of the absence of a Sunday service band, the bells are kept in very good order by the verger, Mr. H. Stapleton.

At Stevington, a delightful village with grey-walled cottages and the possessor of a holy well and village cross, the bells were not very easy to handle and it was a great moment for the ladies when they succeeded in ringing a touch of Bob Doubles.

Mrs. Stalley, of the Red Lion, prepared a first-class tea.

Pavenham, the last tower of the day, had only four ropes, two of which were badly worn. Luckily, the organiser had been warned, and some spare ropes had been carried by the cyclists. On fitting the ropes it was found that they were not long enough to reach the ringing chamber, so, after some discussion, it was agreed to ring from an intermediate floor.

After half and hour's work, which included removing birds' nests from the bell frame, oiling the bearings and adjusting the ropes, the bells were declared open. The trap door to the belfry was missing, consequently the noise of the bells was terrific. The only way to spot the conductor of a touch was to look for the ringer with the reddest face. Methods rung here included Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles, and the bells were rung down in peal at half-past seven.

Visitors were present from Cambridge, Coventry, Hampstead, Linslade and Newmarket, and to these Bedfordshire ringers would like to say 'Come again next year.' M. S.

## ST. PAUL'S, BURTON

Members of the St. Paul's (Burton-on-Trent) band held their annual outing on Saturday, June 2nd, with a tour of North Notts.

Towers visited during the day were Edwinstowe (6), East Retford (10), Sutton-on-Trent (8), Radcliffe (8) and St. Mary's, Nottingham (10). The best part of an hour was allowed at each tower, and in the course of the day the ringing ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters, Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Tribute to Canon A. W. Markby

For many years past chairman of Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, celebrated, on Trinity Sunday, the 50th anniversary of his Ordination. He has been at St. Peter's for 21 years.

The sermons on that day were preached by the Vicar's two sons, the Rev. C. E. C. Markby (Vicar of Highfield) and the Rev. A. C. Markby (Vicar of St. Mary's, Kilburn).

In honour of the event, 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service by: J. Laws 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. H. Duke 3, Hy. Steed 4, Hy. Pink 5, F. Precey (Ringing Master and conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, Miss B. Dyke (first quarter in the method) 8.

St. Peter's Institute was filled the following evening with parishioners when, preceded by a short touch on the bells a cheque for £110 10s. and a water-colour painting of High West Street, Dorchester, showing the tower of St. Peter's, were presented to Canon Markby by Mr. J. T. Godwin (Rector's warden and senior member of the tower) and Mr. S. R. Courtney (people's warden).

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## MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea at Victoria Cafe 4.30. 9014

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, at Harwich (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Dis. Sec. 8925

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, June 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8987

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Essendon, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hatfield (10) 6 p.m. No tea.—W. J. Southam. 8986

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, June 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8952

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Festival of Britain ringing, Newbury (10), June 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Demonstration Lecture on ringing given by Mr. A. York-Bramble at 6.30, with slides and handbells. Object—to interest the general public in our art. Please give your support and bring prospective recruits. Tea 5. 8946

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Bere Regis, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Weymouth—Bournemouth bus route.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8974

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, moderate charge, 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Kay, Queen Street, Eastington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead. Hon. Sec. 9027



**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Limsfield (6), Limsfield Chart (6). Ringing Limsfield 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing Limsfield Chart afterwards. 8977

**WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8976

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Tadcaster. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8967

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District) and **BARNLEY AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Wentworth Arms Hotel 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). 8997

**ST CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.**—Memorial Service, June 17th, 6.30 p.m. Tenth anniversary of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford (the ringers' friends). Old members associated with the church cordially invited.—E. Alex. Young. 9032

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester Row, Westminster, Wednesday, June 20th, 7.45 p.m. Surprise practice. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9036

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meetings, Shipham, June 23rd; Westbury-sub-Mendip, June 30th; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 9028

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting at Barton on June 23rd. Bells (8) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 9018

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Melbourne, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 9030

**DEVON GUILD.**—Diptford, South Brent, Saturday, June 23rd, Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9017

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), June 23rd. Names for tea, by June 19th, to Mr. C. J. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8989

**GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX, OXFORD JOINT.**—Meeting at Egham, June 23rd. Bells: Egham (8) 3—5, 6—7.30; Staines, St. Peter's (8) 3—5; Old Windsor (8) 7—9. Tea 5, at Egham Parish Hall. Names, by Thursday, 21st, to M. W. Harbott, 7, Manor Croft Road, Egham.—G. Dodds. 9033

**LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.**—Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea shop near Church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 9026

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea in Church Schools, 5. Please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 9024

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Soar, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, by 20th, to J. Lowe, 8, Beveridge Street.—W. Swan. 9023

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, before June 16th, to Mrs. Lawson, Aingarth, Whaplode, Spalding. 8988

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss J. Blackourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 9015

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Ebbw Vale, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8972

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Bells—Cathedral 2.30—3.15 and 6.15—7 o'clock; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8944

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea at the 'Victoria'; please notify for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, Miss J. Brittain, 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd; Pevensey from 2.30, Westham from 6.15 p.m. Tea at Pevensey.—Names to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9021

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Tea 4.15. Saddlers Arms, Sutton Scotney. Convenient five minute bus service Wonston and Sutton Scotney. After tea, London practice. Names, by Monday, June 18th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8965

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Summer Festival, Cardington, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (at 1s.) for those who notify, by June 28th, Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Bedford. Tea for those who fail to notify will cost 2s. 6d. Cople bells (6) will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. 9019

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach leaves St. Nicolas', Guildford, at 2.15. Fare approx. 3s. Please send names for coach and tea, by June 21st, to Mrs. Howard, The Caravan, Handpost Corner, Wokingham, Berks.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9012

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Walesby (8), June 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Bring own tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 9034

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norwich on Saturday, June 30th. The following bells will be available: St. John de Sepulchre's 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.15. Tea in St. Clement's Hall 5. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, June 23rd, please, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers welcome.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8936

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, Fornham St. Martin, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 9029

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Patrington, Saturday, June 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, in Church Room. Please notify Mr. D. A. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington, E. Yorks. Business meeting, election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9020

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Ringing tour, July 7th, Northamptonshire area; 8 towers; charge 14s. inclusive lunch and tea.—H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9031

**HALIFAX DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest at Sandal, July 7th. For teas, please notify, by June 30th, A. Ball, 13, Elizabeth Street, Sandal, Wakefield. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. by June 23rd, if possible.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 9016

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Grafton Regis, July 7th. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to G. Atkins, Grafton Lodge, Grafton Regis, Towcester.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9035

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing week, Bristol, August 3rd—11th. Final reservations now being made. Members wishing to take part please write, by June 23rd, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8978

## VETERANS OF LAST CENTURY

Mr. Tom Fowler, of Wilby, Northants, who is in his 82nd year, rang in a peal of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles at St. Mary's, Wilby, on Saturday, February 12th, 1898, and is, incidentally, the only survivor of the band.

Last December, following a fall, he became seriously ill and, by his doctor, was given not more than 48 hours to live. During that time his wife was taken ill and died, but, remarkably enough, 'Old Tom,' as he is affectionately known—recovered and is again a regular service ringer at St. Mary's.

Mr. F. P. Powell, of Southwold, Grahams-town, South Africa, who joined the College Youths in 1894, ten years later conducted the only peal as yet rung in Africa.

Mr. William Collison, of Tunbridge Wells, rang his first peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Crawley, Sussex, on July 5th, 1885. It was the first peal by a local band and the method was Grandsire Triples. The peal was rung for the first anniversary of the restoration of the church. Mr. Collison, now 87, is unable to get up to the belfry, but his interest in the art is undiminished and he still reads 'The Ringing World.'

## ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

Thanks to George Fearn, 'Our Kid' and three or four well-known Birmingham ringers, the St. Laurence's ringers had another happy Whit Monday.

Leaving Reading at 6 a.m., the first call was at Kidderminster at 9.30, where Mr. Salter had everything ready. Here Stedman Cinques was rung. Then to Wolverhampton, where we had our greatest disappointment of the day, the eighth's clapper having broken on the previous evening when being rung for evensong. However, after refreshment, we set off for Walsall, where again we had some good Stedman Cinques.

Thanks to Mr. Eastwood, we had a splendid lunch, and then to Aston, where a good half course of Cambridge Maximus was successfully accomplished, as well as Stedman Cinques. At Birmingham Cathedral we had our only fiasco of the day; Stedman Cinques just wouldn't go on this lively 12.

The famous tower of St. Martin's followed and again we rang a good half course of Cambridge and quite good Cinques. Still quite fresh, we rang at St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder Churches, London and Cambridge Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

We Reading people thank our Birmingham friends for the very happy day, and it again proves to the writer what a wonderful spirit abounds in the great ringing fraternity.

W. H.



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234567

672453	2	
256734	3	
472356	1	
S 654237	2	
726354	1	
437526	1	Seven times repeated.
S 564237	1	The block A-A is rung only
725364	1	in the first four parts. In
567243	3	the last four parts a bob
675243	4	(at Home for 7th) is called
A S 346527	2	instead. Also, either call
753246	1	S at B in the 4th and 8th
467325	2	parts, or else Bob for S at
674325	4	C in 4th and 8th parts.
256437	2	
742356	1	Both 6 and 7 are fixed
567234	2	observation bells, and all
675234	4	the 6-7's are at backstroke.
A S 436527	2	
274653	2	First rung at SS. Peter
362574	1	and Paul's, Syston, on
S 473256	1	March 26th, 1951, con-
S 264573	1	ducted by Ernest Morris.
B 352764	1	
473652	1	
S 624573	1	
C S 536724	1	
S 745236	1	
367524	2	
PL 345267	2	

**FRAMPTON, Lincs.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 of Plain Bob): Miss J. Cummins (first quarter) 1, J. Kemp 2, F. Bishop 3, A. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Kemp 6.

**WOOLWICH, LONDON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. 1, Mrs. M. Morsley 2, A. Grove, sen. 3, T. Culver 4, B. Adridge (cond.) 5, R. Johnson 6.

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## YORKSHIRE INSPIRED

THE compiler of the committee's annual report for the Yorkshire Association has invariably an interesting point to make which the Exercise would do well to ponder over. In calling attention to the ever-increasing variety of Surprise methods now being practised, he states: 'This trend shows a refreshing spirit of progress in the Association, but your committee hope that this does not mean that the simpler methods are being neglected, as these can and do provide a valuable source of training and encouragement to the less experienced members. In this connection it is interesting to compare the number of 13 peals of London Surprise Major as against nine tower-bell peals of Plain Bob Major and five of Kent Treble Bob Major.'

At one time there was a large intermediate school of ringers between Grandsire and Plain Bob Major and the Surprise methods. The trend of events to-day is, when once the young ringer has mastered two of the Plain Standard Methods, to plunge forward direct into the Surprise school. We have met ringers who, while capable of ringing three or four Surprise methods, have not enjoyed the beauties (we have heard it described as dreadful monotony) of Stedman and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This haste to reach the front rank of ringing is, to our way of thinking, all wrong. Environmental conditions, we know, are frequently responsible. A young ringer comes into a tower where Surprise ringing is very much the mode and naturally he proceeds to master the methods being practised. Of course, it can be justly argued that, having made his mark in Surprise ringing circles, it is a relatively easy matter to go back and pick up the intermediate work.

The previous year the Yorkshire report issued a warning to younger members of the risk of allowing their ambitions to be ruled by impatience. The point then made was the importance of establishing a good standard of striking until it became second nature rather than to launch out in difficult method ringing in the hope that good striking would follow. The commentary continues: 'That rarely happens, and it should be borne in mind that while the listening public cannot distinguish a Surprise method from a Plain one, there are many people who can tell the difference between good and bad striking; they can be influenced, and often are, by what they hear.'

There is another inference that can be drawn from the ratio of 13 peals of London to nine of Plain Bob Major. Are the number of recruits to the ranks of peal ringers adequate to sustain the present wave of enthusiasm? Out of a membership of 1,575, Yorkshire had 19 members who were ringing their first peal. The proportion, to our way of thinking, seems low. It is somewhat singular that in the Southern District, where peal ringing is prominent, there are very few members that have not a peal to their credit. In the Northern District there were only 16 members who rang a peal last year and there are quite a number of towers without a ringer of peal ringing experience. Unquestionably there is a big field here awaiting the pioneer keen on getting ringers through their first peal. It would indeed be a gracious gesture, and, we believe, an encouragement to the art generally, if Associations were to award an annual medal to the conductor who shepherded the most recruits through their first peal. Opportunities to ring peals must be made available for young men and women with ambition, and even the not so young—our last issue recorded a first quarter at the age of 75 by a veteran at Wincanton.

One thing that Yorkshire can feel happy about is that there is no shortage of conductors within the Association. The calling of the 144 peals was shared last year by 50 conductors, and of these 10 were calling their first peal. The Kent County Association last year had also 50 conductors for their 165 peals. Some will perhaps remind us that there are conductors and 'bob callers,' relatively few of the former and many of the latter. We will not be drawn—but the evidence of both Yorkshire and Kent is significant as revealing an expanding interest in the higher flights of ringing. With 50 good conductors at its disposal an Association can make a very worthy contribution to the advancement of our art.

The year witnessed for the Yorkshire Association the two extremes of age in peal ringing. At Thrybergh on September 28th a band with an average age of 15 years 3 months rang a peal, and at the opposite end of the scale the 'veterans' peal at Chesterfield on December 10th was rung by a handbell team of average age 74 years 6 months. Three other peals are specially mentioned—at Haworth, Kildwick and Whitby—as being rung by the local band.

Finally we would like to commend the producers of this fine report, which contains no fewer than 51 compositions new to the Association. Such a report is of value to the whole Exercise.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	†FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 7
*ERNEST STITCH .. .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 9
†JOHN W. BEST .. .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 11
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
 \* 25th peal together. † First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Ringers 4, 7 and 9 complete Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.. Treble	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
*JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 8
*JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	*ALAN JACQUES .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	*JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	JAMES SKEATS .. .. 6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH E. WILSON .. 7
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 8
*LEONARD HENRYS .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.. 9
ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST.. 5	†JOHN BENSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, the esteemed conductor at the above tower.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
*†TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 8
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	*RICHARD E. PRICE .. 9
*FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. PACKER .. Treble	*FREDK. S. SUTTON .. 6
*IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD.. 7
†HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	*EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 8
†WILFRED KERR .. .. 4	*JOHN E. BROUGH .. 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 5	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.  
 \* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 200th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Cdr. John A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., Mayor of Crewe, to whom the ringers were presented before the peal. The conductor has now completed the circle at this tower.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD P. BURTON.. Treble	RICHARD KENDALL .. 6
*JAMES WING .. .. 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.. 7
†JIM A. HERBERT .. .. 3	†HARRY WOOD .. .. 8
†ARTHUR J. SMITH .. 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 9
*JOSEPH G. RUSHTON (15) 5	†HARRY P. C. MANN .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.  
 \* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal on the bells and all Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred King, for many years hon. secretary to St. Mary's Society.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM .. Treble	KENNETH W. KNOWLES 6
*ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 3	†ALAN ELSMORE .. 8
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
 \* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

*F. G. OLDFIELD .. Treble	JON. TURNER .. .. 5
GERALD BRIDGER .. .. 2	DAVID PETERS .. .. 6
†WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD.. 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 7
CYRIL DUDDINGTON .. 4	†CYRIL CROUCH .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.  
 \* First peal on the treble. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

R. GORDON CORBY .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
FRED EVANS .. .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (32). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.



WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. Treble	*HENRY W. STOVELD .. 5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 6
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 7
†NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4	H. FRANK DUNFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside' to Grandsire Triples. Rung in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi and Empire Day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5152 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT .. .. 2	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in this method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	†JOSEPH NAPPER .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 6
*JOHN N. MONEY .. .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 4	VINCENT C. CHERILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK E. WALKER .. .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER .. 5
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE (11) .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 4	Cecil W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

FREDK. A. FINCH .. .. Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. 5
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	†DENIS N. LAYTON .. 6
*DEREK R. JUDD .. .. 3	†RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 4	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Also a birthday peal to the conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

**A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5
FRANK REED .. .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
*BERT SUTTON .. .. 4	ERNEST A. THORPE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 84th birthday anniversary and as a farewell to Canon Bradley, of St. Marie's.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 5
*MARGARET A. BAILEY .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

STRETTFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON .. .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. 7
DAVID SMITH .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as birthday compliments to H.M. Queen Mary and the father of the ringer of the seventh, who were 84 on May 26th and 24th respectively.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICH YOUTHS and

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 5
JACQUELINE EVANS .. .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 6
GEORGE GOULDING .. .. 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 4	DAVID KING .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.



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### SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR			
Middleton's.		Tenor 26 cwt.	
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	.. Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES	.. 5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	.. 2	ALBERT E. WHITING	.. 6
ARCHIE A. FITCH	.. 3	WALTER W. MILLER	.. 7
WALTER RUFFLES	.. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT	.. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* 550th peal. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

### WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR			
Tenor 21½ cwt.			
THOMAS BARKER	.. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	.. 5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	.. 2	JAMES BLACKBURN	.. 6
IAN JONES	.. 3	ARTHUR HATCH	.. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN	.. 4	JOHN CHARNOCK	.. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.  
Rung at the request of the local Parish Council for the Festival of Britain celebrations.

### WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR			
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.			
FREDERICK C. CASE	.. Treble	WILLIAM YATES	.. 5
GEORGE F. BURTON	.. 2	*FRANK J. GREEN	.. 6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	.. 3	GEORGE E. GREEN	.. 7
GEORGE CARE	.. 4	RONALD C. NOON	.. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's birthday.

### WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR			
Tenor 10½ cwt.			
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	.. Treble	*NORMAN J. SMITH	.. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL	.. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	.. 6
JOHN W. MEADE	.. 3	JOHN H. HUNT	.. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS	.. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	.. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

### ELTHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES			
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.			
*CORALIE J. SMITH	.. Treble	†SYDNEY W. BALL	.. 5
PERCY J. SPICE	.. 2	FREDK. J. HURRELL	.. 6
TOM BRETT-SMITH	.. 3	JOHN E. LIDYARD	.. 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES	.. 4	*ROBERT W. BOYCE	.. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. J. Smith, who is the first Eltham lady to ring a peal on the bells. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney W. Ball.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR			
Comprising 2,208 Bristol, 1,920 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative (with 122 changes of method).			
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.			
H. JAMES TURNER	.. Treble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	.. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	.. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	.. 6
JOHN PINFOLD	.. 3	HENRY H. FEARN	.. 7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	.. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN	.. Tenor

Composed by J. E. TOPP. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

### GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR			
Tenor 15 cwt.			
JOHN ANDERSON	.. Treble	*STEPHEN THOMPSON	.. 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	.. 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	.. 6
ERIC N. HARRISON	.. 3	*†JOHN A. BROWN	.. 7
THOMAS W. CROWE	.. 4	†DENIS A. BAYLES	.. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.  
\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. Rung to welcome the Festival of Britain exhibition ship, S.S. 'Campania,' to the Tyne.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR			
Tenor 6½ cwt.			
S. ANTHONY JESSON	.. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON	.. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	.. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON	.. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	.. 3	ALAN JACQUES	.. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR	.. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE	.. Tenor

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

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR			
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.			
Tenor 12 cwt.			
HAROLD MARCON	.. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL	.. 4
*ROBERT D. WILSON	.. 2	†EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	.. 5
†GEOFFREY J. LOWE	.. 3	ROLAND BENISTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor in five methods.

### ASHBURY, BERKSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES			
Being one six-score each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and April Day, and five six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.			
*JEANNETTE A. ROSE	.. Treble	ELLIS BOARDMAN	.. 4
THOMAS F. STONE	.. 2	PETER ANGER	.. 5
ANTHONY A. PEAKE	.. 3	W. JAMES NEW	.. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

\* First peal. First peal in seven Doubles method by all the band.

### COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES			
Being seven 120's each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.			
FREDERICK WATSON	.. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	.. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN	.. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	.. 5
GEORGE PICKERING	.. 3	*PETER J. THOMAS	.. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal.

### HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR			
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.			
*JOAN HARDING	.. Treble	†CYRIL J. YOUNG	.. 4
†JOHN R. G. SPICER	.. 2	FRANK W. LACK	.. 5
†ERNEST H. MASTIN	.. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	.. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.



CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent, three of Oxford, and one of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

ARTHUR BALLARD .. .. Treble	STANLEY HONEYBALL .. 4
OWEN BALLARD .. .. 2	*HARRY BYFORD .. .. 5
SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. 3	†FREDERICK KEMP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Ives, a ringer at the above church, who was interred at Baintree on the same day.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 120 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four 120's each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southtrepps and Plain Bob, five 120's of Stedman, and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EILEEN BURTON .. .. Treble	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 4
EDWARD CLEMENTS .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 3	*IVY PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal. An Empire Day peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	*HAROLD PAILING .. .. 4
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	JOHN E. WISEMAN .. .. 5
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 3	*WALTER NICHOLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

\* First peal in four methods.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER G. LANE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. .. 5
GORDON H. LANE .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

ROY OWEN .. .. Treble	JACK WILLIAMSON .. .. 4
ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. 2	*JOHN COUZENS .. .. 5
ALBERT COOTE .. .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coote, of Wells, Norfolk.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MARLOW .. Treble	CHRIS URWIN .. .. 4
*ROBIN STORY .. .. 2	JOHN GILBERT .. .. 5
CYRIL HERRIDGE .. .. 3	FRANK GILBERT .. .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by FRANK GILBERT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. 3	†ALBERT RELFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells. ‡ 75th peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the christening of Roger Ian Relfe, grandson of the conductor.

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## LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE ST. DAVID'S GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
R. SCUDAMORE .. .. Treble	L. HURREN .. .. 4
P.C. W. F. SCUDAMORE .. 2	D. CURTIS .. .. 5
G. FRANCIS .. .. 3	C. H. HAWKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

A Festival of Britain peal.

## LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
EDWARD D. COULSON .. Treble	PETER W. ROMNEY .. 4
STELLA M. WICKENS .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	JOHN W. MEAD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Rung in honour of the 84th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

## QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Durham, York, London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JOHN G. AMES .. .. Treble	††STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	*CYRIL WANDER .. .. 5
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 3	†FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

\*Fiftieth peal together. †Twenty-fifth peal together. ‡First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary. Believed to be the first peal in seven Surprise methods by resident members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Minor.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
GEORGE MILLS .. .. Treble	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 4
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

In memoriam James Mills, father of the treble ringer.

## WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG .. .. Treble	*JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 4
*LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	*THOMAS CUMMINS .. .. 5
*JOSEPH A. BAILEY .. .. 3	*EDWIN FISHER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN FISHER.

\*First peal in seven plain methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.

## YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

EDMUND J. WHITING .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BARKER .. 4
D. THOMAS AUSTIN .. 2	*GEORGE S. BUSH .. .. 5
HERBERT GOAKES .. .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\*25th peal. A birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary and a Festival of Britain peal.

## ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 11 cwt.
HENRY JOHNSON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITSON .. 4
LESLIE D. YOUNG .. .. 2	PERCY H. YOUNG .. .. 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG .. .. 3	HORACE D. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung for the dedication of the memorial stained-glass window to Col. H. E. P. Pateshall.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven Spliced extents in 21 methods, viz: (1) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Carlisle and Northumberland; (6) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; 80 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ERNEST T. CARVELL .. Treble	JOHN COOKE .. .. 4
ALFRED W. CUSICK .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
JAMES H. COOKE .. .. 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\*First peal of Spliced Minor. First peal in 21 methods by all the band, on the bells and in the Wirral Peninsula. Greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild. A compliment to the verger and towerkeeper, Mr. Joseph O. Mann, on his 73rd birthday. Mr. A. W. Cusick has now circled this tower.

## CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob, with four callings of each.

Tenor 14 cwt. 25 lb. in F.

BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3
DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4

FRANK H. ILICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

## STEEPLE ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4
*JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 2	†WILLIAM J. CROSS .. .. 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

## BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES W. HAW .. .. Treble	JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. .. 4
RAYMOND WADE .. .. 2	CECIL WADE .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. D. S. Rowlands, Rural Dean, as Vicar.

## HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JULIA M. PRESTON .. Treble	*ROGER C. PRESTON .. 4
*DOREEN M. JONES .. 2	ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. 5
ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 3	FRANK VARTY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

\*First peal in seven methods.



WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

AUDREY SMITH .. .. Treble	*GEORGE PARKER .. .. 4
ANGUS DIXON .. .. 2	RUSSELL BARRATT .. .. 5
IVOR SMITH .. .. 3	CHARLES SPRING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANGUS DIXON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, also three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ERIC NIXON .. .. Treble	*PHILIP P. CARTER .. .. 4
*EHEL S. WISE .. .. 2	PETER E. PARRY .. .. 5
J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the University of Manchester, when H.M. the Queen received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 34 extents of Grandsire and 8 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 1-2	FRED E. DUKES .. .. 3-4
JOAN MCKINLEY .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

A 20th birthday compliment to Miss E. E. Jackson.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,  
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Alan J. Twigger.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 9 in A.

*W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 1-2	M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 5-6
†ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\* First peal 'in hand' off the tenors. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Doctor John E. Spice (ex-Master of the Society) and his wife.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Mr. Gordon Walford, of Wellington, Somerset, for his 21st birthday rang his 22nd peal. It was the first time he had ever conducted Kent or Oxford and he thanks all those who came along and made up such a good band.

Dr. C. A. Martin, Bishop of Liverpool, dedicated the Bourdon bell in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday. 'Great George' is the name of the bell; it has the deepest note of any bell cast in the United Kingdom and weighs 14 tons 15 cwt. 'Great Paul,' at St. Paul's Cathedral, weighs 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. 'Great George' was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Mr. C. Ernest Smith has undergone an operation at St. Thomas's Hospital, Godalming. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Owing to illness, at the last moment Grandsire Triples had to be substituted for Caters in the peal at Christ Church, Swindon, on May 19th.

Mr. Douglas H. Rooke expresses regret that in the peal of Minor at Tibshelf on May 12th, the ringer of the treble was incorrectly reported. He was Mr. Philip Eastland.

Will Mr. Ernest Blake, whose letter is believed to have miscarried, please get in touch with Mrs. J. Barrett, c/o 101, Elborough Street, London, S.W.18. Urgent news awaits him.

Mr. A. W. Cusick has 'circled the tower' of St. Mary's, Birkenhead. It was completed by a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods. Watch the Wirral Peninsula for progressive ringing.

The grand old man of Sheffield ringing, Mr. John H. Brothwell, is still going strong. He rang the 5th in his 77th birthday peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major—at Handsworth, Sheffield, on June 2nd.

Mr. Stanley G. Ponting, headmaster of Ticehurst School, Sussex, who learnt to ring during the past winter, scored his first peal at Lamberhurst on May 26th. Previously he had never rung a touch of more than 240 changes.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

According to the 'Tiverton Gazette,' St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, for their annual outing rang peals at Chulmleigh, Winkleigh, Torrington, High Beckington, Tawstock, Braunton and South Molton, arrangements being made by Mr. E. J. Taylor, chairman of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Leicester ringers must certainly look to their laurels.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles has conducted peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. C. E. Lanxon, peal secretary of the Truro Guild, has recently had an operation for appendicitis. His many friends will wish him a quick recovery to full health so that he can return to active ringing with his former vigour and enthusiasm.

We welcome to our peal columns Roderick W. Pipe, aged 11, a member of the well-known Grundisburgh, Suffolk, family. His first peal was Kent Treble Bob Major, and was rung at Grundisburgh on May 26th.

St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, is a tower known throughout the Exercise. We are pleased to obtain evidence of young life in the tower by 1,264 Plain Bob Major being rung by the following band: G. R. Johnson 1, Norma Bickerdyke 2, Patricia E. M. Barton 3, H. Pettingell 4, J. W. Gibson 5, A. I. Johnson 6, E. Johnson 7, R. A. Johnston (first as conductor on 8) 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 7.

A clerical ringer reminds us that at Royal Ascot the New Stakes, on June 14th, was won by Bob Major. Ringers would like to know whether Lord Rosebery was inspired to name the horse through an interest in ringing. Mr. E. A. Barnett asks whether the appropriate committee of the Central Council would consider making representation to Lord Rosebery to change the horse's name to 'Plain Bob Major.'

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# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT DONCASTER

## A Ringing Mayor Welcomes the Annual Meeting in His Town

THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on May 19th and was attended by a good muster representative of all the Districts. The fine ring of eight at St. George's, with its 30 cwt. tenor, was at the disposal of visitors from 2.30 p.m.

A brief service took place at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, at which the Association were honoured by the company of the Mayor and Mayoress of Doncaster (Ald. and Mrs. H. Wilson) and the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A.). The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.) expressed the thanks of the Association to the Mayor and Mayoress for so kindly sparing some of their valuable time to welcome them to Doncaster, a gesture that they appreciated very much.

In reply, the Mayor said that the occasion was his last function in his capacity of Mayor, as he vacated office the following Monday. He was pleased indeed that the Association had elected to hold its meeting at Doncaster whilst he was still in office, as he himself learnt to ring at the Lincolnshire tower at Ewerby, and when his vocation brought him to Doncaster, he continued his ringing career at St. George's under the leadership of that grand old veteran, George Halksworth, until other engagements made it impossible for him to devote the time. It was a really grand art, and peculiarly English, and, during his tenure of the Mayoralty, he had visited the tower once again, and with the help of the enthusiastic local company, had managed to ring a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist, which was carried with acclamation and suitably acknowledged by the Vicar of Doncaster.

### THE BUSINESS MEETING

The president presided at the business meeting at which apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. H. Fox, W. Ambler, J. W. Moxon and F. A. Staveley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Morley. A vote of thanks to the local company and ladies who had officiated at the tea tables was moved by Mr. A. Sellers, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and carried with applause. Mr. E. Dalingwater replied.

The president next presented the annual report and balance sheet, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Votes of thanks were accorded to the treasurer and hon. auditors.

The committee responsible for the report mentioned the great pleasure it was to present it on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Association. 'We are glad to have reached the honourable age of 75 years in full vigour and full possession of our faculties, and to be able to report yet another year of steady progress.'

### 1,575 MEMBERS

'Our numerical strength shows an increase of two—small, but in the right direction. Beginning the year with 1,573 members, we have elected 83 new members during the year, whilst 57 have been lapsed and 24 have died, leaving a membership of 1,575.'

'Amongst those who have passed on we would especially mention four. Harry C. Walters, of Pontefract Parish Church, had been for many years a member of the General Committee; George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, was a former vice-president of the Southern District; John Thorpe, steepkeeper at Sheffield Cathedral, had been a member of the Association since 1901; Fred Cryer, of Selby Abbey, who died at the age of 91, was a former vice-presi-

dent of the Eastern District. We salute these and other old stalwarts and gratefully acknowledge all that they did for the Exercise and in the service of the Association.'

The report recorded the 75th birthday celebrations at a meeting at Birstall, the birthplace of the Association, on November 4th, when the president preached at a special commemoration service.

### PEAL REPORT

The year's total of 144 peals was only four less than the new record which was set up last year. Again the number had been considerably augmented by the activities of a touring band which had a very successful ten days in Yorkshire. Peals had been rung in 82 churches and three at handbell centres. There were 19 members who rang their first peal and 271 instances of members ringing their first peal in one particular method. Ten members had called their first peal and the calling of the 144 peals had been shared by 50 conductors.

The analysis of peals shows once more that an ever-increasing variety of Surprise methods was being practised. This trend showed a refreshing spirit of progress, but the committee hoped that this did not mean that the simpler methods were being neglected, as they provided a valuable source of training and encouragement to the less experienced members. In this connection it was interesting to compare the number of 13 peals of London Surprise Major as against nine tower-bell peals of Plain Bob Major and five of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The number of Surprise methods which were new to the Association must easily be a record for any one year. The methods were Rutland, Pontefract, London and Aldenham Royal and Wakefield, Runnymede, Leeds, Reverse Doubles, Bradford, Southgate, Double Dublin Major and Bourne Surprise Minor. Pontefract Royal and Wakefield and Bradford Major were rung to a peal for the first time.

Coming to individual performances, the new peal secretary (Mr. W. Eric Critchley) was the top peal scorer for the year with 45 peals to his credit, and Mr. Gibson Jackson second with 38. Mr. J. E. Cawser once again headed the list of conductors having called 28 peals during the year. Congratulations were due to two brothers (Messrs. H. O. and N. Chaddock) who had passed their first century during the year.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

During the year all-round increases in subscriptions had been adopted, the full effect of which would not be felt until next year, but the cost of paper and printing continued to rise and it was by no means certain that the Association had turned the corner towards financial stability. There was a loss on the year's working of £13 18s. 4d.. On the capital account, the year ended with a balance of £235 5s. 5d., and on the yearly account of £53 7s. The Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £69 8s. 2d.

The next business was the election of president, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris moved the re-election of the Ven. C. O. Ellison, who, he said, filled the office with great distinction. Mr. E. Hudson seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The president said he was moved by the unanimous manner in which the members had re-elected him to office and he would do his utmost to fulfil it in the best interests of the Association.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected hon. peal secretary on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the next meeting, due by Rule on the third Saturday in September. It was felt that as the Snowdon Dinner was to take place at York on September 29th, it would be unwise to hold the meeting the week previous, and eventually it was decided to hold the meeting at York on September 29th, if local arrangements could be made. (Word has since been received that it will be possible.)

A motion to amend Rule III., the substance of which was to give the trustees a seat on the General Committee by Rule was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. S. Steel seconded; the motion was carried.

The following new members were elected: S. A. Jaine, J. A. Grace, J. S. Whithead, F. Livesey, J. Whitehead, H. Clegg and G. Slocombe (all of Marsden), H. Wilson, B. Chambers, T. W. Mann, H. Mason, E. Houldsworth, A. E. Hoodless, J. Scott and Miss Pamela Wood.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the president and principal officers, and an adjournment was made to the tower for further ringing.

A special article on the bells of St. George's, Doncaster, appears on page 394.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's Grave

A large number of London members of the Society travelled by rail and road to Birmingham on June 9th and were met on arrival by Albert Walker and George Fearn. A coach conveyed them to Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, where handbells were rung in the traditional College Youths' style, consisting of the three times three, and course of Stedman Triples, by H. Langdon 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, A. B. Peck 7-8.

The Master gave a short address at the graveside and said they had met together to honour the memory of one of the finest ringers who had ever graced the Exercise. The tribute would have been paid by the Birmingham members a year ago, when he was buried, had it been possible. W. H. Barber was a gentle, lovable man and although a giant in ringing matters, was modest and unassuming. He was greatly loved by all who had the privilege of knowing and ringing with him.

He was a pioneer in advanced methods of ringing but was never boastful. Ever ready to assist younger ringers with practical advice, he set them a high example. They did well to honour his memory as they had done that day

and would do well to resolve to follow the example he had set them. Might he rest in peace.

Returning to Birmingham, lunch was taken at Ye Olde Royal Hotel and ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Martin's, followed by a business meeting at St. Martin's Parish Hall. There was a large attendance of Midland College Youths and the Master particularly welcomed Adolphus Roberts, who has 62 years' membership. Mr. Evans of Cheltenham, who took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung, and W. T. Elson, of Putney, now well over 80 years of age. They also had the pleasure of the company of Mr. E. Alex. Young, who, in spite of advancing years, had specially made the journey to take part in honouring the memory of W. H. Barber.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect to T. H. Reeves, John Neal and H. Kilby, who had passed away recently.

Many new members were elected and Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Albert Walker and the Birmingham members who had made such splendid arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the party. It was a memorable meeting and will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.



# BELLS OF ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER

*In view of the recent visit of the Yorkshire Association to Doncaster for their annual meeting, the following article by Mr. Harold Walker is of special interest.*

THIS church, of cathedral-like proportions, is a well-known landmark to all travellers on the East Coast route to the North. It is in the early Decorated style, of cruciform design, surmounted by a massive central tower 180 feet in height. The dedication took place in 1858; Sir Gilbert Scott was the architect and Mr. Edmund Beckett Denison (later Lord Grimthorpe) was a leading member of the building committee.

The old church which stood on this site was founded about 1200 and its Perpendicular tower was completed in 1430. The entire building was destroyed by fire in 1853. The principal dimensions of the old building were incorporated into the new.

In the old churchyard was a memorial of the two sons of one, Robert Smith, leader of the ringers. One of the lads, John, whilst ringing, was carried up by the rope and received fatal injuries.

'These two youths was by misfortune serounded

One died of his wounds and t'other was drowned.'

The bells of Doncaster have a long and chequered history. In the churchwardens' accounts for 1577 the item occurs 'brass for the gudgeon of the bell.' In 1579 the churchwardens reported that 'They have yet to gather the arrears from them that had not paid their assessment to the bells casting.' In the same year they agreed to pay £20 to Mr. Bellingham, bellfounder for new metal put into two new bells. In 1592 the 'Ladye Bell' was recast.

In 1720 the old bells were cast into a ring of five by Daniel Hedderly, of Bawtry, the whole weighing some four tons. One of the bells was inscribed:—

'Daniel Hedderly cast us five. A.D.1720.'

A year later these bells were sent back to Hedderly to be used in the casting of a new ring of eight with a tenor of 29 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. Robert Southey, in his book, 'The Doctor,' described Hedderly's bells thus:—

'That same St. George's Church has a peal of eight tunable bells in the key of E flat, the first weighing seven hundred, one quarter, fourteen pounds.

'They were not christened, because they were not Roman Catholic bells, for in Roman Catholic countries church bells are christened with the intention of causing them to be held in greater reverence. The bells of St. George's Church, Doncaster, I say, were not christened because they were Protestant bells: for distinction's sake, however, we will name them as the bells of that unfortunate cat whom Johnny Green threw into the well.'

But it will be better to exhibit their relative weights in figures, so that they can be seen synoptically. Thus, then:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Bim the first .. .. .	7	1	14
Bim the second .. .. .	8	0	18
Bim the third .. .. .	8	2	6
Bim the fourth .. .. .	10	3	15
Bim the fifth .. .. .	13	1	0
Bim the sixth .. .. .	15	2	16
Bom .. .. .	22	1	0
Bell .. .. .	29	1	20

In 1749, James Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, was employed to tune the tenor and five others and to rehang four. In 1791 the 7th was recast by Thomas Hilton, of Wath. The tenor

was cracked by the clock hammer in 1834 and the whole ring, except the 7th, was recast by Thomas Mears.

Mears added new metal and when completed it was claimed the new ring was, with one exception, the heaviest ringing ring of eight in the kingdom. The dedication took place on July 29th, 1835. The dimensions of the bells were:—

Treble.—Note D; weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.; diameter 2 ft. 10 in.

2.—C sharp; 8 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.; 3 ft.

3.—B; 9 cwt. 1 qr.; 3 ft. 2 in.

4.—A; 12 cwt. 8 lb.; 3 ft. 6 in.

5.—G; 14 cwt. 2 qr.; 3 ft. 9 in.

6.—F sharp; 16 cwt. 23 lb.; 3 ft. 11 in.

7.—E; 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; 4 ft. 4 in.

Tenor.—D; 31 cwt. 24 lb.; 4 ft. 10 in.

The cost of recasting was defrayed by public subscription, the Corporation of Doncaster giving £50 and the Archbishop of York £20. The opening was attended by ringers from Rotherham and Sheffield. These bells were destroyed in the fire of 1853.

After the fire, four tons of bell metal were recovered from the ruins and this was used in the casting of a new ring of eight by Messrs. Warner and Co., in 1858. Mr. Edmund Beckett Denison, Q.C., who received his early education at the school presided over by Dr. Sharpe at the old Vicarage near the church, took a great interest in the rebuilding of the church and took full responsibility of the whole casting and hanging of the bells. The three back bells were inscribed:—

'Designed by Edmund Beckett Denison, cast by J. Warner and Co., London, 1858.'

The dimensions of these bells were:—

Treble.—Note E flat; weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.; diameter 2 ft. 7 in.

2.—D; 7 cwt. 11 lb.; 2 ft. 8½ in.

3.—C; 8 cwt. 10 lb.; 2 ft. 10 in.

4.—B flat; 9 cwt.; 3 ft. 1 in.

5.—A flat; 13 cwt.; 3 ft. 5 in.

6.—G; 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.; 3 ft. 7½ in.

7.—F; 21 cwt. 24 lb.; 4 ft.

Tenor.—E flat; 30 cwt. 1 qr.; 4 ft. 6 in.

In the new ring, Denison closely imitated, both in weight and tone, Hedderly's bells which, he maintained, were superior to the ring of Mears. This was one of the first rings to be designed entirely by Denison and in the hanging of it he introduced several new features, chief of which became later known as the Doncaster canon. The four back bells were maidens. The bells hung in two rows and swung north and south; those on the north side being, east to west, 6, 5, 4, 3, and on the south side, 7, 8, 1, 2. By modern standards the tone was rather hard.

In 1939 a restoration scheme was undertaken when Messrs. Taylor recast and rehung the bells in ball bearings. The tenor now weighs 30 cwt. 17 lb. with a note of C sharp. All who have heard them agree they are now a very beautiful ring and one of the best in the North of England.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Rutland branch held, for the first time, a meeting at Market Overton on June 9th. Visiting ringers came from Empingham, Preston, Wymondham, Ancaster and Great Ponton. Touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and April Day were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A business meeting followed tea, provided by Mrs. T. Newman. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. Reginald Scott. Four new members were elected together with three non-resident life-members. This meeting staged a welcome revival of ringing in Rutland.

## DEDICATION

### Arreton, Isle of Wight

In the presence of a representative congregation at St. George's Church, Arreton, on June 5th, the Bishop of Portsmouth (the Rt. Rev. W. L. S. Fleming) dedicated a new treble bell, making a ring of six in the tower.

The bell is the gift of Mr. C. B. Yates, of Arreton Manor, who has also defrayed the cost of rehangng the five old bells on new ball bearings, the contract having been successfully carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The old bells appear to have been cast at various dates, the earliest going back to 1559 and being inscribed 'In God is my trust.' Another, dated 1601, bears the names 'Oglander' and 'Henry Brett, Arreton,' and a third is inscribed 'Clement Tosier cut me,' with the date 1699. Though not hung, the sanctus bell is in the tower and is ascribed to the early 15th century. The inscription runs: 'Nicholas Serle and Alice, his wife, caused me to be made.' The new bell has the inscription 'To the glory of God,' and bears the name of the donor and the date 1951.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Martyn) and the lessons were read by Mr. W. Upton (Master of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mr. C. Allen (former churchwarden). Following the dedicatory prayers the new bell was rung, followed by the six bells, by Messrs. L. Orchard (capt.), A. Cook, J. Check, C. Gallop, P. Coombes and R. Draper.

Preaching from the text 'Hallowed by Thy Name,' the Bishop referred to the associations conjured up by the impact on the senses of particular sights, sounds and scents, and said that for most the sound of church bells had a very special meaning—the happy association of the wedding peal, the solemn sound of the muffled peal, the tolling of the tenor bell, the call to worship on Sundays, or the special occasions of national rejoicing.

When the bells were silenced during the war it was as if towns and villages had gone into mourning. Church bells were a part of the Christian heritage and their sound reminded the people of God's holiness. It had influence to soften the hard-hearted, gladden the sad, to be company for the sick, arouse the careless, warn the frivolous, and awaken all to the fact of God. With that message in mind, he had greatly valued the invitation to pay his first visit to Arreton Parish Church to dedicate the bell which Mr. Yates had given as a thank-offering to God for a church and village which he loved.

Ringng after the service was under the direction of Mr. Upton, visitors coming from Ventnor, East Cowes, Godshill, Freshwater and Newport. Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of Hinton Green, were welcome visitors. The ringers were entertained at the White Lion Hotel and they afterwards visited Arreton Manor where they rang handbells.

## SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild meeting held at South Benfleet on May 26th and attended by 27 ringers from eight towers, proved to be a very cheerful and friendly affair.

The Master, Mr. Philip Sadler, was in charge of the ringing, and concentrated mainly on the needs of the many novice members who were present, occasionally providing a break by introducing short touches of the more advanced methods.

At evensong, which was attended by the entire company, the Vicar, the Rev. R. Henthorne, caused some amusement with the text chosen for his address, but asked those present not to take it as a reflection on the quality of their striking.

Tea was provided at a local cafe and ringing was then resumed, being eventually concluded with a well-struck 120 of Grandsire by the local company, who are making excellent progress under the leadership of Mr. C. L. Matson.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## AUSTRALIA AND CANNED BELLS

Dear Sir,—We have been very interested in the articles and letters concerning 'Canned Ringing.'

Our church has no bells but an enthusiastic handbell society flourishes under Mr. E. L. Bennett, an old College Youth, who emigrated here from the Lake District some 25 years ago.

The Presbyterian Church opposite has an amplifying system connected to their tower and for some time played recordings before service. It must be pointed out that the town was very proud of these 'bells,' the nearest tower bells being 300 miles distant, and probably less than one per cent. of the district people had ever heard actual ringing.

On the invitation of the Minister, four members of our Society tried handbell ringing to see how they would sound over the amplifiers, and as results proved satisfactory, we now ring for service. This came to the ears of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and they took recordings of our handbell ringing—we were flattered.

We now have so many recruits that we have to hold two practice nights per week and, if we are ever able to afford a ring of tower bells (doubtful) we should have a fair team of beginners with some knowledge of the principles of elementary standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob at present—on which to draw.—Yours faithfully,

T. S. HENSHALL

Sec., St. Margaret's C. of E.  
Ringing Society.

Victoria, Australia.

## FESTIVAL CHURCH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some time ago 'The Ringing World' published a statement regarding ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, during the Festival of Britain; many ringers from the provinces must have noted these ringing times intending to get a pull whilst in town.

As one who made the journey in vain, might I ask that the position be clarified through these columns, to save others the annoyance and disappointment that I experienced.

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Sec., Shropshire Association, Broseley.

NOTE.—A report on the difficulties that have arisen appeared in the account of the proceedings of the Central Council.—Ed.

## DOUBLES DECISION

Dear Sir,—In your report of the Central Council meeting at Chester ('Ringing World,' May 25th, 1951), it is stated the Methods Committee, in their investigations of Doubles methods, are agreed 'that methods with one hunt should have a four-lead course.'

While this would do away with such methods as St. Dunstan's, it would also rule out Itchingfield Slow Course, one of the few Doubles methods that complies with the rule that no bell shall lay more than two consecutive blows in one place.

I do feel that this fine method is much to be preferred to any that have 'four blows at the back or at the lead when the treble is leading or lying behind respectively.'—Yours truly,

J. DAVEY.

Northampton.

## CLEMENT TOSIER

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers provide any information on one, Clement Tosier. This man was responsible for the sanctus bell in our parish church (Godshill, I.W.) in 1703; also for the third at Arretton, I.W., in 1699. From a recent report in 'The Ringing World' this same man cast the tenor at Cranbourne, Dorset, in 1713.

I would be pleased to know where his foundry was situated or whether he was a travelling founder.—Yours faithfully,

Godshill, I.W.

L. BAILEY.

## ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

Dear Sir,—In the report of the C.C. meeting at Eastbourne last year, one expected to read in the account of the activities of the Literature and Press Committee some reference to the 'Bellringer's Guide' by Mr. R. H. Dove.

The reason for the omission, as passed on to me secondhand, was that the Guide had been published too near the date of the Conference for it to be included, but that it would be mentioned 'next year,' i.e., at Chester. Having regard to the fact that the Guide was published approximately six weeks before the Eastbourne Conference, this did not appear to me to be a very convincing reason. If it was, in fact, given as the reason, it becomes even less convincing when:—

(a) No mention was made of the Guide at Chester, and

(b) Mr. Morris' book, which came out about the same time before the Chester Conference, yet manages to get quite a notable mention; see page 346, 'Ringing World.'

Why this difference of treatment?

Which of these books constitutes the greater contribution to ringing literature must remain a matter of individual opinion, and from the point of view of the treatment of the authors, makes no matter. If only on account of the difference in the price it is probable that the Guide will have a greater number of sales; and it will be studied assiduously by an even larger circle who are yet too mean to expend five shillings and possess their own copy.

The position remains—that here are two men, both of whom go to a prodigious amount of trouble and research (and probably expense) to produce two books, both of which are notable contributions to ringing literature, and yet one author is ignored and the other praised. Why this discrimination?

I have met neither Mr. Dove nor Mr. Morris, though I have had correspondence with both at various times, so this letter is not prompted by any personal feelings except that it would appear, on the evidence available, that a great injustice has been done to Mr. Dove. There must be many ringers like myself who are wondering just why there has been this very obvious discrimination.

A Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee clearly should carry out its work without partiality, favour or affection, but these virtues appear to be missing in this case. However, it is undoubtedly the fact that there is always something to be said on both sides, and we have not yet had an explanation from the Committee in question. I trust that the Committee will take a very early opportunity to explain, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' just why no mention was made by them, at either Eastbourne or Chester, of Mr. Dove's Guide.

If I were in Mr. Dove's shoes I should be feeling very aggrieved about this, whilst Mr. Morris, if he is the man I judge him to be, must be feeling not a little uncomfortable at the flattery he received in such striking contrast to the snub administered to Mr. Dove. Clearly, in the interests of equity, the matter cannot be allowed to rest as it is, so, Messrs. the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, over to you for an explanation.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER.

Apperley House,  
Apperley, Glos.

NOTE.—We feel certain that it was purely accidental on the part of the convener of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee that reference to Mr. Dove's excellent book was omitted from the annual report of the Committee.—Ed.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Marion R. Young (first of Triples) 1. Janet D. Cuddy (first 'inside') 2. Patricia Holloway 3. L. Hall 4. Mrs. H. Smith 5. J. G. Day 6. H. Smith (cond.) 7. W. Hunt 8. A Festival of Britain quarter.

## BLOCKING OF LOUVRES

Dear Sir,—Within the last three or four weeks mention has been made of two points on which I should like to make a brief comment.

(a). I was glad, at the Central Council meeting, to hear Mr. Osborn give a word of warning against blocking up louvres. There are undoubtedly cases in which such action has caused deterioration in the sound of the bells as heard from outside. In a very large number of towers, owing to the bells being hung too high in relation to the towers, their sound is too strident in the immediate vicinity of the church, but judging by practical experience, the best way to deal with this defect is to place a lining of felt on wooden frames inside the louvres. Incidentally, this has the further advantage of keeping birds out of the tower. By this means the sound of the bells is not in any way obstructed but simply rendered less harsh in tone.

(b). In publishing 'Peals and Touches rung for the Festival of Britain,' you state that most of the reports received coupled the Festival with the Feast of Ascension. Permit me to express the hope that the prominence given to Ascension Day this year will have the effect of inspiring the ringers of this country to make it their regular practice to honour that much-neglected Festival with a quarter peal or other special effort.—Yours sincerely,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Junction Hotel,  
Dorchester.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

On May 26th a motor coach was standing outside Mancroft at 7.30 a.m. It was still there at 7.45. However, the quick and the late were eventually united and off we went, the crowd growing snowball-like at Wymondham, Attleborough, etc., until Baldock was reached about 10.30. The eight (tenor 26 cwt. in D) recently doctored for one or two small matters, were rung to Cambridge, etc.; then on to Luton, where the delightful ten (tenor 25 cwt. in D) gave much pleasure. After Stedman, Treble Ten, etc., off to Dunstable, where the grand Priory Church, with its splendid Norman doorway, arches, etc., was most impressive: Cambridge, etc., sounded well on the eight here.

It seemed more suitable to feed ourselves than to feed the lions at Whipsnade nearby, so on to Woburn for lunch, where Mr. Harris had interesting stories to tell of the 55 cwt. 'great bell' which—once hung in Woburn Church. After lunch it was a pleasure to greet several famous characters whose names have doubtless appeared in the peal columns since, as they were going for a peal as soon as we had warmed the bells up for them. We liked Woburn (eight, 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D) very much, for its bells, its park and for the interest of its Victorian Gothic church.

Then to Kempston (eight, 18½ cwt. in D) in a charming situation by a river, followed by a perhaps even more charmingly situated church at Bromham, surrounded by trees and meadows, and with a fine eight (tenor 23 cwt. in D). Our friends at Bedford had provided a grand tea in the Church Hall, after which the eight at St. Peter's, Bedford (tenor 12½ cwt. in F), proved good fun: ringing the 7th to Superlative there is as good exercise for the neck as watching a table tennis match. Then to the fine church of St. Paul, Bedford, whose grand ten (tenor 28½ cwt. in D) brought the ringing part of the day to a triumphant end, with Stedman Caters, etc.

After extended greetings in a certain place in Bedford, we arrived back in Norfolk in good time to ring for our various morning services. Hearty thanks to all clergy for permission to ring, to Nolan Golden, our brilliant organiser, and to all steeplekeepers and others who so kindly welcomed us; we look forward to doing the same for them any time they like to visit us.

G. T.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION South and West District

In glorious sunshine, the first meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, took place on June 2nd, when the ten here and the eight at St. Mary's were rung from rounds up to Surprise Major.

The ten were originally cast by the White-chapel foundry in 1726 for St. Dionis', Backchurch, Fenchurch Street. These were transferred to All Hallows', Lombard Street, in 1878, when St. Dionis' was demolished, the fifth having been recast in 1750. Many ringers will remember the bells before All Hallows' was demolished in 1939. Most of the fittings were transferred to the new church of All Hallows on the Great Chertsey Road, Twickenham, including the very fine recoros, Harris organ, some splendid Grinling Gibbons carving and the magnificent unbuttressed tower, hidden in Lombard Street, but now a landmark for miles around.

During the war the bells were stored at White-chapel, awaiting a new home. Largely due to the efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. A. Charles, himself an enthusiastic ringer, the bells were returned to their tower. They are hung one floor lower to minimise tower sway and to reduce sound in the immediate vicinity of the tower. They were re-opened at a special service, by the Bishop of Kensington, on Sunday, March 11th, when the first rounds and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung here by five College Youths and five Middlesex County ringers. The bells are a fine ten for their weight, tenor 19½ cwt., total weight 95½ cwt.

It was sometimes difficult to persuade enough ringers to remain inside to ring the ten, as many wanted to hear them out in the sunshine. Several of the keen, local band being taught by the Vicar were given their first rounds on ten. After the service, taken by the Vicar, a very good tea was generously provided in St. Mary's Hall by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the short, quarterly business meeting.

The Rev. J. H. A. Charles was elected a ringing member. The next meetings are to be held at Egham, Staines and Old Windsor on June 23rd, Hampton and Sunbury on July 27th, and Hillingdon and Uxbridge on August 24th. After deaf ears had been turned to an appeal for subscriptions, approval was given to the secretary's proposal to buy a new minute book, minutes having been kept on loose-leaf for some years. Following the customary votes of thanks to the Vicars and the tea organisers, the meeting adjourned to St. Mary's.

The tower had been closed for some weeks whilst the church interior was redecorated. By moving one or two planks, ringing was accomplished through a maze of scaffolding. The bells were kept going with hardly a rest in a wide variety of methods, until 8.45 p.m. Peter Bond will long remember this as the first tower where a hole was made for him to ring the tenor! A wooden platform over the porch steps, extending the floor level, was removed for him. G. D.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN East Norfolk Branch

Thirty-eight members attended the branch meeting at Ranworth on June 2nd, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Everard) who also gave an interesting account of the history of the church.

Following tea in the Church Room, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, when Mr. M. J. Dack was elected a member, and Miss D. R. Ford and Mr. G. Ford life members of the Association.

Norton Subcourse was selected for the meeting on July 21st. After thanks to the Vicar and those who had arranged tea, ringing was resumed in methods to suit all present.

## ST. THOMAS', BRISTOL A Lucky Escape in Superhuman Task

The bells of St. Thomas's, Bristol, have, as far as is known by ancient ringers of the city, never been rung to any length in a major method, and several attempts at a quarter have failed due to stamina on the part of the heavy enders (tenor reputed 28 cwt.).

On June 10th it was conceived that the right band had been picked, and at 8 p.m. away we went to Plain Bob, ably conducted by John Thomas. Very soon the strength of Truman was being tested on the 6th, whilst Fred Hancock kept the tenor going, although warming up after four courses.

At 8.33 p.m. Fred called 'stand,' and another attempt had failed. He made a remark: 'I'll come up and help anyone out to ring a quarter, the tenor is theirs.' The gentleman on the 7th, bubbling with energy, suggested that there was a weakness somewhere, and on being challenged took the tenor for a touch of Plain Bob.

The bells were once again put into rounds but the tenor was on its way to lead, and only by a superhuman effort was it brought back up to 8th's place, and only then for two places to be made before away it sailed and all the strength of a policeman failed to get it back, with the remark from him that 'The more I pull, the more rope I get.'

The bells were lowered, the tenor being the first down. With an amount of joking from the other seven, the tenor man sat down with a wet shirt, somewhat disgusted.

An examination of the bell in question revealed that the headstock bolts had snapped, the clapper bolt being the only means of keeping the bell to the headstock, hanging on like a loose tooth, and, fortunately, no other damage.

So the bells of St. Thomas's still defy the 'Quarter of Major men,' and they will have to wait until repairs have been effected before another attempt is made. 'PHEW.'

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Ringing Progress in Wirral Branch

Another milestone has been passed in Wirral with the ringing of a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods. Previously a peal of Surprise Royal (although possessing only rings of six and eight bells), a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and peals of Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 and 18 methods had been rung by bands of ringers drawn from this Branch.

The peal in 21 methods was specially arranged for Mr. John Cooke, who has been the pioneer of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing in Wirral, and who conducted the first ever Spliced Surprise Minor peal for the Guild to be rung by a Sunday service band.

Mr. Cooke's name has for many years been associated with progress in Wirral, as all his ringing career has been spent in training ringers in this area, and he is possessed of the gift of being able to impart his knowledge to all who make a genuine effort to progress. Moreover, his considerable knowledge of conducting has been readily available and nothing has pleased him more than to see young ringers progressing in this sphere. Consequently most of the Wirral ringers who have become competent Surprise method ringers, at some time or another have come under his influence.

Recently, some of his post-war spade-work bore fruit when the Sunday service band at Bidston accomplished a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 methods.

It must, therefore, be gratifying to Mr. Cooke to be able to participate in this 21-methods peal with ringers all of whom he could claim to have taught. The conductor takes this opportunity of expressing to him his thanks for all the assistance he has so willingly given and also, on behalf of the band, wishes him many years of ringing happiness in his impending retirement.

## OUTINGS ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cambridge District

On June 9th a party of 21 members and friends of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association had a day's ringing in Suffolk for their summer outing.

Leaving Cambridge at 8 a.m. and picking up en route, we arrived at Stoke-by-Clare in good time and a pleasant hour was spent ringing this delightful six. Then on to Foxearth, where great difficulty was experienced in handling the light eight, made more difficult by the clock-case in the centre of the circle. At Sudbury some very enjoyable ringing was had on the eight at All Saints'. Mr. A. Fitch of the local band met the party and after ringing, an adjournment was made to the Four Swans Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

Then on to Lavenham to spend a very enjoyable hour with Mr. Stedman Symonds and that grand ring of bells. Permission having been obtained by phone at lunch time (after an earlier refusal) to ring at Long Melford, we were met by Mr. V. Ambrose, and after ringing, adjourned to The Old House for tea.

The next ring was at Cavendish, a nice six, where local ringers awaited the company.

The last tower was Clare, with Mr. Sam Twitchett. An enjoyable ring followed on these rather difficult eight bells. Cambridge was reached after 11 p.m. H. L. M.

## ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL Visit to the Shakespeare Country

The St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol, held their annual outing on June 9th, being a motor coach trip to the Cotswolds and Shakespeare country. An early start was made at 7.30 a.m., the first stop being at North-leach, an interesting place, nestling in the folds of the Cotswolds, its fine old church containing a lovely ring of eight, which was made good use of for one hour. After light refreshments a move was made into Warwickshire, where at Leamington Spa a ring on the nice eight was enjoyed. Everyone was then ready for lunch, which was disposed of with great relish.

A move was made to Stratford-on-Avon, through Warwick with its ancient castle. At Stratford we were met by two of the local ringers, and thoroughly enjoyed ringing on the beautiful ring of ten. Some of the party tried their skill at rowing on the river, without accident. After tea the journey was continued to Tanworth-in-Arden, with its recently-augmented ring of eight, which is very similar to our own bells and cast by the same foundries.

After an hour here, which was greatly enjoyed, and wishing goodbye to Mr. Jones, we turned our direction homewards, travelling through the lovely Vale of Evesham, Broadway and Winchcombe to Cleve Hill, where the panorama of the surrounding country was much admired. The last call was at Barnwood, Gloucestershire, where we were met by Mr. L. Barry and Mr. C. Larnier and were soon enjoying a very nice supper and a social evening to wind up a delightful day. Home was reached in safety by 11 p.m. with everyone thoroughly tired, but having enjoyed every minute of a splendid outing amidst glorious scenery. F. S.

## OLDHAM, LANCs

On May 26th, Oldham Parish Church ringers, together with friends, spent an enjoyable half day among Cheshire towers.

The first stop was at Bowdon, where the ringing preceded a meeting. On then to Warburton, a heavy eight, equally comparable with the lovely surrounding country.

After a pleasant trip to Macclesfield and a superb tea at the Bull's Head Inn, the last tower of the day was at Christ Church, where the pleasant ten were a delight to all. Everyone had now satisfied his ringing thirst except the youngest member, who wanted yet another course on the treble.



**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, F. W. Rishworth 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. Williams 4, A. Rainey 5, J. L. Gray 6, D. Knowles 7, G. Davis 8, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 9, H. Dickens 10. For the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

**ASFOEDBY, LEICS.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Zanker (first quarter) 1, E. Lomas 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, H. Bell 5, A. Thompson 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Stephen Read, age 78, Asfordby's oldest ringer.

**BEKESBOURNE, KENT.**—On June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Gambrell 1, W. C. E. Goldup 2, T. F. Young 3, J. Walter 4, S. Walter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Warboys 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, N. Round-Turner 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. First quarter Stedman for 1, 4, 8. A birthday compliment to the secretary, Mr. H. M. White.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Thompson 1, L. Briggs 2, R. Brown 3, D. White 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A compliment to the new Mayor and Mayoress, also a birthday compliment to the mother of F. Leggett. On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Swann (first quarter) 1, D. White 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, G. Burrell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. E. Wallage, a chorister at this church.

**CANTERBURY.**—At the Cathedral on June 11th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Unwin 1, J. Walter 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, Mrs. B. Chatfield 4, S. G. White 5, F. R. Weller (cond.) 6, F. J. Wells 7, S. Walter 8, B. J. Luck 9, R. G. French 10. First quarter on the rehung bells. Rung to mark the opening of the Canterbury Festival Exhibition.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Muller 1, G. Francis 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, A. R. Price 4, F. Russell 5, J. Evans 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, S. Barker 8.

**CHICHELEY, BUCKS.**—On June 5th, 1,272 Minor (360) Disley Delight, 720 Trinity Sunday, 192 Cambridge: J. Hilson 1, C. G. Woodhead 2, P. I. Chapman 3, S. Woodcock 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, B. S. Cope 6. First quarter in these methods by all the band.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, R. K. C. Wilkins 4, D. Neal 5, G. A. Adams (first quarter in method as cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 4.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On June 3rd, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, W. Oatway 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich by 2 and 3.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's on June 10th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, H. Fletcher 2, Miss Winifred M. Elliott 3, J. W. Glew 4, W. C. Bond 5, B. Barker 6, W. Shaw 7 (covering). A farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving the district.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hudson 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, C. Gay 3, Miss R. Lund 4, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 5, G. Gurney 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Tomlin 1, F. Tomlin 2, H. Deacon (first in method) 3, H. Baker 4, G. Taylor 5, Grant 6, A. E. Beane (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8. Birthday compliment to conductor, tenor ringer and sister of the ringer of the 3rd.

**GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.**—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. J. R. Spicer 3, A. Clements 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

**GREAT HORKESELEY, ESSEX.**—On June 9th, 1,440 (one extent St. Clement's, one extent Oxford Minor): F. Bloomfield 1, G. Page 2, M. Page 3, R. Talbot 4, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 5, G. W. Barnes 6.

**GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Franklin 1, F. Warrington 2, H. S. Peacock 3, R. F. Baker 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Capt. E. H. J. Duberly.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Saddington (first quarter) 1, O. Payne 2, D. M. Newell 3, C. Palmer 4, C. Underwood 5, A. J. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting 8. Rung for the opening of the local Festival of Britain week.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. Gant 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, H. Long 4, A. R. Chapman 5, T. East 6, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A 79th birthday compliment to the towerkeeper, Mr. F. J. Freestone.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOWDEN, YORKS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. B. Smith 1, A. Tate 2, J. J. Taylor 3, C. W. King 4, E. Philpot 5, W. A. Hudson (cond.) 6, E. Newham 7, H. Howcroft 8. A 74th birthday compliment to R. B. Smith.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,299 Grandsire Caters: A. L. Pearson 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, D. J. Charney 6, J. D. Moxley (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 7, H. W. Rogers 8, F. D. Bishop (first quarter Grandsire Caters as cond.) 9, S. Croft 10.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Preston (first quarter) 1, S. Jukes 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, B. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. A. H. Messiter, Vicar from 1913-1935.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Saturday, May 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Scott 1, A. Rushton 2, Enid Preston 3, A. King 4, J. Rushton 5, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough 7, H. Burton (first quarter Caters as cond.) 8, R. Kendall 9, C. Mann 10. First quarter of Grandsire by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Storey (first quarter) 1, Joan Brandon 2, R. Scott (cond.) 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand (first quarter on the bells) 5.

**NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: J. Hilson 1, C. G. Woodhead 2, S. Woodcock 3, B. S. Cope 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, P. I. Chapman 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Bob Triples: T. Putwin 1, R. Dixon (first 'inside') 2, I. Dear 3, J. Collings 4, R. Webb 5, M. Collings 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 are all under 15 years.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKS.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Cotton (first of Doubles) 1, Miss J. Cotton (first of Doubles) 3, J. W. Cotton 4, A. J. Twigger 5, W. R. Beebe 6, J. W. F. Trotman 7, E. Wilson 8. Rung with 7.8 covering.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—At St. Mary's on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Cordwell (first quarter) 1, D. Seville (first 'inside') 2, G. R. Fairlie 3, H. Barlow 4, J. T. Walsley 5, D. J. Gay 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, V. Sykes 8. A 15th birthday tribute to Joan Cordwell.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Aldate's on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Barrett 1, Miss A. Rodwell 2, Miss M. Biedermann 3, J. Venn (first quarter) 4, D. Woodley (cond.) 5, T. Bowles 6. A farewell compliment to Miss M. Biedermann. At St. Ebbe's on May 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Beckitt 1, D. Hill 2, S. Rymer 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, C. Coles 5, N. G. McCrum 6, P. Border 7, F. Wright (cond.) 8. Rung for the service of dedication of the parish war memorial. At St. Mary Magdalen's on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brighid M. Rose 1, O. M. Slaney (first quarter on tower bells) 2, M. Elizabeth Roe (cond.) 3, W. G. Thomas 4, F. P. Wright 5, K. M. Grayson 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On June 5th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. H. Myers 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, H. W. Milford 4, R. A. Southwood 5, G. K. Dodd (first quarter Stedman Caters) 6, J. H. Tippet 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, A. W. Myers 9, C. A. Jones 10. A farewell to G. K. Dodd, who is leaving for Korea.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bartholomew (first quarter) 1, Jean Edwards (first of Triples) 2, E. Hotine (first quarter) 3, B. N. G. Hall (first quarter) 4, F. H. Crook 5, T. J. Clark 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, W. H. Edwards 8. A birthday compliment to Jean Edwards.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, A. T. Langstone (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. and William Booth, mother and brother of the 3rd ringer.

**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Green 1, Miss A. Jenkins 2, A. G. Hazelden 3, J. Parsons 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Ashby 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

**ST. PETER-IN-TANET, KENT.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howes 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 5, W. J. Fairbeard 6, F. Gadsdon 7, G. J. Appleton 8.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan M. Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Lowe, for many years choirmaster and organist.

**WIGTOFT, Lincs.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. A. Porter 1, P. Reynolds 2, L. H. Taylor 3, R. J. Townton 4, J. W. Bailey (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Padley 6.

**WROTHAM, KENT.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, T. Saunders 2, W. R. Manser 3, Miss E. M. Sills 4, J. Medhurst 5, L. Hones 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, C. E. East 8.

## OBITUARY

### MR. C. L. SADLER

The death has recently taken place of Mr. C. L. Sadler, of Hereford, who was one of the oldest members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was a native of Ross-on-Wye, where he first learned to ring about 60 years ago. He later lived at Newent, Glos., where he joined the local ringers. Later he kept a grocery business at Leintwardine, Salop, and encouraged the band there to make progress with Minor methods.

In the 1930's he went to live at Hereford, keeping a grocery business at Oxford Street and became attached to the tower of All Saints'. He organised a considerable number of peals in neighbouring counties for Ross and Hereford ringers and on these occasions was accustomed to entertain the company to an excellent tea from his car.

Mr. Sadler had rung about 150 peals for the Hereford Guild and there were few towers in the Diocese at which he had not rung.

### MR. EVERED J. WALSON

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. E. J. Walsom, at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, on Tuesday, June 5th, at the age of 78, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. 'Jimmy,' as he was known to his friends, was one of the old school of ringers, having started at a very early age.

He was the first secretary of the West Middlesex Association previous to its amalgamation into the Middlesex Association, and one of the last survivors of the old band at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, where he commenced his ringing career.

Mr. Walsom was an excellent striker and safe ringer. Sunday service ringing took first place with him, although he enjoyed taking part in a peal with his friends. He was widely known and held in great respect by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and also the Middlesex, Kent and Oxford Associations. Another of his interests in life was bowls, he being a member of Middlesex Bowling Association for many years. He was a great philanthropist, having been a member of the local Philanthropic Society for 53 years. He was a past president, trustee and a life member for 20 years, his motto being 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you.' His was a lovable nature.

The funeral service took place on June 9th at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ealing, conducted by the Vicar of Ealing, followed by cremation.

Unfortunately the bells were not available on the day of the funeral, but on June 11th a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a token of respect and farewell to an English gentleman.

### 5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

#### IN 12 METHODS

By H. G. CASHMORE

23456	M	W	H
45236	—	—	Lon., Sup. Rut.
24536	—	—	Ash., Rad., Berks.
52436	—	—	Berks. Rad., Ash.
43526	—	—	Rut., Pud., Wem.
54326	—	—	Eal., Yorks, Eal.
32546	—	—	Wem., Camb., Eal.
53246	—	—	Wem., Camb., Wem.
25346	—	—	Eal., Yorks, Lon.
64352	—	—	Lon., Pud., Rut.
56342	—	3	Rut., Sup. Lon, Bris., Bris.

Four times repeated

First rung 'in hand' at Bushey Heath, Herts on April 25th, 1951.

### ST. MARY'S, WALTON-ON-THAMES

A very enjoyable outing was spent on Whit Monday by the ringers and their wives. The first stop was at Romsey Abbey, then to Bourne-mouth, with ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's. Ringing for the very good day concluded at Farnham on the way home.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—16

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 380.)

ON January 1st, 1887, Mr. Fussell records going to St. Bride's, Fleet Street, to ring and says: 'Barry made a good start by coming round quite tipsy and was unable to strike the tenor properly—the bell set itself once, much to Barry's surprise, who pulled it off again, after a rest of several rounds. He also fell off the box and made us all laugh. The ringing was bad as a choirman, an amateur at present, formed one of the band, the same person who made a mess of the "midnight firing," his bell being all over the place, although he tried to do well when the Vicar was present, who noticed his inability to ring properly. All adjourned to the pub close by and received the ringing fees. I got 4s. for St. Bride's and 2s. 8d. for St. Sepulchre's from Moore and Lovett, the respective steeplekeepers.' . . . He then went on to Croydon (St. John's) for a peal which was lost after two hours owing to the 7th man being unable to continue . . . he asked Carpenter to call the bells home after 181 leads. The peal was a one-part composed and conducted by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the first calls S. B. B. S. the 4th called three times "before" only throughout.'

Next day he went to Romford where he met Perkins and Keeble. They clogged the bells and 'we heard some really good striking by James Nash 7-8, Perkins 6-5-4-3 and Keeble 1-2, who chimed a touch of 300 Grandsire Triples, plain course of Stedman and 3 leads Treble Bob. . . . Now this man (James Nash) chimed the methods well and yet has not rung 120 Grandsire Doubles simply for want of opportunity to try, there being no local band. Saw the Romford Ringers' Book, 1755, and other items of interest. A novelty Perkins showed me was a really good hearthrug made out of old bell sallies. He paid our rail fare, but we gave 2s. for the children, of which there are 7.' Mr. Fussell then says he just missed the train and had to wait, and 'contented ourselves looking round the town—Perkins pointing out various places where they received Christmas boxes, saying at intervals: 'get 2s. 6d. there . . . five bob at this shop . . . 2s. here' and so on.'

### NEWSON AND ROMFORD

In additional notes on Romford, he says: 'Newson worked and lived at Romford some years ago. He lost a very good place through being too easy as foreman with the workmen. Very often some shavings with pencil figures on were found which he had evidently been writing on a board and had planed off, after doing a little pricking out or composing on the quiet. He often said if he had the chance he would go back again. It would be a bad job for the Cumberlands if he did.'

Early in this year (1887) Mr. Fussell had bad luck with many peal attempts, perhaps the most disappointing being at St. Giles'. Cripplegate, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost after 3½ hours and when only 12 changes more to go and 9—11 shifted during a series of bobs called to bring them round. The band was Newson, Rogers, Hannington, Titchener, Fussell, Dains, Jacob, Swain, Doran, Chapman, F. Pitstow and Smith. He says: 'I felt sorry for Pitstow, his being one of the bells wrong and him coming so far to ring in the peal.' Later he states: 'Dains had a lot of figures and diagrams of a new method. "Duffield" from Percival Heywood.'

He describes a visit to Willesden old church: 'a small, pretty little place, very neat and compact in appearance; belfry small, light bells, tenor 9 cwt. Awkward ladder to climb up to ringing room; a small peal board in tower records two 720's of Minor rung by College Youths in 1793 at opening of the six bells.

After a chat with Kilby, the captain, I went to an old house and had tea where Jack Sheppard had been to and supposed to have slept on several occasions.'

### HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED 'IN HAND'

March 10th, he records among other items: 'At the Goose and Gridiron, Holt's one-part of G.T. was rung, non-conducted, by Winney, McLaughlin, Mitchell and Buckingham—a creditable job? Later he heard an attempt for Holt's 10-part, which was lost, and he adds: 'I heard a deal about the non-conducted peal and can judge that it was a really good performance and well done, the band, too, a young one. Winney is certainly a remarkable man at handbell ringing and is one that will have a peal rung true or else he will at once stop.'

### A VISIT TO SQUIRE PROCTOR

The same month he went to Bennington—walking four miles from Knebworth Station. He says it is 'a very pretty, out-of-the-way village. After waiting for Pitstow and others, W. C. Baker, of Hertford, met us. We attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but in a preliminary touch Newson broke the 2nd stay while I was listening to the bells. Starting for the peal I let the bell over. After getting it right again, we got no farther. Squire Proctor came in and rang some touches. Went to the 'Bell' till 10 p.m., this county hour of closing being much too early for us. Arranged to go for peal in the morning. Newson and I slept together and got up at 6 a.m. Had a good breakfast (4 eggs each!). Started for peal at 7 a.m. but failed, so touches of Superlative and Cambridge were rung till 8.30. Rang for morning service 10 a.m. I made several sketches. Dined comfortably at the 'Bell,' Chapman having brought a piece of mutton for us. Met again at 2 p.m. and attempted peal of Superlative but failed after 51 minutes. The Squire came and rang . . . invited us to his house and we were taken to his library in which was a large ring of handbells (about 50). Several pictures of large bells and a bookcase crammed with papers from which he produced several pictures of J. Miller, Haworth and himself and figured courses of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, each carefully mounted on cloth and labelled at the back. He gave us some apples and plenty of ale, and rang 3-4 in a course of Caters. He was highly pleased with a touch of Triples we rang and listened very attentively. We left in time to ring for evening service. . . . I heard that Leonard Proctor came into his estate in a very poor condition and a heavy mortgage to pay off. This accounts for the careful manner in which the house and property is maintained.'

### WITHIN THE MAZE

'Easter Monday, got up at 10 a.m. and went to Cornhill to hear Stedman Cinques by College Youths, who had rung about 15 minutes when I arrived, but stopped after 1½ hours through a shift. The ringing was not up to their standard, several of the "front middle" bells striking unevenly with the big ones. Young band. Numerous ringers were about, listening in all the courts and passages which form a kind of "maze" about the Church of St. Michael. Most of them were, unfortunately, in a public house called "The Bell" just as the ringing ceased, the time being about 11 a.m., the general hour of morning refreshment! Most of the band came in and presented a very humble appearance. I never collectively saw such a band come into a house after a failure with more downcast appearance. The bad striking, the short attempt for such a long job, the shifting of two bells was, no doubt, disappointing to the older members who rang. Several members up from the

country and arrangements soon made by various conductors to attempt a peal somewhere or other in the suburbs. I learned afterwards a band tried for treble-10 at Fulham; another for Grandsire Triples at Putney, this being the only successful peal of the day.' Stedman Triples was lost at Lambeth. The Cumberlands attempted Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's and lost it after 51 minutes, then they went to St. Clement Danes', hoping to try for one there but met short, and as a finale to the day, went to St. Andrew's, Wells Street, but arrived too late to see the steeple-keeper, so didn't get into the tower. 'Not at all a pleasant day; in the future I hope to go into the country for a day's ringing. In London too much refreshment is drunk to get good ringing. . . . if you don't get a peal when in the country, you have a good day's outing.'

Mr. Fussell seems to have struck a bad patch at this time for after a good many attempts and failures says: 'I have had a very unsuccessful run of failures—it makes me feel inclined not to trouble about ringing at all.' Then they met at St. Giles', Bloomsbury, and rang 3 hours 5 minutes in Cambridge Surprise when a trip shifted the bells and stand was called. 'Our disappointment was bitter, so much so that none of us spoke to each other for some time, our looks were sufficient. I shall never forget Newson's face and manner when he let the 3rd bell down in a very sudden and spiteful manner.'

### HOLT'S 10-PART 'IN HAND' NON-CONDUCTED

April 20th, 1887. Mr. Fussell went and witnessed Mitchell, Buckingham, Winney and McLaughlin make a successful attempt for Holt's 10-part non-conducted, which they did in 2 hours 24½ minutes. 'No sound or intimation of correction was given by anyone at any time during the ringing. The room was very close. W. H. George heard a good deal of the last part outside. I was the only one present as a witness. The band was pleased to finish the peal as they had made several attempts.'

(To be continued.)

### REDEDICATION

#### St. John the Baptist's, Coltishall, Norfolk

This charming village on the Bure, on the edge of Broadland, was the meeting place on June 9th of 50 or so ringers from Norfolk and beyond who had come to re-open the bells after their rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. They now form a nice-going ring of six (tenor 10 cwt. 25 lb. in G), and as they have been hung lower in the tower the sound is nicely modulated outside and the general stability increased.

The service, at 3 p.m. was taken by the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, V.C., Rector of Coltishall; the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norfolk Diocesan Association, read the lesson and the bells were rededicated to their task by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Prayers followed for God's blessing on the bells, for the craftsmen who made and hung them, for all who should ring them, all who listen, and the faithful departed.

In his sermon, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow said that the effort of rehanging Coltishall bells was only the local part of a great nation-wide effort which must be made soon if, after years of war and difficulty, the dearly-loved parishes of England were to be prevented from following the abbeys into ruin. We have lost so many lovely things from our land, he said: are we to lose our parish churches as well? Saying that all material things only find their true meaning in life, and in the way people make them live, he asked all to encourage the ringers and to consider ringing themselves.

Tea was kindly provided by the Mothers' Union, and afterwards the ringers adjourned to the tower for ringing from rounds to London; thus ended a most pleasant afternoon.



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## BIRTH

WATSON.—On Saturday, June 16th, 1951, at 84, Pioneer Avenue, Burton Latimer, to Enid (née Walklate), wife of Geoff Watson, a daughter, Ruth Margaret. 9054

## FOR SALE

'RINGING WORLDS' complete; 1911-1918 bound; 1919-1931 in covers; rest unbound. Also 'Bell News' 1907-11 loose. What offers?—W. Hewett, 119, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5. 9051

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## MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH.—Annual outing—Those taking part please note: Daventry 7.10; Staverton 7.20; Newnham 7.30; Weedon 7.45; Flore 7.50; Harpole Turn 8; Bugbrook 8.10; Heyford 8.15; Charwelton 8.35. Please be punctual.—F. W. Hancock. 9052

BURNHAM (BUCKS) BELLS.—Ringers are invited to Burnham's Festival of Britain parade on Sunday, June 24th, at 2 p.m., when collections will be taken to liquidate the debt on the bells. Service follows procession at Lent Green. Bus service Maidenhead or Slough every 15 minutes. If you cannot attend, send donation to Geo. Gilbert, 29, Salisbury Avenue, Slough. 9048

TO BELLRINGERS, TEAM AND TOWER SECRETARIES.—Good durable mufflers at keenest prices; post free. Apply to Wilfrid Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, Yorks. 9068

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

## MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Melbourne, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 9030

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX, OXFORD JOINT.—Meeting at Egham, June 23rd. Bells: Egham (8) 3—5, 6—7.30; Staines, St. Peter's (8) 3—5; Old Windsor (8) 7—9. Tea 5, at Egham Parish Hall.—G. Dodds. 9033

LAVERHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.—Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea shop near Church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 9026

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea at the Victoria.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting. Wonston, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Tea 4.15. Saddlers Arms, Sutton Scotney. Convenient five minute bus service Wonston and Sutton Scotney. After tea, London practice. Names to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8965

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival, Cardington, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (at 1s.) for those who notify, by June 28th, Mr. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. Tea for those who fail to notify will cost 2s. 6d.. Cople bells (6) will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. 9019

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkerton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Festival village of Trowell, Sat. June 30th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mrs. W. Thornley, 101, Ryecroft Street, Stapleford, Notts.—D. R. Carlisle and S. Patricia M. Lewin. 9046

DONCASTER & DISTRICT.—Tickhill, June 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 9060

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, June 30th, 2.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 28th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland.—W. F. Sheraton. 9045

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9064

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 30th, in conjunction with the Society's Great Ringing Day. Ringing commencing 10 a.m. Lunch and tea will be provided if application is made early to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9062

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield (8), June 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6. Notify tea names by June 26th, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol. 5. 9038

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting. Slimbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 26th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting. Witcomb, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th certain.—C. C. Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 30th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9044

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting. Brighouse (8), June 30th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Martin's School, at 2s. 6d. per head. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse. 9057

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach leaves St. Nicolas', Guildford, at 2.15. Fare approx. 3s.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9012

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Ringers carry own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8. Wortley Road, Leeds. 12. 9070

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Bitteswell (6), Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by June 26th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leicester. 9050

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, June 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9058

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names, by the 28th, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 9059

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Walesby (8), June 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Bring own tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 9034

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by June 28th, to E. W. Beadmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, 9067

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 328th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 30th. Come and make it a big day.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 9042

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sturminster Marshall, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Corfe Mullen in the evening. For tea, please notify by Wednesday, June 27th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset. 9055

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, Fornham St. Martin, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 9029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Patrington, Saturday, June 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, in Church Room. Please notify Mr. D. A. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington, E. Yorks. Business meeting, election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9020

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Whitworth Institute Pavilion, at 5. Names for tea, by July 30th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 9074

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Epping (8), July 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. 9043

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Combined meeting, Saturday, July 7th, at Silvertown. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Transport will be arranged from station. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 9049

HALIFAX DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest at Sandal, July 7th. For teas, please notify, by June 30th, A. Ball, 13, Elizabeth Street, Sandal, Wakefield. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. by June 23rd, if possible.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 9016

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rodmersham (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. followed by tea in Village Hall at 2s. per head. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. W. H. Tolhurst, 4, Mill Cottages, Rodmersham Green, near Sittingbourne. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8) on July 7th at 3. Service (if it can be arranged) at 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than July 5th, to Mr. W. Gorrington, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 9071

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Worsley, near Manchester, on July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, kindly advise by July 3rd. Mr. P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester. All welcome.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9069

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**OXFORD DEANERY GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Banbury (10), July 7th. Service 4.15. Tea. Meeting. Adderbury (8).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 9041

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Summer meeting, Shrivenham, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9037

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Grafton Regis, July 7th. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to G. Atkins, Grafton Lodge, Grafton Regis, Towcester.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9035

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Winchester, Saturday, July 7th. Full details next week.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9065

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on July 14th. Service 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, not later than July 10th, to D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 9073

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter and N.W. Branches.—Combined meeting, Okehampton, July 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Moreton Hampstead (8) available 7.15. Coach leaves Paul Street, Exeter, 2.30; fare 5s. Names, by July 16th latest. Book now!—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9061

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—Preliminary Notice.—Ringers' Sunday, August 19th. Bells from 10 a.m. Service 3 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome. Details later. 9056

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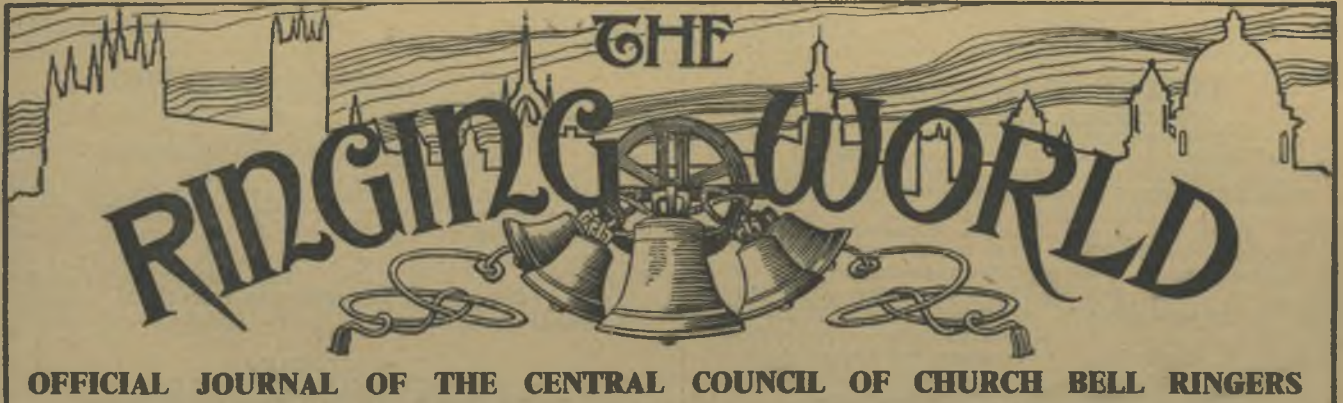
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## HE PLAYED A QUARTER

**P**ROBABLY to most ringers' ears this will sound strange. For the 200th anniversary of the establishment of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, United States, on June 14th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was played on the electric console that works the bells by Mr. George W. Williams, historiographer of the church. It is claimed by Mr. Williams, who during the war visited this country as a sergeant in 377 Infantry, U.S.A.F., and became interested in the art of change ringing, that this was the first quarter peal to be accomplished in the South of the United States in over 150 years, perhaps the first ever. Is there any merit in the performance, bearing in mind the strong opposition of English change ringers to electronic and other mechanical contrivances to replace the art? We think perhaps there is, as it is an indication of what we regard in this country as the proper bell music.

St. Michael's, Charleston, bells have an important niche in the history of bells in the United States of America. The bells were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1764, and, according to the research of Mr. Williams, very soon after their arrival they were rung regularly for the services of the church, for public festivities, and as the city fire alarm. During the Revolution they were seized as spoils of war and shipped back to England. After having been repaired at the original foundry, they were returned in 1783 and rehung in their old belfry.

In 1838 the two trebles were again recast in England, having been cracked in ringing an alarm for fire. In the Confederate War they were taken down and stored in Columbia. They were damaged in the fire of 1865 and shipped back to Charleston in a ruinous condition. The broken and melted bell metal was returned to England to the original founders and the bells were recast of the identical metal, and after the same pattern as had been used for their founding a century before. In 1881, while sounding a fire alarm, the tenor was cracked (we suspect clocking), shipped to England and again recast by the Whitechapel Foundry. On its return, the city, desiring to preserve the historic ring, built the present fire tower and relieved St. Michael's bells of the duty of sounding fire alarms. Thus in almost 200 years the bells have made five Atlantic crossings and three of them two additional trips.

In 1948, the old console in the belfry, from which the bells had been rung, was replaced by an up-to-date electric console beside the organ in the church. 'St. Michael's old bells still ring out,' comments Mr. Williams, 'but electricity rather than muscle pulls their clappers.' Oddly enough, this new apparatus has made possible a return to change ringing. Since June, 1947, changes have been heard regularly from these bells before service on Christmas, Easter and New Year's Day, as well as on other occasions.

## MARLBOROUGH'S BELLS

**M**AIN news story this week deals with the loss of the Marlborough bells at the former Church of St. Helen, Worcester (now a Y.M.C.A.), and their sale to one of our leading bellfounders as scrap. It has not been for want of effort on the part of the Worcester-shire and Districts Association or of individual members that the bells have not been saved. The Worcester City Council did consider a scheme for saving them and for using them for civic purposes, but rejected the idea owing to the cost involved in recasting the tenor and rehanging the others. There are a number of civic authorities who possess rings of bells, and only this week the Editor received details of the first quarter peal rung on Morpeth, Northumberland, clock tower bells. To meet the cost Morpeth people held a festival week last year. What a small town like Morpeth can accomplish should have been within the compass of Worcester city, particularly having regard to the historical associations of St. Helen's bells.

Some Worcester ringers feel that an opportunity was missed last year when Mr. Winston Churchill received the freedom of the City of Worcester. Had there been an organising body of some influence, Mr. Churchill's attention could have been drawn to these bells commemorative of his illustrious ancestor, and at the same time a public appeal made at the moment of enthusiasm.

The importance of keeping an ever-watchful eye on rings of bells not in use was emphasised by us recently in our editorial of June 8th, when we implored Guilds and Associations to be on the alert and try to avert the loss of such treasures. We wonder if it would be possible to maintain the historic inscriptions on St. Helen's bells when the metal is re-employed in casting a new ring. Perhaps such an idea might appeal to the recipients of the metal in its later form.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.

*ERNEST B. BETTS .. .. Treble	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 7
†FRED HODGSON .. .. 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. .. 8
PETER WOODWARD .. .. 3	*GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 9
†ALFRED SMITH .. .. 4	†JAMES H. KIRBY .. .. 10
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 5	†JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 11
*ALFRED ASHTON .. .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	*PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 9
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Surprise in the tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. Treble	*DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	COLIN HARRISON .. .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 5	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKER .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 6
*BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	WILLIAM J. DOVE .. .. 8
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	GEORGE CARE .. .. 9
GEORGE F. BURTON .. 5	W. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the 94th birthday of Wm. Dunning, now residing at Northampton, who was organist at Christ Church, Crewe, for 63 years.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES .. .. Treble	DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 6
MRS. JEAN DUNHAM .. .. 2	ARTHUR CLUTTON .. .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 8
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4	EDWARD R. COLES .. .. 9
RALPH COLES .. .. 5	WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

A Festival of Britain peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 3	*JAMES W. RAITHYBY .. 8
*ARTHUR E. CHILTERN .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. 9
*FRANK W. VERNON .. .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells and as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Noel E. Chambers and Winifred Hind, which took place at St. Giles', Lincoln, earlier in the day.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's	Tenor 11½ cwt.
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
ALAN JACQUES .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. G. F. Gill, M.A., whose induction took place the Friday previous.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*EILEEN BRACEY .. Treble	*JOHN BARNES .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
*KENNETH L. BROWN .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Triples.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's	Tenor 17 cwt.
HILDA KIMBER .. Treble	*FREDERICK SAVAGE .. 5
*GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
*VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

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BETCHWORTH, SURREY.  
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On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*MRS W. F. OATWAY .. Treble	REV. KENNETH G. HOARE .. 5
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD .. 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 7
†COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 4	ROYDON DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal on eight tower bells. Rung on the 6th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Harvey Reeves' Six-part.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 2	†GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
†BASIL A. EDWARDS .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. 7
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 4	WILLIAM GORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 100th peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday peal for Mrs. Joan Barton, sister of the 5th and 7th ringers. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenless, of Borden. A Festival of Britain peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Consisting of 2,368 London, 1,152 Bristol, and 768 each of Cambridge and Superlative.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON .. 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

JOHN H. LOTT .. Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells. A Festival peal and also a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Horace Siviter, and the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthdays are on the same day.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

MONTAGUE T. BUTT .. Treble	ERNEST E. RETTER .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE .. 2	FREDERICK WREFFORD .. 6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. 7
GEORGE E. RETTER .. 4	WILLIAM H. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

First peal on the bells since augmented to eight by Taylor's,

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 2	*JOHN E. CANNELL .. 6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal of Cambridge Major (25th as conductor).

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
ARNOLD HILL .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

A 77th birthday compliment to John H. Brothwell. Also rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Jack G. Brothwell.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD .. Treble	BERNARD LAWTON .. 5
*GERALD L. BOWEN .. 2	†RONALD RUDD .. 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	*JOHN H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. A birthday compliment to John Bass, of Wollaston, and to A. C. Boxley.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI.

**A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JEAN STEWART (16) .. Treble	TOM SMELTZER (16) .. 5
†JOHN SAVAGE .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
*WILMA HOEY (15) .. 3	JAMES EDGAR .. 7
WILLIAM PRATT .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to Northern Ireland. Festival peal No. 8.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

LESLIE PRESTIDGE .. Treble	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND .. 5
*ALBERT G. HALL .. 2	RAYMOND DUNN .. 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
*LLEWELLYN R. HALL .. 4	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by STANLEY PRESTIDGE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † 25th peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JAMES FITZGERALD (12) .. Treble	DONALD CLARKE .. 5
THOMAS YOMANS .. 2	DAVID KING .. 6
JACQUELINE EVANS .. 3	LESLIE BAINHAM .. 7
CHARLES ROUSE .. 4	LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

*JOE HOBBS .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 5
*ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2	CHARLES F. SAYER .. 6
*OLIVE M. MARTIN .. 3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 7
*PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (No. 88). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal in the method.



PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.			
JOHN G. AMES .. .. Treble	CYRIL R. BURRILL .. .. 5		
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 6		
*GWEN RUSBY .. .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 7		
MAURICE BENNETT .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in the method.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.			
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5		
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6		
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7		
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor		

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method. A compliment to Derek G. Goodman on his 17th birthday.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt.			
JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5		
FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6		
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7		
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.			
*MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. Treble	ALFRED MOULD .. .. 5		
*RHODA HEMMINGS .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6		
RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 7		
JACK BAILEY .. .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor		

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for patronal festival.

THAME, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.			
Carter's Twelve-part.			
AUBREY SEYMOUR .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 5		
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 2	HARRY C. JONES .. .. 6		
WILLIAM YATES .. .. 3	VICTOR HOLLOWAY .. 7		
HARRY W. BADGER .. .. 4	†SAMUEL ARNOTT .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb.			
*PAULINE MANNING .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5		
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 2	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 6		
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 7		
†VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.			
*KENNETH F. MEDWAY .. Treble	†MAURICE HELPS .. .. 5		
THOMAS F. KING .. .. 2	†REGINALD W. PERRY .. 6		
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 7		
†LEONARD COLES .. .. 4	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung on the final day of the Bath Assembly. Also a 37th wedding anniversary compliment to T. F. King.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.			
*CLAIRE M. ISLES .. .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5		
SHIRLEY RYMER .. .. 2	JOHN B. GUY .. .. 6		
†SUSAN M. BROWN .. .. 3	†JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 7		
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor		

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. 25th peal as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 17½ cwt.			
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).			
BERNARD S. NICHOLS .. Treble	REGINALD H. JARVIS .. 5		
FRANK SODEN .. .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. 6		
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. 7		
*G. JOHN COLLETT .. .. 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor		

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.			
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. Treble	JOHN AMBLER .. .. 5		
*NORMA BICKERDIKE .. 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 6		
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON .. 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON .. .. 7		
*MOLLY AMBLER .. .. 4	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor		

Composed by GEORGE H. HARDY. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. A Festival of Britain peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
DAVID VINCENT .. .. Treble	†STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 5		
JEAN BROWN .. .. 2	PHILIP H. TOCOK .. 6		
*NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7		
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 4	JACK CLEGG .. .. Tenor		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First touch in the method. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE REDUNDANT CHURCH OF ST. HELEN

(Now a Y.M.C.A. Club).

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 5		
WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 6		
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 7		
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

The 'Swan Song' of these bells which, commemorative of Marlborough's victories during the reign of Queen Anne, are now destined for scrap.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

STICKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*AUDREY SMITH .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON .. 4
GEORGE A. DIXON .. .. 2	*RUSSELL BARRETT .. .. 5
*CHARLES SPRING .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

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

BELFAST, IRELAND.  
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.  
(Northern District.)

On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

S. MCCLELLAND .. .. Treble	Y. RUSH .. .. 4
*R. KING .. .. 2	A. E. MCGRATH .. .. 5
*F. KING .. .. 3	R. ADAMSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. MCGRATH.

\* First peal in method. Rung in honour of the Royal visit and to mark the opening of the North Ireland Festival.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 2	DAVID H. PEARCE .. 5
*JAMES BROOKS .. .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal in five methods.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*J. DEREK SMITH .. .. Treble	†BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2	ALBERT H. CRAWLEY .. 5
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents, all 5.6s right way. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED LOCKWOOD .. .. Treble	SIDNEY ARBON .. .. 4
BERT CHILVERS .. .. 2	THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD .. 5
LESLIE FORSTER .. .. 3	RUSSEL WARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD.

First peal of Plain Bob Minor by all and first as conductor.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 4
FREDA OLDERSHAW .. .. 2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 5
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

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**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..Treble	FRANK VERNON .. 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

A Festival of Britain peal.

**RUSHMERE, IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*KENNETH NUNN ..Treble	ALBERT MIDDLEDITCH .. 4
*PATRICIA CLARKE .. 2	CLAUDE NUNN .. 5
DUDLEY BUXTON .. 3	FRANK WISEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WISEMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, Tenor 8½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES H. COOKE ..Treble	ANDREW J. H. SCOTT .. 4
*GORDON F. PICKTHALL .. 2	JOHN COOKE .. 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 3	ERNEST T. CARVELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal away from the treble. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Shepherd.

**STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ..Treble	CYRIL J. STEVENS .. 4
*DAVID T. NORTH .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 5
HARRY CHURCHILL .. 3	GORDON WALFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW ..Treble	CLAUDE TARR .. 4
*PETER J. LANCASTER .. 2	WILFRED R. KENT .. 5
CECIL T. CLARKE .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

\* First peal of Minor and first peal away from tenor 'behind.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. First peal since rehanging.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in A.

*BRIAN H. WOOD ..Treble	J. BRIAN SMITH .. 4
ROGER LEIGH .. 2	DEREK WHITFORD .. 5
KENNETH HARTLEY .. 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal. Rung for the opening of the local Festival.

**WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., June 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..Treble	*DOROTHY HUGHES .. 4
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. 5
RONALD H. MEWIES .. 3	RAYMOND JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal in two methods.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., June 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Plain and Double Bob, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B.

WILLIAM J. CROSS ..Treble	*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4
*JOHN S. WALTON .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in nine Minor methods. First peal in nine Minor methods on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.

**WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., June 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

MICHAEL E. BROWN ..Treble	*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 4
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
*†JOHN HILL .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 25th peal for the Guild. First peal as conductor.

**IFFLEY, OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ..Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	*DAVID WOODLEY .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in more than one Minor method. Rung for H.M. King George VI.'s birthday.

**KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of St. Blaise, St. Bartholomew, St. Dunstan, Reverse Canterbury, St. Columb, Southrepps, St. Simon, St. Martin, Old, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON ..Treble	GEORGE PICKERING .. 3
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. ..	.. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in 12 variations by all except the conductor. Longest peal on five bells for the Guild, on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

**BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST ..Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. 4
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER .. 5
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

**GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford and two 720's of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL ..Treble	ERNEST PRESTON .. 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN NEWBERT .. 5
JOSEPHINE SALT .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Josephine Salt, daughter of the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, Rector, and also a birthday peal for Grace and Katharine Burchnall.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., May 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 15 in C.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7-8
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

BOURNEMOUTH.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD***On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
 Umpire: ALBERT H. WARD. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.  
 Arranged for Joseph A. Fenton.

SOLI HULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently.

N. DAVID LANE .. .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

OXFORD.

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.***On Fri., June 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 14 in D.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1-2	*SHIRLEY RYMER .. .. 5-6
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 7-8

W. GWYN THOMAS .. .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\*First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal for the whole band. A birthday compliment to Renate Buchthal.

LEICESTER.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., June 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
*† HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	*ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

†TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10

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

Umpire: HARRY POYNER.

\*250th peal together. †100th peal together. Tenor size 21.

LONDON DERRY, N. IRELAND.

**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., June 5, 1951, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 10 extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two extents of St. Columb.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 1-2	*FRED E. DUKES .. .. 3-4
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\*JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\*First peal in five methods.

BELMONT, MIDDLESEX.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., June 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

AT 184, KINGSHILL DRIVE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in D.

*LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 1-2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5-6
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*MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 3-4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7-8
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\*First peal in the method on handbells.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT CORNER HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD BEALE .. .. 1-2	JACK W. DREW .. .. 3-4
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REGINALD C. BEALE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JACK W. DREW. Witness: FREDERICK WELCH.

First peal 'in hand' and of Bob Doubles by all.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Please send your quarterly or half-yearly sub-  
scription this week-end, without fail. Rates  
above.

Mr. Percy J. Spice writes,  
regarding the peal of  
Grandsire Triples at  
Eltham on May 28th, that it was an excellent  
peal, well struck throughout. 'I think the  
Exercise in general will agree that congratula-  
tions go out to the conductor, Mr. George H.  
Daynes, aged 81, on the very able manner in  
which he called Holt's Original. I should be  
interested to hear if this performance has been  
accomplished in the past by a ringer of this age.  
Also, praise is due to the two 'first pealers,'  
who, like myself, were very pleased to be in-  
cluded in the band on this occasion.'

The dedication of Malmesbury Abbey bells  
has been fixed for Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Thame,  
Oxon, on June 2nd, was the first peal of Triples  
together for over 30 years for Mr. Victor Hol-  
loway and Mr. Aubrey Seymour.

The ringer of the third bell in the peal at  
Ashbocking, Suffolk, on May 22nd, was Wil-  
liam J. Button and not as published in 'The  
Ringing World.' The same ringer was also in  
the peal at Sutton.

The increased cost of paper has caused our  
Australian contemporary 'The Ringing Towers'  
to increase its annual subscription from 2s. to  
5s. per annum. Editor W. M. Rowe produces  
a newsy monthly.

At a confirmation held recently at Windsor  
Parish Church (St. John's) the Bishop of Read-  
ing, during his address to the confirmees, re-  
ferred to the great and glorious heritage we  
possessed as a nation and Church and specially  
mentioned campanology as one special phase of  
the Church's active life. 'No doubt,' writes  
W. W. W., 'the good ringing which took place  
before the service must have impressed the  
Bishop. We much appreciate his kindly re-  
ference to those who are so often heard but  
not seen.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The 200th anniversary of  
Holt's Original will be  
celebrated on July 7th.

We understand that a number of attempts will  
be made on that day and bands are asked to  
send the 'story' in with their peals.

The bells of Edgbaston Old Church, Bir-  
mingham, will be broadcast in the Midland  
Home Service at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 1st.

One of Surrey's most famous beauty spots  
is Frensham. The bells in the Parish Church  
will be rededicated on July 1st at 3 p.m.

Mr. Harold G. Cashmore and Mr. Frederick  
W. Brinklow have rung 200 peals of Surprise  
together.

For the benefit of ringers visiting the Royal  
Show at Cambridge (July 2nd—9th), ringing is  
being arranged as follows:—St. Mary's, July  
2nd, 5.30 p.m.; July 3rd, 7-9 p.m.; St. An-  
drew's, July 4th, 7.30-9 p.m.; R.C. Church,  
July 5th, 7-8.30 p.m.; St. Benet's, July 7th,  
7.30-9 p.m. Anyone interested in a peal at-  
tempt should communicate with J. W. R.  
Quinney, 164, Hills Road, Cambridge. Tel.  
88391.)

The University of Bristol Society have elected  
the following officers for next session:—Presi-  
dent, Professor S. H. Piper; Master, Mr. Jack  
R. Worrall; secretary, Mr. Lance C. I. Wat-  
son, c/o Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, 8;  
treasurer, Miss B. Enid Ll. Edwards; tower  
secretary, Mr. Frank D. Mack; committee mem-  
ber, Miss Mary I. Kennelly.

The last notes of 'Jesu, priceless treasure,'  
sung by the Bath Bach Choir had just died  
away when, from Bath Abbey carillon came  
'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' The urbanity of  
the conductor, Cuthbert Bates, appeared to be  
shaken when a second verse of the hymn came  
resounding over the air just as he was about  
to begin the next motet—Brahms' 'Thy servant  
is downcast.'

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## MARLBOROUGH'S BELLS SOLD AS SCRAP

### Farewell Peal at Worcester

The famous Marlborough bells of St. Helen's, Worcester (which church is now a Y.M.C.A. Club), have sung their 'Swan Song,' and are being dismantled and removed for scrap by a firm of bellfounders. These bells, cast in 1706 by Richard Sanders, commemorate the victories of John, Duke of Marlborough, during the reign of Queen Anne, with inscriptions on the waist of each bell as follows:—

Treble.—First is my note, and Blenheim is my name, For Blenheim's story will be first in fame

2nd.—Let me relate how Louis did bemoan his grandson's Phillip's flight from Barcelone. 3rd.—Deluged in blood, I. Ramilies, advance. Britannia's glory in the fall of France.

4th.—Let Menin on my side engraved be and Flanders freed from Gallic slavery.

5th.—When in harmonious peal I roundly go, Think of Turin and triumphs of the Po.

6th.—With joy I hear the illustrious Eugene's name, Fav'rite of Fortune and the boast of fame.

7th.—But I with pride the greater Marlborough bear, Terror of Tyrants and the soul of war.

Tenor.—T' immortal praises of Queen Anne I sound, With union blest and all these glories crowned.

No peal had been rung on them since 1930, and as soon afterwards the tenor became cracked, they have only been rung once, during the visit of Mr. Winston Churchill to Worcester in 1950, when the Freedom of the City was conferred on him

Efforts to have them installed in other towers failed and though Worcester City Council debated a scheme for having the tenor recast and the others overhauled, it was finally rejected owing to the cost. So this melodious and historic ring in its present form is lost for ever.

When it was known that the bells were to be removed, a group of enthusiasts spent the whole of one evening in attaching fresh ropes, tightening nuts, oiling and overhauling the fittings. Two days later a successful peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on them, as recorded in the peal columns, the first peal for 21 years, and, said to relate, the last.

The tenor, which has a slight crack on the sound bow, gives a defective note on that side of the bell as might be expected, which though pronounced inside the tower, is hardly noticed outside, especially when rung to Major.

The older generation of Worcestershire ringers have always admired their Marlborough bells and indeed some turned up to hear the final peal.

Many peals were rung on them prior to 1930 and it is with regret that we in Worcestershire watch them go as 'so much scrap' (albeit very valuable scrap to-day) to lose their identity and purpose for which they were cast and installed.

G. E. L.

## CREWE RINGERS TRIBUTE

Five ringers of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild made a special journey to Northampton on June 9th to ring in a peal of 5,067 Stedman Caters as a compliment to Mr. William Dunning, former organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Crewe, for 63 years, who is at present staying at Northampton. Mr. Dunning was 94 on June 13th, and after the peal, the Crewe contingent—Messrs. R. D. Langford (conductor), G. A. Packer, H. F. Holding and W. Frank Stenson—visited him to convey their birthday greetings. They found Mr. Dunning wonderfully fit and well.

The ringers associated with the peal a compliment to Dr. Howard English, former Crewe doctor, now living in retirement at Trearddar Bay, Anglesey, in recognition of his great services to Crewe.

## NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

The new rates, which become operative with subscriptions due on July 6th, are as follows:—

Quarterly Subscription, 6s.

Half-yearly Subscription, 11s. 8d.

To ensure continuity of delivery, subscriptions should be sent without delay to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Contributions from yearly subscribers to meet the extra 1s. 5d. postage on their copies for 1951 would be gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Fletcher.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

### Southern Section Outing

'Our George,' all smiles and ready for the day, was waiting with others of the party outside Sketty Church when the coach arrived at 8 a.m. on June 16th, to start the ringing tour to Hereford.

Other members were picked up en route from Morriston, Porthcawl, Skewen, Cowbridge, Neath and Cadoxton—and then on over the mountains to Ebbw Vale.

Mr. T. Stephens met us at the fine tower of Christ Church, with its fine eight, at 10.10 a.m. The bells were already up so that ringing started right away, and methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire—'B.M.' was doing his bit directing and supervising the tea parties.

We were away by 11.10 a.m. and, after a beautiful run, arrived at St. Mary's, Abergavenny, at 11.55 a.m. We were met by Mr. Altwyn, the donor of the two trebles, Mr. J. W. Jones, the grand old man of Newport, and two young ringers from All Saints', Newport. The bells, a lovely ring of ten, were kept ringing to Grandsire Caters until 12.50 p.m., when 'B.M.' hustled all the party down to lunch.

It was a very enjoyable meal and a vote of thanks was given by Mr. D. G. Williams, secretary of the Guild, and a welcome to the visitors was proposed by 'B. M.' Mr. 'J. W.' was very pleased to be with us once again and thanked all for their kindness. (Shall we ever forget those bells of Abergavenny?)

On again to Hereford, and passed en route our two friends from Newport pedalling away in fine style. The coach pulled up at the Cathedral Square, where a few of the party left us. The remainder carried on to Burghill and the Church of St. Mary, where the eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Then back to the anti-clockwise six at St. Nicholas', in Hereford, to keep those bells going to Kent, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

By this time several of the party were making their own arrangements for tea, but nearly all turned up at the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m., where Mr. Davis met us at the north door.

'Our George' did climb those 180 steps to the belfry. The bells were rung up and kept going to Grandsire Caters and Triples. Truly said by 'J. W.' they are 'men's bells.' After bringing the bells down, we left the city at 7.30 p.m.

The coach then followed the River Wye and the beautiful valley to arrive at Brecon at 8.45 p.m., where we all had a quick cup of tea and chat over the day's ringing.

Our last lap, over the Beacons, seemed to wake up the playfulness in the two youngsters from Sketty.

The committee members who made all the arrangements were the Ringing Master, Mr. Trevor Roderick, 'Old Bill' (the hustler) and my humble self.

J. A. H.

## 'GRAND OLD MAN' OF N.W. LANCASHIRE

There was a pleasing incident during the joint meeting of the Lancashire and Furness Branches of the Lancashire Association at the delightful village of Silverdale, Lancs, on June 2nd.

A presentation was made during the afternoon to Mr. John Holme, of the local band, 'the Grand Old Man' of the North-West, in the form of a wallet containing treasury notes, which had been subscribed to by friends from all parts of the county.

Mr. Holme completes 70 years of ringing this year and attains his 87th birthday. He commenced ringing at Brathay and Ambleside, in the Lake District, previous to coming to reside at Silverdale some 30 years ago.

He has rung approximately 50 peals including two of 10,080 changes of Minor at Brathay in 1908 and 1909. His reminiscences include many quaint and amusing stories of the early struggles of ringers in remote Westmorland dales to master the intricacies of the many Minor methods of which he is still such a capable exponent.

Another characteristic of Mr. Holme is worthy of admiration and imitation—'Be in the belfry at least five minutes before starting time.' May God preserve him to grace our meetings for at least a few more years.

J. W.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD

### An Appreciation of Rev. A. D. H. Allan

The annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for 1945 listed a new tower, Cromhall, two bells (tenor 20 cwt.), affiliated with nine members. The Rector of the parish was chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. The next year there were 15 members, and a note 'Practice on other six-bell towers.' In 1947 a member of the band became secretary of the Branch and this year represented the Association at Chester. And WHY? All because of the unbounded energy and enthusiasm of their Rector, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan. He was at Cromhall 22 years and worked hard for the bells. The six were opened on November 13th, 1948, and the first peal rung on them ten months later.

Now he has retired and is going to Weston-super-Mare. Chairman of the Branch for five and a half years, the members presented him with a standard lamp at the last meeting, and on June 16th, after a peal had been rung to wish him a long and happy retirement, a cheque was presented by the people of Cromhall. He leaves the tower, but the bells of the village will still be rung, and their sound will be heard wherever those he helped will be ringing. We hope often to see him and ring with him, and wish him well in his new life.

C. R.

## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

The Central Council Biographies Committee would like to complete their records of some past members of the Council by getting a loan of photographs.

J. Aspinwall, died Jan. 21st, 1911.

Rev. H. Tilney Bassett, died Mar. 16th, 1950.

W. Bibby, died June 3rd, 1951.

E. Bishop, died June 4th, 1935.

F. E. Dawe, died Dec., 1942.

R. A. Daniell, died Dec. 20th, 1935.

T. Eachus, died June, 1919.

T. T. Gofton, died June 20th, 1931.

H. A. Heywood, died July 20th, 1943.

R. Holloway, died Oct. 3rd, 1928.

W. J. Jeffries, died July 3rd, 1943.

F. Knights, died Nov. 27th, 1928.

B. Keeble, died April 14th, 1932.

W. Lawrence, died Oct. 11th, 1926.

T. Blackburne, died Jan. 24th, 1933.

All information, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.



## REDEDICATION

### Llangollen

A large congregation gathered for the rededication of the bells of Llangollen Parish Church on Friday evening, June 1st. The ring of eight bells, hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1887, to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, had been thoroughly overhauled by the same firm, and rehung on ball bearings.

After the singing of a hymn, the Bishop of St. Asaph (the Right Rev. D. D. Bartlett, D.D.) gave an inspiring address dealing with the history of the bells and pointing out the important part played by church bells in the life of any community. Choosing as his text, 'And beneath, upon the hem of it, thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet round about the hem thereof: and bells of gold between them round about: and it shall be upon Aaron to minister, and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord,' he emphasised the use of bells in this respect as an emblem of the priest's office of worshipping and giving praise to the Most High. The ringing of the church bells, therefore, should be a reminder to the people that the priest was about to worship God, and to pray to Him for all people, a call to the members of the Church to join him in that worship and praise, and a consolation to the sick that they would not be forgotten in the prayers of both priest and congregation. Finally, he told the bellringers that the ringing of the bells should remind them of their duties and responsibilities, the ringing of the bells being an integral part of the worship offered to God.

During the singing of the next hymn, a procession of clergy, led by Dennis Jones (twelve-year-old choirboy and bellringer) as cross bearer, proceeded to the west porch, under the bell tower, where the ringers had assembled.

The Bishop then conducted a very impressive service of rededication, and as the clergy returned to the sanctuary a few rounds were rung on the bells. The service concluded with the singing of the Te Deum, followed by the Blessing by the Bishop.

After the service the Bishop met the ringers and chatted freely with them, and the evening ended with the Bishop, clergy and bellringers (past and present) partaking of light refreshments served by members of the Communicants Guild in the Armoury Centre.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

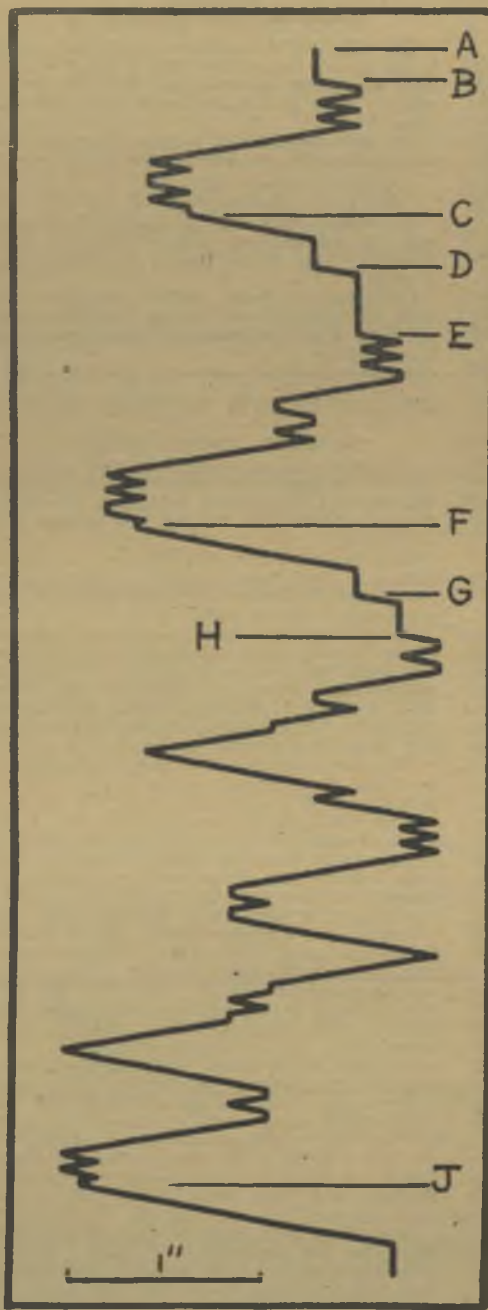
### Bolton Branch Entertained

On a request from the Vicar of Blackrod, the June meeting of the Bolton Branch was arranged to coincide with a garden party at the Vicarage. The 'go' and tone of the bells and the hospitality extended here made it one of the outstanding meetings of the year. The ringers were supplied (free of charge) with a sumptuous tea. Members attended from Bolton Parish Church, Holy Trinity, St. Bartholomew's, Smithills, Horwich, Walkden, Farnworth and Westhoughton.

A message was received from the Vicar of Westhoughton, the Rev. Dimmock (a ringers' friend), that he was arranging a ringers' service at his church during the afternoon of Sunday, August 19th, when the preacher would be the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. He extended a hearty invitation to all ringers and their friends to attend that service. A notice will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World' giving details, arrangements being in the hands of Mr. William Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.

The next meeting will be held at Horwich and not Smithills, as per calendar, on July 28th

## MULTI-METHODS ON RINGING MACHINE



The accompanying block shows (original size) a diagram drawn last Easter by the electric change-ringing machine constructed a year ago by B. D. Price. Owing to private circumstances, the machine was not used for a whole year since its demonstration at a Sussex County Association meeting at West Tarring in April, 1950, but worked perfectly last Easter and drew the composite diagram which illustrates the versatility of the diagram-drawing mechanism.

The diagram was drawn in Indian ink by the Wypac stylus pen, but normally diagrams are in ordinary ink and the line is a little thinner. At A, the pen was lowered on to the moving paper. The machine was set to ring Cambridge Minor (the pen taking up the work of the 5th) and at B 'Go Next' was called. At C, just as the 5th was about to do its front work with the treble, 'Rounds' was called and the pen returned at the normal hunt speed to 5th's place. At D, the setting of the machine was altered to eight bells, which automatically moves the pen to 7th's place in eight, thus keeping the diagram central on the paper strip. The machine was stopped while the control panel was reset for Double Norwich, restarted, and 'Go Next' was called at E. At F 'Rounds' was called, then, at G, ten bells brought into operation (the limit of the machine) the pen taking up the 9th bell. Bristol Royal was set on the panel, 'Go Next' called at H, and the rest of the diagram shows the beginning of the course. 'Rounds' was called at J. The pen was not touched during the whole sequence. Bristol Royal pundits will be able to determine which particular version was set.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Mr. W. Ambler's Resignation

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held in St. Mary's Church, Tadcaster, on June 16th.

Arrangements were made to hold the next meeting at Heptonstall on September 8th.

Mr. William Ambler, the district secretary, regretfully tendered his resignation owing to present ill-health. This was received with much regret and various members spoke of the very conscientious way in which Mr. Ambler had carried out his duties during two periods of office. It was agreed that new nominations for this post should be sent to the retiring district secretary by August 31st.

About 40 members were present including a visitor from Ashford, Kent. Many methods were rung on the fine ring of bells of this very old and interesting church.

### SINGLE IN STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. V. Williams appears to be mistaken in stating that if the single is made in the fifth and sixth changes there will be a repeat in the six-score. As far as I can see there is no repetition. The only effect is that, as compared with the usual singles, two pairs of rows are exchanged between the two sixes in which the singles are made.

The singles can also be made at the first and second changes of the sixes, with similar results.—Yours truly,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

### CLEMENT TOSIER BELL FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—There were three of this family founding at Salisbury, the first being Clement, who probably succeeded Richard Florey. He was founding from 1679-1717. He was succeeded by William, who was founding from 1717-1730. There was also John Tosier founding from 1684-1733, but very little is known of him.

Clement Tosier was responsible for recasting the seventh and tenor bells at Salisbury Cathedral in 1680, and they were heavy bells, supposed to weigh about 30-38 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. HUGHES.  
Whitechapel Bell Foundry.



# SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES ON BELFRYMANSHIP

By RODNEY B. MEADOWS

The necessarily brief scope of a Belfrymanship article leaves certain points in need of amplification. While it may be true to say that you can satirise most of the people some of the time, suspicion has arisen that any resemblance to ringers, active or passive, was possibly quite intentional. Any Sunday morning sets the scene:—

'If I don't watch myself, I shall be turning up in the next Belfryman article.'

'Well, as a matter of fact, you were in the last one.'

Clearly the last word has not been said. In the Potter spirit, therefore, though with inadequate mastery of the Potter patter, these supplementary notes are offered.

The distinction between a belfryman and a conductor is not always clear. A genuine conductor has no need to be a belfryman, and few are. But circumstances, too, affect the issue. Kronecke's formula, embodying the most recent research, proves true for most values and may serve as a provisional guide: R being the ability of the person concerned to put the others right, T his tendency to go wrong himself, S the coefficient of friction among the ringers and N the number of bells on which changes are being rung (R, S and T being measured by a device known as the Inometer and expressed in Iso-spasms), where  $\frac{(S+T)^2-2R}{13-N}$  yields a result of 4.25 or more, we have a belfryman; where below 4.25, a conductor.

From this there emerges two interesting corollaries: (a) That a belfryman will be relatively more common on the higher number of bells; (b) That a conductor in one tower may deteriorate into a belfryman in another.

And now for a cardinal principle of Belfrymanship. Always get your word in first. Take a leaf out of Big John's book. Mark the crispness of approach:—

'You're in 4-5; here with me; no, slow bell now; come on, watch it . . . stand. You can't ring Stedman unless you get the leads right. Let's try it again and **strike it** this time.'

Big John's doctrine is, up to a point, sound; Stedman goes much better when the leads are right. It goes better still when Big John remembers his Last Whole Turn.

Sometimes in method ringing the situation will get out of control. A yawning chasm gapes beneath your feet. You are lost. Faced with this predicament, some belfrymen copy the eminent statesman and ring on, until they remember where they are. This is all very well with a light bell. Greater weight of metal calls for sterner measures.

## PUT SOMEONE ELSE WRONG

The principles of this will be set out in a pamphlet at present being compiled by the Belfrymanship Research Centre, and entitled 'Wandering to Some Purpose,' (or How to be Lost in Good Company). These are, of course, emergency tactics. For upsetting others at your leisure, one pretty little move deserves mention here. This is the Additional Dodge Inducement. In Superlative, for example, on completing your five-pull in 7-8, you take up an attitude of expecting another dodge and then, with a deft flick, strike a perfect blow in 8ths, leaving your dodging partner floundering. (Try this.) Then, at a similar position in the next course, you rub it in by remarking: 'That's the last, now down to the front.' Of a well-known Midland ringer, though he has yet to acquire the title of Artful Dodger, one may well ask: 'Was this the face that launched a thousand trips?'

On the subject of good and bad striking one embarks carefully. Among indifferent ringers it is not hard to make broad distinctions. But the more accomplished the band, the further one is driven towards the doctrine of Mighty Willie, a prince of tenor men, if not a prolific

peal ringer. Both the logic and the definition are simple. Good striking is the way I am ringing my bell, as opposed to the way the rest of the band are ringing theirs. As Mighty Willie also conducts a little, fascinating results follow. In a course of Cambridge Royal, Mighty Willie has been known to start 5-6 instead of 7-8 places and, at the delicate hint of a few sharp growls from the tenor box, the rest of the band has obediently reverted to the previous lead en masse. To a casual observer the transition is almost imperceptible, so perfect the standard of striking.

Belfrymanship revolves all the time around the subtle interplay of individual and group. The earlier article illustrated the One being welcomed by the Many. Some notes are now appended on the Many being welcomed by the One (known in some parts of the country as Yokelship or Counter-Coachtourship). The situation is easy to gauge: (a) They are in good time, have a lethargic after-lunch look, wives and children struggle in tow. Hustle them up the tower without any unction. Lock the door behind them as 'we can't be too careful about people wandering in.' Or (b) They are behind schedule, aglow with the tower-snatching fever, their nerves taut and friable, to be soothed only by the sound of still more bells and the bringing round of still more methods. I insist on showing them round the church in painstaking detail.

After this pleasant overture they can hardly avoid co-operating in making their stay unenjoyable. Someone is sure to want to pull the tenor up and a couple more will scamper to his aid when she proves difficult to chime. Let them sweat awhile as you slyly ignore their efforts and direct the attention of the others to the Visitors' Book, before remarking, innocently, 'We generally turn 'er when she's up.' Morale being suitably deflated, announce gaily, 'Well, make yourselves at home. Mind you' (going to the window), 'we have to be a bit careful here, local opinion being what it is. But' (looking out, as though expecting to see an irate mob assembling in the churchyard below) 'you are sure to be better than last week's lot, as tried to ring Double Norwich.' Those who had been nervously bracing themselves for a course or London are by now reluctantly deciding that it had better be Stedman—and good Stedman too—which, of course, it now has very little chance of being.

You are by this time esconced in your favourite seat and, if not actually stopping your ears, at any rate going through the motions of cerebral repression. 'Would you care to have a ring with us?' they enquire. No, you are inclined to think perhaps not. Though they may try to turn the tables on you. For instance, once in Somerset:—

Imposing Visiting Ringer: 'How about having a ring with us?'

Modest Local Ringer: 'No, you folks carry on.'

I.V.R.: 'Believe me, we're quite willing to fit in for anything you'd like. I don't suppose you get much of a band locally.'

M.L.R.: 'No thanks. I can always do a little homework.'

I.V.R.: 'Homework?'

M.L.R.: Yes. Next Saturday we're going for a non-conducted peal. Only Yorkshire, mind you, as it's just a local band. Besides, I don't want to tire myself out, do I?' (The implication that the visitors' striking is suspect effectively closes this jolly repartee.)

## UNOBTUSIVE DEVICES

Reports are from time to time received from various parts of the country of simple and unobtrusive Belfrymanship devices. While Belfrymanship should not savour of the practical joke (being practical, but never a joke) it is thought fit at this juncture to offer a few appliances and hints to steeple keepers and tower captains.

(i). The Cynical Sally. Emits the sound 'tut-tut,' when passing through the ceiling, should the ringer fail to maintain a tight rope.

(ii). Gramophone record of 'The Storming of the Bastille,' to be played by amplifier (large) in the vicinity of the church, when a visit proves interminable or peal attempt falls below local standards of striking. When belfry funds are low, a police whistle can sometimes be made to do the trick. Alternatively, given powerful influence with the local council, a road drill may be pressed into service.

(iii). Large mirrors positioned around the ringing chamber. Dodging with self and two others is great fun for strangers.

(iv). Synthetic tower sway. (Application for patent now in hands of Board of Trade.)

(v). Beams set up at inconvenient places around the rope circle. They need not fulfil any obvious purpose and can be dismantled. (Incidentally, the Belfrymanship Research Centre wishes to dissociate itself from the recent scandal in Southern England where movable beams were transported by van from tower to tower ahead of a Saturday coach outing.)

(vi). Enormous diagram of unringable method on wall concealed behind a curtain, to be slyly unveiled while a difficult touch is in progress.

(vii). Stuffed birds in glass cases, if possible second-hand and decrepit. These successfully damp the spirit of the most enthusiastic visitor by creating the atmosphere of an indifferent Guild meeting.

And now it is time for a drink, and your finest hour. The company may not have an absorbing interest in theoretical questions. They must be lured imperceptibly down the sticky road. Proceed from the known to the unknown, or rather, start with something that they ought to know (and probably don't) and so involve them in something about which they neither know nor care. Let us take, for example, the False Course Heads in Cambridge:—

'There's a point I would like to put to you.' The company is politely attentive. 'I would value your opinion very much. You know, some of the chaps one comes across don't even understand the False Course Heads in Cambridge. You'd hardly credit it, would you?' The sickly silence that follows signifies uneasy assent. 'Well now, in this little composition of mine—here, I've got a second copy. There we are now. No, really, it's my turn to buy them. All right then; a brown ale.'

A few more minutes of this and all will be set fair for a jolly evening. Your hapless audience is soon forming a roster, taking turns to escape and prop up the bar counter for a few blissful moments, before returning to the inquisition.

That's what I like about being a ringer. It's not only the ringing itself, it's the comradeship.

## VETERAN OF THE LAST CENTURY

Mr. Albert H. Ward, who has made a wonderful recovery after his serious illness at the end of last year, rang his first peal, at St. Andrew's, Derby, on December 26th, 1894, it being Bob Triples, conducted by the late C. E. Hart. On February 7th, 1896, he rang his first handbell peal, Grandsire Triples, which he conducted, and which was the first handbell peal in Derby. On November 6th, the same year, he conducted Darlaston Bob Triples on handbells. This was probably the first of this method 'in hand.'

Mr. Ward has rung about 600 peals, many of which he conducted but he has not kept a proper list.

**SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Rhoda Chesely 1, M. Looker 2, L. Woodward (first 'inside') 3, E. Boardman 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, R. Stocks 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For the feast of St. Barnabas.



## TOWERS VISITED ON OUTINGS

### HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET

On June 16th, in glorious weather, a very enjoyable outing in the Isle of Wight was par-taken by the Hardington ringers with their wives, offspring and friends, together with ringers from West Coker and Piddihinton and the popular Mr. W. C. Shute.

Arriving at Lymington at 9.2 a.m., with only three minutes to spare, the ferry was hastily boarded and a smooth crossing brought the band to Yarmouth where a coach awaited them. Towers visited during the day were Caris-brooke (8), Arreton (6), Newchurch (6), Gods-hill (6), Whitwell (6), Ryde (8) and Newport (8). At Newchurch, where the tenor is sadly out of tune, one ringer ascended to try and find, with the aid of matches, the extra bells which he thought should have been there, but in vain.

At Whitwell, where the ropes were more suited to Sherborne tenor than to a ring with a nine cwt. tenor, the two youngest ringers, Doris (12) and Norman (13), tried valiantly to get their small hands round both rope's end and sally. All the other towers were either good or excellent.

Methods rung during the day were Grand-sire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and Plain Bob Major. All voted that it was a grand outing and congratulated Mr. G. W. (Bert) Rendell on his organisation.  
E. T. P. F.

### PUBLOW

The S.E. corner of Somerset and Devon was selected by Publow ringers for their outing on June 16th. It was a beautiful drive. The first stop was at Cannington, a good six, on which were rung Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge.

Ringling was enjoyed at Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe, while most of the ladies had a walk round the town. A long run over the high hills followed, and, writes our correspondent, 'it looked at times that we would all leave this earth, but the driver got to the last place all right.'

Methods rung during the day were Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge, and home was reached at midnight.

### OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE

The annual outing of St. Matthew's, Overseale, was held on June 9th, when a party of 29 ringers and friends from Netherseale, Ashby and Ticknall undertook a round trip of 260 miles, visiting Harrow Weald and Windsor.

A start was made at 6.45 a.m., the route being via Dunstable and St. Albans. The party was met at Harrow Weald by Mr. H. G. Hart, Miss Fulton and Mr. J. R. Mayne. An hour's ringling was enjoyed on this very light ring of eight before the journey was continued via Hatch End, Uxbridge and Slough to Windsor.

Mr. A. J. Glass met the ringers at Windsor Parish Church at 2 p.m. for an hour's ringling, whilst the rest of the party—despite the showers—dispersed to enjoy the various attractions. Following the ringling, Mr. Glass accompanied the party around the Castle, pointing out historic features. The return journey was via Beaconsfield, High Wycombe (where the bells were pealing out merrily) and Banbury, home being reached at 11 p.m.

The outing was described by the majority as the 'best ever.' Methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

### WITHAM, ESSEX

Witham, Essex, had an enjoyable outing into Suffolk on June 2nd, visiting six towers—Monks Eleigh, Sproughton, Henley, Framden, Ufford and Woodbridge. All were interesting towers, writes our correspondent, and most of them were situated in charming country. Perfect weather favoured the day.

### ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL

The annual outing of Walsall ringers was held on June 9th when a visit was paid to our friends of the Midland Counties Guild.

Leaving Walsall at 1.30 p.m., the first call was at Measham. Arriving a little early, we were welcomed by the Vicar, resplendent in his gardening outfit, and were soon enjoying this handy ring of eight. Some amusement was caused here by the painting on the belfry wall of a complete course of Grandsire Doubles in large figures, evidently a relic of by-gone days. The time allotted went all too soon and so to the coach (in the rain, which had started to fall) en route to Ashby-de-la-Zouch and the fine old Church of St. Helen (which itself is well worth a visit) and to try our hand on the bells (which the 60 feet draught of rope). This needed getting used to but some good touches were brought round.

Again through the rain and on to Melbourne for a good tea and to try the fine ring of eight (a 70 feet draught of rope), hung in full view of the congregation. Here we had an enthusiastic welcome from the 69-years-old Vicar who, incidentally, learned to ring at 66 years of age. He saw to it that everything needed was at our disposal and some good ringling followed, the Vicar helping in lowering the bells.

Repton (five bells but a long draught) was next visited and here several touches were brought round. The coach moved off to the drums of the public school band. (We were unable to ascertain whether it was a fond farewell.)

St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was the last tower visited and a good time was had here until 9.15 p.m. when a start was made for home, via Lichfield. Walsall was reached by 10.30 p.m., everybody agreeing that it had been a real good outing. Methods rung during the afternoon included Stedman, Kent, Grandsire, Erin, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor.

J. S. E.

### BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Six Kentish towers were visited by Braintree ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on June 9th. Starting at 7.30 the first call was at Lewisham, where Mr. P. A. Corby, who helped in the arrangements, awaited the party.

Ringling took place before lunch, taken at Gravesend, at Lewisham, and on the light eight at Crayford. St. George's, Gravesend, a grand eight, followed.

The afternoon's programme included ringling at Wrotham, the heaviest bells of the day, for 45 minutes, Westerham, where ringling was enjoyed before and after an excellent tea.

The final tower was Bromley Common, where Mr. J. Bennett, an old friend of some of the party, was there to welcome them. Full use was made of these lovely-running bells for 45 minutes before starting the journey home and ending a very enjoyable day in which the standard methods from Plain Bob to London had been rung.  
J. W.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

There was an attendance of 25 at the summer meeting of the North Dorset Branch held at Stalbridge on June 9th.

Opening touches, conducted by the secretary, preceded the service. The Rector (the Rev. E. R. Merriman) gave the address and the lesson was read by the Rev. R. G. Mortimer (Vicar of Okeford Fitzpaine).

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, arrangements being made by Mr. A. G. Bollen. The Rev. F. L. Edwards (vice-chairman) presided at the business meeting and announced details of the coming Dorset Ringing Festival at Blandford.

Ringling included touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise.

## ISLE OF WIGHT TOUR

### By Hertfordshire Ringers

On June 9th, ringers from Hertfordshire went south for a week's tour on the Isle of Wight. Godshill was the centre of operations and it was fitting that the first ringling of the week should be for the Sunday service on that very nice six. In the evening the party of nine was completed after several sorties 'to look for Jack.'

Carisbrooke provided us with our first eight-bell ringling, and thence to the six at Freshwater, returning home via the Needles, in heavy rain.

At Ryde we found the bells up ready for us, but we were rather nonplussed when we pulled off and found that all except the back three were still silenced for learners! This was soon remedied and some good ringling followed. The bells at Arreton were only recently augmented to six and the new treble makes a very nice ring. We were very pleased with two touches of four spliced.

Newport provided the most interesting belfry many of us had seen, with peal boards and records of the Union Youths dating back to 1771. Although the noise of the ropes makes it rather difficult to hear the bells in the belfry, they sound lovely outside and they 'go' well. Practice night at Godshill gave us the opportunity again to make the most of this six.

Unfortunately our late start the next morning cut short our ringling time at Chale and we could only have two touches on these very ringable bells. In the last six at Whitwell, we struck the worst-going ring of the tour, but we were justifiably pleased with the touch of London.

To Geoffrey Seaman must go the laurels for the excellent arrangements, which allowed for some sightseeing as well as plenty of ringling. We are indebted to everybody who met us at the various towers and to Lester Bailey, of Godshill, whose practical assistance was of great value.  
V. W.

### HANBURY SURPRISE

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58273416  
52837461  
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34218657  
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Bob 16423857

Rung at Hanbury, Worcs, April 1st, 1951.

**HATFIELD, YORKS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gardiner 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson 3, A. H. Shaw 4, A. Shaw 5, G. Jackson (cond.) 6. A farewell to Albert H. Shaw, who is joining H.M. Forces.







# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—17

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 398)

**A**BOUT this time (Whitsun, 1887). Mr. Fussell on Saturday went to St. Giles', Bloomsbury, at 4.30, 'had a walk round the churchyard till after 5, all the band turning up in good time except Pitstow and Taylor, who were late owing to train delay. Rang good peal Kent Treble Bob Major and finished by 9 p.m. We all went to The Horse Shoe till 11 o'clock. Peal 5.024 by Dains. Doran rang 5th a little uncertain in the places—the treble slipped once at backstroke and I was almost unable to get it down again.

'Whit Sunday, Met Jacob, Newson and Chapman at Liverpool Street—went to Chelmsford. Doran and Perkins joining us at Stratford and Romford. Rang a touch of Caters, the first on the bells, for service. Walked to Writtle, round by the road about two miles. Here we found a very nice Vicar (Rev. Papillon, secretary of the Association); a fine peal of eight, good rope circle and every encouragement for method ringing, but a dirty, untidy tower and in a dilapidated state. The Vicar gave us leave at once, with pleasure, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. Rang 50 minutes when, through Newson and Pitstow shouting out to Jacob and I when dodging behind, the bells in front went wrong. Rang a touch of Grandsire with the Vicar and two local men. Went to a pub till nine and walked back to Chelmsford via fields.

'Our night at the Dolphin I shall long remember—Jacobs and I having a rare game with the others. Newson and Perkins slept together (in one bed). Doran and Charman, and Jacobs and I, the last two double beds being in one room, a single bed also there. I don't know what the man in this thought of us—he had no sleep—scarcely anyone did, till we went out at 5 next morning.

'Went to church, adjusted ropes oiled bells, etc. Rang touches for early service, 7 a.m., which Papillon had arranged early for our peal. Had a good breakfast off a beautiful piece of boiled beef. Some Ipswich ringers came in and there was a good muster around when we went up soon after 8 a.m. Rang 1 hour 55 minutes, Kent Royal, composed and conducted by G. Newson . . . ringing good . . . Doran made a mistake and could not seem to get right and then the 3rd got half-pull out. The termination was very sudden and very disappointing . . . not many about when we came down as various bands had gone out to numerous towers round Chelmsford, the neighbourhood being well off for bells. The locals went up and rang for 11 o'clock service, to which Mr. Cole and I attended, the Bishop of Colchester preaching.

'Our band wandered about in various pubs till 1 p.m. Dined in school, rather a small place for the number present—a good dinner served . . . walked again to Writtle . . . Thought of ringing Treble Bob, but persuaded the Vicar to ring and got Holt's Original in 2 hours 59 minutes. . . . Not a good peal . . . My hands very sore as we had done much pulling since Saturday. We all went to the Vicarage and had ale, bread and cheese, and stayed ringing handbells in the library till 10.

'Our party then went to a fair which was held in the village, staying so long that we could not go up to London till the 2.30 a.m. mail train, so Newson, Jacob and I stayed at the fair, then came back round the roads, reaching the station at 1 a.m. We were in Writtle churchyard when the clock struck 12. We found Perkins and Chapman sleeping on chairs in the waiting room, covered with porters' greatcoats . . . We returned to London miserably cold and tired and thirsty. We were glad of the cushions on the railway seats to rest on. We all got in different compartments

so as to have a seat apiece. Got to Liverpool Street at 4 a.m. After strolling about we reached the Cattle Market and had some coffee, etc. Got home 5.40, had an hour's sleep before going to work at 8.30. The day seemed long to me.

The next Sunday Mr. Fussell chimed the eight bells at St. Pancras for afternoon service—some changes and one or two hymns. (Tenor 27 cwt.) A very awkward place to go up; bells suspended for chiming only. The same evening they met for Grandsire Triples (Original) on handbells . . . rang nearly to the Queens when Winney stopped as the 6th made a few false blows. The next try resulted in a good peal in 2 hours 41 minutes. Mr. Fussell rang 1-2 'Stayed till 11.30 and got home 12.30 a.m.' (To be continued.)

### 5,152 LEAMINGTON BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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3	—	—	—	52436	MAJOR METHODS
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3	2	—	—	24536	12345678
2	—	S	—	62435	21436587
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2	—	—	—	36254	42316587
2	—	—	—	43256	24361578
—	—	—	—	35246	23465187
—	—	—	—	24536	32645817
—	—	—	—	32645	36248571
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Repeated.

If a bob is substituted for the single, the composition becomes one of Cornwall Surprise, containing 17 of the 18 4-5-6 combinations with 6th extent home at course-ends.

Method rung for the first time at Hethersett on April 30th, 1951.

### CONSTRUCTIONAL MOVES OF STEDMAN DOUBLES AND TRIPLES

By GEORGE BAKER

#### DOUBLES

Quick 3rds and Forward Hunt	=	23145
Slow 3rds from behind	=	12453
Slow 3rds from front	=	31245
Slow 3rds from front	=	31245
Forward Hunt, Quick 3rds and F.H.	=	41253

#### TRANSPOSITIONS

	23145
	23451
	42351
	34251
1st Division Head	53412

#### TRIPLES

Quick 3rds and Forward Hunt	=	2314567
Slow 3rds from behind	=	1246375
Slow 3rds from front	=	3124567
Slow 3rds from front	=	3124567
Forward Hunt, Quick 3rds and F.H.	=	4126375

#### TRANSPOSITIONS

	2314567
	2346175
	4236175
	3426175
1st Division Head	6347251

Caters and Cinques plus the additional bells are obtained in exactly similar fashion.

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## ENGAGEMENT

**JOHNSON—MARTIN.**—The engagement is announced between Bertram C. Johnson, of St. Albans, and Olive Mary Martin, of Berkhamsted, Herts. 9090

## PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

'VILLAGE BELLS.'—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—There will be no practice at this tower on Friday, July 6th. 9116

**EXTRA COPIES.**—If it an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals are submitted.

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

## MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Ilkeston District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Festival village of Trowell, Sat. June 30th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—D. R. Carlisle and S. Patricia M. Lewin. 9046

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9064

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Est. 1623).—The 328th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 30th. Come and make it a big day.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 9042

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—N.W. District.—A district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 30th, in conjunction with the Society's Great Ringing Day. Ringing commencing 10 a.m. Lunch and tea will be provided if application is made early to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9062

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 30th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9044

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**.—Meeting, Ashby, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. 9067

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—Dedication of the six bells at Frensham, after rehanging, by the Vicar, on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Ringing for all after the service.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9077

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2 (Tottenham Court Road Tube Station), on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9086



**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9103

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Meeting, Wanstrow, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 9084

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bromham (8), July 7th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Special method, Cambridge Court.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 9102

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Whitworth Institute Pavilion, at 5. Names for tea, by July 30th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 9074

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Barnard Castle, July 7th, 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, notify me by July 4th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopdale Avenue, Darlington. 9082

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9081

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Epping (8), July 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. 9043

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Taunton Deanery).—Combined meeting, Saturday, July 7th, at Silvertown. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Transport will be arranged from station. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 9049

**HALIFAX DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest at Sandal, July 7th. For teas, please notify, by June 30th, A. Ball, 13, Elizabeth Street, Sandal, Wakefield. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 9016

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice, Cleobury-Mortimer, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 9091

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rodmersham (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. followed by tea in Village Hall at 2s. per head. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. W. H. Tolhurst, 4, Mill Cottages, Rodmersham Green, near Sittingbourne. 9063

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8) on July 7th at 3. Service (if it can be arranged) at 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than July 5th, to Mr. W. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 9071

**LADIES' GUILD.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Worsley, near Manchester, on July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, kindly advise by July 3rd, Mr. P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester. All welcome.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9069

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, July 7th, at Hoddlesden, 2.30 to 5 p.m., and Darwen, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Darwen tower at 6 p.m. Bring your own food. All ringers and friends welcome.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9110

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Hawkshead, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Outgate, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9111

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Low Bentham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Bring your own food; cups of tea provided.—J. Woods, Branch Sec. 9107

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th. Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 2.30. Unveiling peal board 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify, not later than July 4th, Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—J. Burns. 9108

**NORTHAMPTON.**—Kingsthorpe Parish Church, July 7th. Blessing of the six bells after tuning and reching on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15. Ringing afterwards. All are welcome. Names for tea, by July 4th, to S. Earl, 42 Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 9079

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Banbury (10), July 7th. Service 4.15. Tea. Meeting. Adderbury (8).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 9041

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Summer meeting, Shrivenham, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9037

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Simpson, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9095

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Little Milton, Oxon, on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify not later than July 2nd.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., North Street, Thame, Oxon. 9094

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, July 7th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9078

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby, July 7th. Hazelbeech (8) available in evening. Names for tea, before July 3rd, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9097

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pytchley (5), July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Orlingbury (5) available evening. Names for tea by Tuesday.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 9053

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Bradley (8), July 7th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9104

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 9083

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at South Anston, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, near Sheffield. 9188

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Yardley (8) on July 7th. Meeting at the Ring of Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Notification for tea essential.—Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 9087

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by July 4th, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9115

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Winchester on Saturday, July 7th. Committee 11 a.m. General meeting 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 in St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 and 6-7 p.m.; Hursley, (8) Wonston (6) and Sparsholt (5) 10-12 and 7-9; Twyford (8) and St. Maurice's (6) 7-9; other towers by arrange-

ment. Names for tea by Wednesday, 4th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9106

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Malton (8), July 7th. Tea, Talbot Hotel, 5 p.m. Names, by July 6th, to Mr. Harry Long, 6, Burke Road, Peasey Hill, Malton.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9109

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9101

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea.—Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9100

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), July 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 10th, to Mr. F. Rimmington, 21, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9113

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Munden (6), on Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 11th, to me at 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 9117

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation, and names must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, definitely not later than Monday, July 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9099

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), Saturday, July 14th. A Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Excellent opportunity for introducing non-ringers to our art.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec., Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9098

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Foundry and Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be 2s. 6d. and names should be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South Leicester, by Wednesday, July 11th. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors.—E. K. Fletcher, President and Acting Hon. Sec. 9105

**MALMESBURY ABBEY, WILTSHIRE.**—Dedication and opening of ring of 8 bells, Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Teas to be notified to the undersigned by Saturday, July 7th.—H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts. 9180

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, South Newton, July 14th. Bells from 2. Also Wilton bells 2-3.45. Service 4. Names for tea, by July 10th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 9092

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HFE-FORD GUILD** (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tower open till 9. Names for tea, before Monday, July 9th, to Geoff Bagley, Endale, 34, Wharfrage, Ironbridge. This is definite. No names no tea.—H. G. Thomas and E. J. Rowe, Hon. Secs. 9039

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Guildford (8), July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea S. Nicolas' Church Hall, 5 p.m. Shalford 6.30-8. Names for tea, please, not later than July 10th, to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 9118

**SOUTHWELL GUILD** (North Notts Branch) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Warson (6), Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea, by 10th, to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman and B. Cooper. 9096

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**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on July 14th. Service 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, not later than July 10th, to D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 9073

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, July 14th. Bells: Stockbridge (6) 1.30; Leckford (5) 6. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in garden of Grosvenor Cottage (if wet, in Town Hall). Business meeting follows. Names for tea, by Monday, July 9th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9089

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castle Ashby, on Saturday, July 21st. Service 4. Tea, 2s., at Falcon Hotel, only for those names received by July 12th.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 9093

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on July 28th instead of the 14th, at Salford Priors.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9114

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter and N.W. Branches.—Combined meeting, Okehampton, July 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Moreton Hampstead (8) available 7.15. Coach leaves Paul Street, Exeter, 2.30; fare 5s. Names, by July 16th latest. Book now!—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9061

**SNOWDEN DINNER.**—York, September 29th. Tickets, 9s. each, limited to 130. Applications to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. 9112

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## THE ORIGINAL

**T**HIS week is the 200th anniversary of the ringing of the first peal of Holt's Original—a composition that as long as change ringing is practised will hold an honoured position. The Original was composed some time before the middle of 1751, and on Sunday, July 7th, in that year, the Union Scholars rang it at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The board recording the peal hangs in the base of the tower and the ringers were James Davis, James Albion, Jacob Hall, Thomas Jackson, James Vickers, James Newby, John Lloyd and on the tenor George Fleury and Edward Davis. Holt, thinking it too great an undertaking to call the peal and ring at the same time, sat in the belfry and conducted from manuscript.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, to whom the Exercise is greatly indebted for his research into the life of John Holt, points out that the absence of this peal from the peal book of the Union Scholars has given rise to some conjecture. Osborn thought it was not entered because it was considered irregular for the conductor not to ring. Jasper Snowden expressed the view that it was because Annable did not approve of the composition. Neither reason is convincing, writes Mr. Trollope. The Union Scholars had rung the peal and they had recorded it on an expensive tablet. It is not likely they would have boggled at entering it in their book, or would have paid undue attention to the hostile criticism of a rival belonging to another company. The probability is that it was entered, and in after years, when the book became dilapidated, someone took it away to keep as an interesting curio.

Such an anniversary is an appropriate time to recall some salient features in John Holt's short life of 27 years, which was featured by a series of special articles in 'The Ringing World' of June, 1942. By searching the registers of Christ Church, Newgate Street, Mr. Trollope discovered an entry which places John's birth as March 11th, 1726, the son of Hugh and Mary Holt, who was baptised at Christ Church on March 31st. His family evidently were in very poor circumstances, and the 'Clavis' speaks of him as a 'poor, unlettered youth.' By trade he was a shoemaker and socially he was on a lower level than the average member of the leading Metropolitan societies.

Trollope imagines Holt as a man of rather frail physique and not over-strong. The heaviest bell he ever rang to a peal was the tenth at St. Bride's, which may have weighed some 15 cwt., but usually he was found at the light end.

His first peal with the Union Scholars was on October 27th, 1747, Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Then in a period of five years until September, 1752, the company rang 22 peals, all of which, save one, Holt called. They consisted of Plain Bob Triples 4, Plain Bob Major 9, Double Bob Major 3, Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Cinques 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1 and Court Bob Major 1.

The popular methods at this time were Bob Triples and Major and Grandsire Caters, and in all these Annable's peals held the field. Holt produced several peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters and one of Bob Triples without a single. Grandsire Triples had been introduced towards the close of the 17th century and was in Holt's day freely practised in London, but not used for peal ringing. Before 1751 only three peals of it are recorded—the Hick Triples by the Union Scholars in 1718, a peal by the Eastern Scholars in 1733, conducted by Mainwaring, and another by the Union Scholars in 1736, composed and conducted by John Denmead. Holt had to work on his composition of the Original by intuition and empirical methods.

Towards the latter years of his life John Holt joined the Society of College Youths. It was at the time of the opposition to Annable and the search for someone to supplant him as a conductor and leader. John Cundell invited Holt to join the College Youths, and, in return, promised to collect subscriptions to have his peals printed and published. Holt consented and with him came Samuel Killican. Cundell adhered to his word and the broadsheet duly appeared and 75 copies were sold by subscription at 5s. 3d. a copy. Before the broadsheet appeared Holt was dead. Summing up, Mr. Trollope writes: Exactly when he died and where he was buried I cannot say. So far, I have not traced his burial in any of the London parish registers. One thing is fairly certain. He was carried to the churchyard in the parish coffin that had served the same office for many others of his class, and he was buried in the common grave where his ashes mingled with many more like himself except for this thing, that while their names are utterly forgotten, his is still remembered and is likely to be so. . . . When Holt died he was only 27 years old and his ringing career had lasted but eight years. In that time, however, he had made a name which is scarcely second to any in the annals of change ringing. . . . The Original still maintains its supremacy, and Holt's name is never likely to drop out of the list of composers.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. .	7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. .	8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. .	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	10
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. .	5	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. .	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. .	6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. .	Treble	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. .	7
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. .	2	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. .	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. .	3	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. .	9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. .. .	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. .	10
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. .	5	JACK A. WAUGH .. .. .	11
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON .. .. .	6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by M. V. CHILCOTT.

A 21st birthday compliment to David E. Parsons.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH .. .. .	Treble	† HARRY POYNER .. .. .	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. .. .	2	† J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. .	8
* WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. .	3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. .	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. .	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. .	10
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. .	5	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. .	11
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. .	6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells. First in the method as conductor.

**TEN BELL PEALS**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. .	Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. .	6
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. .. .	2	JOHN WILKINSON .. .. .	7
JACK BAILEY .. .. .	3	* PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. .. .	8
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. .	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	5	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Cambridge and first peal of Surprise Royal. Rung for the birth of a daughter, Gillian, on the above date, to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pinder, also a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pinder, of Old Basford.

CHESTER.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 29½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .. .	6
HARRY F. HOLDING .. .. .	2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	7
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. .	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. .	8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. .. .	4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. .	9
ERNEST STITCH .. .. .	5	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. .	Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT .. .. .	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE .. .. .	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. .. .	2	CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. .	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. .. .	3	JAMES BENNETT .. .. .	8
GEORGE W. MORRIS .. .. .	4	JOHN W. WARD .. .. .	9
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. .	5	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. .	Treble	* SAMPSON WALKLATE .. .. .	6
* KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. .. .	2	* CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. .. .	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. .	3	* ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. .	8
* DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	4	* SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. .	9
* JOHN F. WILKINSON .. .. .	5	* HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by HAROLD TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Fredk. W. Grocott, of Stoke.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. .	Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. .. .	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. .	7
ALFRED W. SMITH .. .. .	3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. .	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. .	4	PETER LAFLIN .. .. .	9
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. .	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus, W. Stevenson kindly standing down.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.			
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. .. .	Treble	* ROBERT BROWN .. .. .	5
GEORGE R. DAWSON .. .. .	2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. .	6
JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. .	3	* JACK PETCH .. .. .	7
ALBERT H. BENNETT .. .. .	4	† ARTHUR T. RANDALL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dawson on the fifth anniversary of their wedding.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. .	Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. .. .	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. .. .	2	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. .	6
* CHARLES CLEGG .. .. .	3	THOMAS MARSHALL .. .. .	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. .. .	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. A 60th birthday compliment to Laurence J. Williams.

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LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON .. Treble	*DAVID MARSHALL .. 5
CHARLES GEARY .. 2	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON .. 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON .. 3	GIRLING RIGBY .. 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

\* First peal of Kent.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 2	†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
GEOFFREY DODDS .. 4	†HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal of Surprise together.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's Variation of C. Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*ALBERT BOOTH .. Treble	DAVID SMITH .. 5
WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 2	CECIL RADDEN .. 6
HAROLD WORRALL .. 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 7
REGINALD WORRALL .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Worrall, D. Smith and A. G. Lawrence on their wedding anniversaries.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

BRIDGET M. TOMLIN .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 2	ROY E. WOOD .. 6
SIDNEY A. WHITE .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD .. 4	JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

Rung to celebrate the opening of the Tonbridge Festival Week.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. 2	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wickens on their 40th wedding anniversary.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. Treble	JOHN S. WALTON .. 5
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 2	†CYRIL H. KINCH .. 6
PETER BORDER .. 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN HOMFRAY .. Treble	W. GWYN THOMAS .. 5
DIANA M. PANTING .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 6
SHIRLEY RYMER .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7
SUSAN M. BROWN .. 4	JOHN B. GUY .. Tenor

Composed by H. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to J. B. Guy.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

EILEEN BRACEY .. Treble	GORDON D. ELVIN .. 5
*ELLEN HICKLING .. 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 6
†SHEILA BARKER .. 3	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 7
GEORGE H. MOORE .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (No. 115). Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells by the regular Sunday service ringers. A farewell to Ellen Hickling, who is leaving to take up nursing.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN COPE .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
ALAN S. SMITH .. 2	*COLIN MANN .. 6
*JOHN W. SINFIELD .. 3	BRYAN SIMMS .. 7
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 4	I. PATRICK CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to C. W. Sinfield on completing 50 years as churchwarden.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCES A. EDGAR .. Treble	ERNEST H. KILBY .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 3	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	ALICK CUTLER .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 250th peal. Rung as a memorial to Mr. Harry Kilby, who was for many years Master at this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb.

*STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	WILLIAM YATES .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 6
†NORMAN MALLETT .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
HENRY G. KEELEY .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* 250th peal. † First peal in the method.



**CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

B. Annable's.		Tenor 14½ cwt.
GEOFFREY C. BUCK .. .. Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 5	
JOHN BEADMORE .. .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL .. .. 6	
W. ARTHUR GWANT .. .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. .. 7	
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Rev. Father J. J. McDonald, of the above church, and the band thank him for his kindness after the peal.

**BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSTON .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 6
DEREK WHITFORD .. .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.  
 Rung for the Burnley Festival of Britain at the invitation of the local band.

**DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.		Tenor 22½ cwt.
REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 5	
*FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6	
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7	
FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

**DERBY.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUDE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*WILFRED H. WHITAKER .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
†KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
*MARK J. BARKER .. .. 3	†PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Specially arranged for Wilfred H. Whitaker.

**EASINGWOLD, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.
T. FREDERICK EARNshaw .. Treble	EDWARD RICKITT .. .. 5	
SEDMAN H. STEEL .. .. 2	DESMOND FORTH .. .. 6	
EDWARD HUDSON .. .. 3	HAROLD WALKER .. .. 7	
BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 4	*FREDERICK DARBOURNE .. Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal and an 83rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

A. J. Corrigan's Three-part.		Tenor 16½ cwt.
*S. ALEC JAINE .. .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 5	
SIDNEY H. BARRON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. .. 6	
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7	
ARNOLD ROTHERY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY GEE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal. To mark the 250th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

**OAKHAM, RUTLAND.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Pitstow's Transposition.		Tenor 24½ cwt.
SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. Treble	PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 5	
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 6	
JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 7	
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Prytherch.

**OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

F. GEORGE BAILEY .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
DENNIS KNOX .. .. 4	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells. Rung to welcome the Rev. A. J. Veness, newly-appointed curate of Seale.

**ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 2	*DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
*FRANCIS LOWE .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 4	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.  
 \* First peal in the method. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

**SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

DEREK M. SEVILLE .. Treble	JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 5
*JOAN CARTER .. .. 2	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 6
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE .. 3	IVAN KAY .. .. 7
DEREK SANDERSON .. .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

SHELFORD SPARROW .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 5
LESLIE G. FORSTER .. .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 6
*MAX PAGE .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal in the method.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
DORIS T. DOBBIE .. .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

A birthday compliment to Stanley B. Dobbie.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. Treble	CHARLES TOVELL .. .. 4
EDWARD BARKER .. .. 2	CECIL V. EBBESON .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents, viz.: Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester, Munden and Bourne. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

MRS. W. N. PARK .. .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 4
THOMAS COOKE .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY .. .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung to celebrate the 114th dedication festival of the church.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising 10 extents of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*REV. F. E. VOKES .. .. Treble	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. .. 3
FRANK C. ARNOLD .. .. 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE .. .. 4

HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal A birthday compliment to L. G. Tooke.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM G. BROWN .. .. 4
LEONARD COLES .. .. 2	MAURICE HELPS .. .. 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 3	CLAUDE S. KNOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE HELPS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. J. Hawkins.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 4
*MRS. W. GRAVES .. .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM GRAVES .. .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 4
MARY I. KENNELLY .. .. 2	†COLIN BARWICK .. .. 5
*ALAN P. CAVE .. .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor in three methods for the Society.

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**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
 \*W. JOHN LOCKE .. .. Treble | ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 4  
 EDWARD PHILLIPS .. .. 2 | HARRY BOYCE .. .. 5  
 THOMAS SCOTT .. .. 3 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

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

**EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.  
 JAMES BROOKS .. .. Treble | BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 4  
 \*GORDON HERD .. .. 2 | FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 5  
 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal 'inside.'

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 3 Hours.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
 \*MAVIS COOMBER .. .. Treble | ALBERT W. KELVIE .. 4  
 †TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 2 | LUTHER J. HONESS .. 5  
 JOHN T. MEDHURST .. 3 | †WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together.

**EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, NEAR OLDHAM.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 JOHN BUTTERWORTH .. Treble | \*THOMAS OGDEN .. 4  
 J. R. BUCKLEY .. .. 2 | \*FRED BUTTERWORTH .. 5  
 R. H. BYROM .. .. 3 | \*GEOFFREY ABBOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERWORTH.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since January 26th, 1929. A farewell to the Rev. D. Williams, B.A., and also a 64th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Byrom.

**BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores of Plain Bob, one 240 of Morris's arrangement and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.  
 FRANK THOMAS .. .. Treble | \*IVOR PROSSER .. 4  
 DENNIS SHARPLES .. 2 | FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5  
 EDGAR R. JONES .. .. 3 | WILFRED NORGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

**BRASTED, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

\*ROBERT SHERLOCK .. Treble | JOHN O. WELLER .. 4  
 DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2 | EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 5  
 ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 3 | FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

\* First peal. Rung on the conductor's 70th birthday.

**DENVER, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble | JOHN E. FOX .. 4  
 STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 2 | EDWARD BARKER .. 5  
 CECIL V. EBBESON .. 3 | ERNEST H. MASTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

**ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., June 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. Treble | EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4  
 JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 2 | \*WILLIAM J. CROSS .. 5  
 ALAN R. PINK .. .. 3 | EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods. First peal in seven Minor methods on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.

**DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.  
 GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble | W. ROBERT PARKER .. 4  
 \*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 5  
 CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. Tenor

Arranged by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.  
 \* First peal of London Minor. First peal of London as conductor.

**STUTTON, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

DONALD C. ANDREWS .. Treble | GEORGE WATERMAN .. 4  
 WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 2 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5  
 \*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 3 | RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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

**BARMING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of College Single and three extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Treble | \*DOUGLAS DRIVER .. 4  
 LUTHER J. HONESS .. 2 | EDNA M. SILLS .. 5  
 TOM SAUNDERS .. .. 3 | WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

\* First peal in three methods.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

\*BRIAN TAYLOR .. Treble | \*JAMES BROOKS .. 4  
 EDGAR G. SWIFT .. 2 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5  
 DAVID H. PEARCE .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods as conductor.

**COUND, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS K. S. BARING-REES .. Treble | ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4  
 RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 2 | CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5  
 LEO EVANS .. .. 3 | HARRY EDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

A birthday compliment to Alfred E. G. Owen.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

TONY PRICE .. .. Treble | TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 4  
 \*AGNES E. PRICE .. 2 | FRANK C. PRICE .. 5  
 JANET S. BAILEY .. 3 | RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 300th peal.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At Cleatham House Farm,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6

\*GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\*300th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

No. 163. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 7-8

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

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

No. 22. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 3-4 | ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 9-10

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

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

\*BRIAN BUSWELL .. .. 1-2 | FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4 | J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal on handbells, also first peal in the method and on eight.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

C.C.C. No. 9. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At THE GROVE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 11 in C.

JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY .. .. 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY. Witness: MARGARET BIRCH.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JANES, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. TAYLOR, of  
Goole, Yorkshire.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Albert H. Ward, on his 78th birthday.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 29, GOSWELL ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising 21 extents each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 1-2 | FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3-4

\*DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\*First peal on handbells.

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An example of the 'New Deal' took place at the College Youths' Reunion at Birmingham recently. During an animated discussion one member took from his pocket an envelope and proceeded to turn it into confetti. To his surprise the envelope contained a 10s. note. The incident of reducing the fiduciary issue in this way caused much merriment. Birmingham friends, however, will be pleased to know that the 'jig saw' was completed upon returning to London and the pieces have been accepted as legal tender towards meeting the cost of the gas bill!

The treasurer of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers is Miss B. Enid I.J. Roberts and not as published last week.

Owing to the fire at South Newton the meeting of the Salisbury Branch on July 14th has been transferred to Wilton.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Crewe, on June 2nd, was a joint compliment to Mr. H. Milnes Walker, surgeon at Crewe Memorial Hospital, and also to the Mayor (as stated in the footnote on page 386).

The Editor acknowledges a contribution of 1s. towards 'The Ringing World' finances from the ringers in the peal at Church Kirk, Lancs, on June 23rd. Such gifts lighten the deficit on the production.

Godshill, I. of W., band met one short for a quarter and were commiserating with themselves when a hand appeared at the top of the belfry staircase. Five eager voices enquired, 'Are you a ringer?' 'Yes,' was the reply. 'Like a quarter peal?' was the next question. He agreed and it was not until it was finished that introductions took place. This was the visitor's first 'pull' in the island. The band extend their thanks to him and to his wife for her patience in 'sitting in.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, the oldest member of York Minster Society, celebrated his 83rd birthday by ringing a peal at Easingwold, where he was born, baptised, confirmed, married and learned to ring. It is 25 years since he last rang a peal and he is the only survivor of the band which rang the last peal at York Minster in 1892. To round off an eventful day, Mr. Earnshaw took his place in the Minster belfry and took part in the ringing between 11 p.m. and midnight at the official conclusion of the York Festival of Arts. Is Mr. Earnshaw the oldest ringer to take part in a Festival peal?

A peal has been rung at Kenwyn Church, Truro, to welcome the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. E. R. Morgan, whose palace adjoins the church. Immediately the peal was finished the Bishop went to the tower and thanked the ringers for the welcome. He mentioned that he knew enough about ringing not to intrude whilst the peal was in progress.

The Rev. H. G. Herrington, Vicar-designate of Nettleham, is the son-in-law of the Lincolnshire stalwart, Mr. F. W. Stokes, who is Ringing Master at Nettleham. A peal of Nettleham Surprise was rung at the neighbouring parish of St. Giles to welcome him.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Chesterfield's famous church with the crooked spire (which is undergoing repairs) marks the 30th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Royal in the tower. One cannot quite say 'on the bells,' because these have been recast (and what a glorious ten, too). This former peal was also the first Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association and associated with it were Arthur Knights, Arthur Craven and Sam Thomas (who conducted). This trio rang the eighth, ninth and tenth respectively.

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# GREAT GEORGE OF LIVERPOOL DEDICATED

IN THE PRESENCE OF 2,500 PEOPLE AT JUBILEE SERVICE

**G**REAT GEORGE, the Bourdon bell of the new Liverpool Cathedral, was dedicated in the presence of a congregation of approximately 2,500 in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday, June 17th. The ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Clifford A. Martin), took place at a service marked with dignity and impressiveness to celebrate the jubilee of the meeting in Liverpool Town Hall on June 17th, 1901, at which it was decided to build a cathedral.

It was at 11.41 a.m., states 'The Liverpool Daily Post,' that the deep bass voice of Great George reverberated over the tense congregation and was heard officially for the first time in the city.

And as the great bell sounded the voice of the Bishop was heard by the congregation—'In the name of God, whose glorious sound is in all the worlds, we dedicate the Bourdon Bell (Great George) to the sounding of His promise, who said unto His disciples, "Because I live, ye shall live also. Hallalujah."'

While the vast congregation remained standing, and Great George continued to chime, the Bishop went on, 'And may this Cathedral Church dedicated to His glory, in the power of His resurrection, sound forth the comfort of His praise.'

Long before the service was due to begin, hundreds of people, unable to obtain seating accommodation in the centre space of the Cathedral, were forced to remain standing in the side aisles, while others stood in the western transept at the rear.

Meanwhile a crowd of several hundred gathered in St. James' Road, particularly in the vicinity of the Rankin Porch, to await the arrival in state of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Alderman Vere E. Cotton and Mrs. Cotton).

The dedication took place after the Collects and General Thanksgiving pronounced by the Dean 'for the high resolve of those who in 1901 set forward their purpose to build this Cathedral.'

The Bourdon Bell is inscribed: 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. To the Glory of God in thankfulness for great mercies received and in affectionate remembrance of the City of Liverpool. William Baron Vestey, of Kingswood, and his wife, Evelyn, with Sir Edmund Hoyle Vestey, Baronet, and his wife, Ellen, gave me in the year 1937, and in memory of King George V. named me Great George.'



**GREAT GEORGE.**—The impressive size of Great George—it weighs 14 tons 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2lb.—can be gained by comparison with the head and shoulders of Mr. Paul L. Taylor on the right and Mr. John Oldham, manager of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., on the left. The diameter of the bell is 9ft. 6in. and its note C sharp. Great George is in memory of King George V. and it has the deepest note of any bell cast in the United Kingdom.

After the dedication of the bell the Bishop said the Grace, and the congregation, who had remained standing, joined in the singing of 'O God, our help in ages past.'

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M. F. Scott, Principal of St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, from the text, 'Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto His name.'

He recalled the opposition to the building of the Cathedral and the view that the site should be left as a playing field for children. The criticism that saw the worship of God and the service of man as mutually exclusive alternatives was still with us. It had recently found expression in a play about the Cathedral entitled 'Living Silence,' which was broadcast by the B.B.C. earlier in the year. There the devil's advocate spoke of Liverpool Cathedral as 'this vast pink elephant with its high empty howdah of a tower. This, ladies and gentlemen, is one of the finest monuments to man's folly extant in the 20th century. One might have thought the money spent on this mausoleum would have been better spent on a clinic or a hospital.'

'The song of Liverpool to-day is "money matters, pleasure matters," and an occasional school joins in to say "knowledge matters." This Cathedral is put up not to make money or to provide pleasure or even to be a place of learning, but to be a visible witness for God, to sound forth the comfort of His praise.'

'It sings another song and as it towers above the city it says, "Before money, before pleasure, even before knowledge, God matters. God matters—ascibe unto the Lord the honour due unto His name."'

The service concluded with the Builders' Prayer, followed by the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.



**GREAT PAUL.**—To enable readers to compare the respective size and shape of Great George with Great Paul of St. Paul's Cathedral, we are privileged through the permission of Mr. S. F. Markham to publish a picture of this famous bell taken on its journey from the foundry at Loughborough to London in 1882. Great Paul is the heaviest bell in the United Kingdom and weighs 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. On its journey to London the trolley conveying it was stuck in the mud three days. Great George is the second heaviest bell in this country.



## RESTORATION AT MORPETH

### Watch Tower Bells Ring Out Again

After a silence lasting several months, the restored ring of bells rang out from the ancient Watch Tower at Morpeth on Sunday, June 17th, to mark the opening of the borough's Festival of Britain Week. As the hour of 3 p.m. drew near, a crowd of several hundred people assembled around the tower for the service of dedication, which was conducted by the Rector of Morpeth, Canon F. Baker, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Higgs and the Rev. J. H. Johnston. The restoration marked the completion of a scheme commenced last year, when it was felt by the citizens of Morpeth that something should be done to mark the Festival of Britain in a practical way, and so a fund was opened to raise money to enable this work to be carried out.

At the close of the service, the Mayor of Morpeth, Councillor W. Arthur Mitchell, J.P., addressed the gathering and said that Morpeth's Festival of Britain effort was the restoration of the tower and bells, which had been suffering from old age. It would have been a disgrace to let it crumble and recalled that among the many duties fulfilled by the tower were those of being a prison. It now stood as a famous landmark in Morpeth.

Continuing, he stated that six bells in the tower had been given by Major-General Main, M.P. for Morpeth in the year 1705. At a later date the bells were increased to eight. The Mayor thanked the ex-Mayor, Councillor Jobson, for his work in inaugurating the scheme: thanks were also extended to the Festival of Britain Committee and everyone who had given time and money to the fund.

As these proceedings ended, the Mayor came to the ringing room and chimed the fourth bell to announce to the assembled company that the bells were available for ringing, and straightway a course of Bob Major was rung by K. Arthur treble, F. Ainsley 2, T. W. Crowe 3, J. Anderson 4, Margaret Fidell 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. A. Brown 7, D. A. Bayles tenor.

The recast bells (tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.) are a beautiful ring and John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on their excellent work.

Mention must also be made of the untiring efforts of Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, who, in the beginning, was mainly responsible for creating the necessary enthusiasm to have this restoration made.

An open meeting was held on June 23rd when a representative gathering of members attended to ring the new bells. This meeting was held at the special invitation of the Mayor of Morpeth, as a fitting conclusion to the borough's Festival Week.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Dorchester Branch

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on June 16th at Bere Regis. The bells were rung prior to the service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Herring). The lesson was read by the branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby). The Vicar incorporated in his address a brief history of the church.

Following the service, tea was served in the W.I. Hut by a band of ladies.

Canon A. W. Markby presided at the business meeting and the assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, deputised for the secretary, who was unable to be present. Two new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Milton Abbey in July. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting a success was carried.

After tea, some members went on to ring at Milton Abbey. Towers represented were:—Abbotsbury, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Bere Regis, East Lulworth, Milton Abbey, Preston, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis; also visitors from Amesbury, Salisbury, Ringwood and Shaftesbury.

## NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

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## LADIES' GUILD

### Wedding Gift to Secretary Jill

On June 16th the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild were joined by members from the West Midland, Lincoln and Northern Districts in a Festival of Britain meeting at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham.

With the help of gentlemen visitors at the heavy end the bells were soon pealing forth their message of goodwill. The service was conducted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, who stressed the need for ringers to help one another and for missionary work in the less fortunate towers.

An excellent tea was served by Churchwarden and Mrs. Henson and friends in St. Mary's Institute, after which, contrary to custom, the gentlemen were invited to stay for the first part of the meeting.

The vice-president, Miss I. B. Thompson, expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner from this particular meeting, and then asked Miss Iris Rowley to present on behalf of the members of the Midland District, a canteen of cutlery to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth as a wedding present and a token of appreciation of her work as secretary since the District was formed. Mr. and Mrs. Staniforth suitably replied. At the business meeting the officers and committee were re-elected.

A social followed, with dancing and hand-bell ringing, a course of Grandsire Triples by the ladies and one of Stedman Caters with a lady in the band. The tune ringing on hand-bells by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish was particularly enjoyed. Canon R. H. Hawkins, Vicar of St. Mary's who was unable to be present in the afternoon, looked in to give the visitors a welcome.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY OF GLASGOW CATHEDRAL BELLS

A special service was held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on June 8th, to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The Very Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Provost of the Cathedral, officiated, supported by the Cathedral clergy. 'Bells' was the theme throughout the service, the full choir rendering 'Ding-dong merrily' instead of the usual anthem. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the nave during the service.

As the ringers were leaving, a Mr. Redwood introduced himself as one of the original band who rang in 1901. They are looking forward to meeting him again in the near future.

On the following day, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after two hours' good ringing. The band later adjourned for tea with the Provost as guest.

E. A. S.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

### Youth Well Represented at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society was held at Lichfield on June 23rd and was very well attended, 102 members and friends sitting down to tea in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Two Press reporters who were present were impressed by the number of the younger generation who attended, and it was gratifying to read in the accounts which subsequently appeared in the local papers that the reporters were of opinion that the ancient art of change ringing is definitely on the up grade.

Mr. Herbert Knight, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, occupied the chair, and he was supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary. Ringers were present from as far afield as Hereford, Worcester and Derby.

In his annual report Mr. Bennett said an encouraging feature during the year had been the continued good attendance at meetings. As far as could be ascertained, Sunday service ringing had been regularly maintained and the majority of the towers in the Archdeaconry had fully carried out their obligations in this most important of all aspects of ringing. Peal ringing remained in a very healthy state, 61 peals having been rung during the year compared with 55 the previous year. Messrs. H. Howell, M. Turner, G. Oliver and B. G. Key were the leading conductors. Miss Joan Beresford, of Lichfield, deserves special mention for conducting a peal of Grandsire Caters at Lichfield Cathedral on the occasion of her 19th birthday.

Presenting the financial statement, the Rev. C. H. Barker reported a loss on the year of £8 11s. A discussion took place about the finances of the Society and it was resolved that a charge of 6d. a copy should be made for the annual report. At this stage the members were not in favour of increasing the amount of the annual subscription.

### NEW RINGING MASTER

The officers of the Society were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. George Oliver was appointed Ringing Master in place of Mr. Eric Speake, whose resignation was accepted with regret. Appreciation of Mr. Speake's excellent services during his period of office was duly expressed.

Meetings for the next twelve months were provisionally arranged as follows:—August, Trysull; October, Rugeley; January, St. Matthew's, Walsall; March, Tamworth; May, Hanbury; and the annual meeting at Lichfield, as usual, in June.

A resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, to the effect that the members of the Society deplored the prolonged criticism by outside ringers of the Christmas broadcast from Willenhall. While admitting that the ringing in question was not good, the members of the Society felt it was quite unnecessary for such criticism to be continued up to six months after the broadcast.

A new innovation at this year's annual meeting was for a service to be held at St. Mary's instead of members attending evensong at the Cathedral, as in former years. This year's service at St. Mary's was very well attended and the Vicar, the Rev. Harold Cresswell, gave an inspiring address.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's on June 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. F. Diserens 1, J. Napper 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, W. Lewington 5, C. Pullen 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

**ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts (first quarter) 1, H. E. Seagrave 2, D. Docking 3, S. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Eplett (first as cond.) 5, D. G. Curtis (first quarter) 6. Ring to welcome the Bishop of Truro on the day of his enthronement.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BELLRINGERS' GUIDE

'A Perfectly Monumental Work'—  
C.C. Committee

Dear Sir,—No doubt the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee will make its own reply to T. V. Lister, since R. H. Dove's 'Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' was definitely mentioned in the 1950 (Eastbourne) report. (I have my copy in front of me, in which it is referred to as a 'perfectly monumental work'.) Unfortunately, the complete text was not published in 'The Ringing World' report of proceedings so that anyone not on the Central Council might be under a misconception.

Quite apart from the ringing fraternity, the 'Bellringers' Guide' has, I believe, received wider publicity than has any other book on the subject of ringing. Reviews have appeared in the 'Evening News' (Talk of the Day), 'News Chronicle' (John Bouverie's Diary), 'The Times' Literary Supplement, 'The Church of England Newspaper', 'The Church Times' and 'The Guardian.' All comment has been congratulatory, ranging from light-hearted John Bouverie, who wrote that the inclusion of the weekly practice night 'serves the double purpose of enabling visiting campanologists in a strange town to attend, and those who don't like bells, to stay away,' to 'The Guardian,' who concludes its report with the words, 'We consider this a remarkable book.'

In addition to the above, a completely unsolicited testimonial came from one of England's foremost typographers, Mrs. Beatrice Warde, of the Monotype Corporation, who writes: "'The Bellringers' Guide' is an impressive witness to the strength of a custom or avocation which is peculiarly English. I feel so delighted that the typographical dress of the book is so worthy of the contents.'

Copies have been requested by most universities and leading libraries throughout the English speaking world, and West Region of the B.B.C. have asked for a copy for possible inclusion in a West Country Book Review. This morning came a postcard addressed merely 'W. H. Viggers, Aldershot, from Fratelli Bocca, Editor, of Milan, Italy, who publish the Rivista Musicale Italiana, which read: 'Have the goodness to forward us, free of charge, a copy of the "Bellringers' Guide," by R. H. Dove, that we may make it the subject of a review in one of our earliest numbers.' I am sending a copy but whether I shall ever sell any to Italian musicians is another matter. I still have copies available for British bellringers at 5s. each, plus postage.

W. H. VIGGERS

37, Highfield Gardens,  
Aldershot.

## UNION TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—A peal of Union Triples was recorded in your issue of June 1st and I should be interested to know the Method Committee's views on this method.

In his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of June 15th, Mr. C. K. Lewis stated that he was in doubt as to whether peals of Plain Bob on odd numbers should not come under the heading of Unorthodox Performances, and as the idea of attempting a peal of Union has been contemplated, I should be glad if the position could be clarified.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS

Upton-by-Chester.

## FIRST OF TRIPLES AT CHOLSEY

Dear Sir.—Mr. R. B. Blond is a little late when he claims that the peal of Stedman rung on Saturday, May 26th, at Cholsey, was the first peal of Triples on the bells.

As recently as February 8th, 1947, a peal in the same method was rung there for the Ancient Society of College Youths.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM C. PORTER.

Littlemore, Oxon.

## CLEMENT TOZIER

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Bailey's enquiry regarding Clement Tozier, this founder had a foundry at Salisbury from 1680 to 1717 but beyond the evidence found on bells over a wide range from Salisbury, practically nothing is known of him. John Wallis was the first Salisbury founder, after which we have bells by Nathaniel Bolter, John Lott and Francis Foster, all Salisbury founders. These were followed by the Toziers, of whom Clement was the first, and in his latter years he seems to have been assisted by William Tozier. The last member of the firm was John Tozier, and with him the founding of the bells at Salisbury appears to have terminated. I do not think that Clement Tozier ever became a travelling founder.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## SALISBURY AGREEMENT

Dear Sir.—Clement Tozier worked the Salisbury foundry from 1680 to 1717. In the early part of this period, at any rate, it was in conjunction with Elizabeth Flowery, who was probably the widow of the previous owner, one, R. Flowery.

Lukis, in his 'Church Bells,' published in 1857, gives a copy of a document found in the muniment room at Salisbury Cathedral, which is an agreement between the Dean and Chapter, and Clement Tozier and Elizabeth Flowery, regarding the recasting of the seventh and eighth bells at the Cathedral.

The tenor bell at Downton at this time was also cast by Tozier and Lukis says that the Toziers followed the Purdues in the character of their inscriptions.

Clement Tozier was followed by William and John Tozier and the foundry closed about the year 1731.—Yours sincerely,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

## A CHEMIST'S MORTAR

Dear Sir.—I have been very interested in Clement Tozier as he recast our old tenor in 1713. Most of my information I have learnt about him I obtained from Mr. A. R. Macdonald, of Parkstone, from the book 'The Church Bells of Dorset.'

Tozier was one of the line of old Salisbury founders and his bells are scattered about Dorset, Isle of Wight, and very likely Wiltshire and Hants.

There is a large chemist's mortar cast by him in the Salisbury Museum. It seems he was not very good at spelling as sometimes his name is spelt Tosier and sometimes Tozier; also I read he spelt cast as 'cut' at Arretton, Isle of Wight, and on our old bell year is spelt 'yere.'

I think there were two Toziers at Salisbury, Clement, and later, William Tozier; one of his bells is at Martin (Hants) and one in the next village from here Edmondsham.

John Taylor and Co. have recently recast our ring of eight, but they have reproduced Tozier's inscription in a most remarkable way. It is exactly as it was on his old tenor and that was a bit crooked and not well spaced.

W. DAY.

Cranborne, Dorset.

P.S.—An item in the churchwardens' accounts for 1713 states: To C. Tosier, new casting the fourth bell, £11 6s. For the new brasses, 4s. 6d. The weight of the Tosier bell was 14 cwts.—W.D. We thank other contributors to this subject.

EDGECASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Enid M. Roberts 1, Jean A. Southerst 2, Evelyn M. Fletcher 3, Joan Beresford 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, A. Jones 6, F. E. Haynes 7, W. C. Dowling (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 4.

## LORD ROSEBERY'S CHURCH

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of June 22nd, in Belfry Gossip, the question was asked if Lord Rosebery was interested in bellringing as his horse, named Bob Major, won a race at Ascot. At the little church standing in the grounds of Mentmore Mansion, Leighton Buzzard, there is a light ring of five, which has not been rung for 40 years; I had a ring on it nearly 50 years ago. I have been given to understand the frame is also in a bad way.

If his Lordship's win was worth anything, he would do the church a good turn to have the five bells rehung and add a new treble so that some of the old ringers could ring Bob Minor. He would then be able to name another horse after that method.—Yours truly,

F. VICKERS.

Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.

## CORRECTION TO GRANDSIRE PEAL

Dear Sir.—I believe there is an error in the calling of B. D. Price's 5,040 Grandsire Triples on page 384 of the issue for June 15th. It should read:—

234567

672453 2

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A S 436527 2 (This is the 19th call)

274653 2

362574 1

S 473256 2 (not 1, as printed)

S 264573 1

B 352764 1

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PL 345267 2

This alteration gives 5,040 changes. Formerly, with the loss of one lead in every part, only 4,928 were produced. The calling by observation bells is, of course, unaffected.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER B. MORRIS.

Capenhurst, Cheshire.

NOTE.—We have submitted Mr. Morris's letter to Mr. Brian D. Price, who regrets the error.

## ST. WULFRAM, GRANTHAM

Dear Sir.—On a recent Sunday morning I was up at the top of my yard (which I have made a practice of doing for the last 45 years) to listen to the bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, and I was so struck with the raising, ringing and lowering of them that I wish to say that I have never heard such beautiful ringing in the whole 45 years I have lived under those bells. The effect was so perfect to my mind, that I wished they could have gone on a bit longer; a piano could not have done better.

I have done a bit of ringing myself in my younger days, and I am now 76. I rang the minute bell out for the Duke of Clarence when he died in January, 1892. So you see why I am interested in them; and I feel that I must express my appreciation of such talent.—Yours,

W. C. B. Le TALL.

Grantham.

## Lavenham Ringing Anniversary

A large number of ringers from nine counties and representing 27 parishes were present at the 140th ringing anniversary at Lavenham. Among them were Mr. T. A. King (aged 82 years), of Bradford, Yorks, who was for many years conductor of the Lavenham band: Mr. Chalk, of Maldon, who first rang at Lavenham 52 years ago; and Master Donald Mills, of Bures, Essex, who at the age of 11 years shows great promise of future feats.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise.



## BY COACH AND CYCLE

### Young Bedford Ringers' Week-end

A small party of some of the younger members of the Bedfordshire Association from the towers of Bedford, Biggleswade, Bromham, Henlow and Kempston spent an enjoyable week-end on a cycling-ringing tour in Beds/Bucks on June 16th and 17th.

In glorious sunshine five of us met at Ampt-hill cross roads, from there cycling on to Tils-worth where we were met by two more ringers. One from Totternhoe and one from Linslade, who spent the rest of the day with us. After ringing for a short while on this easy-going six, we were joined by the Vicar, the Rev. Dale, in a touch of Grandsire Doubles—he also told us of a fund they have for new bell ropes to which visitors are invited to contribute 6d. each (rather a good idea for hard-up belfries). A few more methods were rung before we rang down and proceeded to Eaton Bray, where, in this rather small belfry, amidst a shower of bird feathers, straw and dust, we rang some of the standard Minor methods. We were very pleased to welcome here another Bedfordshire (Sandy) lady ringer who had come from Birmingham to be with us for the week-end.

The next stop, for picnic lunch this time, was within sight of our next tower; we contentedly lazed in this meadow until we were reminded of the purpose of our tour by the sound of bells being rung up. Mr. Sayell and two other local ringers were waiting for us at Slapton. Although we agreed that these five bells are of rather nice tone, we found them on the heavy side. After ringing and looking at some old records in the church, we said our farewells and made our way to Cheddington where, although by now a little behind our original time-table, Mr. Boarder, of the local ringers, was still waiting, with the bells freshly oiled and in readiness for us. After an enjoyable hour's ringing on this fairly light six and after satisfying the wants of the would-be photographers amongst us, we set off once again—this time to Aston Clinton. Here we had some of the best ringing of the day, finishing with a good course of London Surprise.

After tea, for which, unfortunately, time had to be cut to the minimum, five of us went on ahead to Marsworth (6), where we found the latecomer of our party struggling to ring up the tenor. Two of the local ringers also joined us but the remainder of our own party mysteriously lost their way and had to take our word for it afterwards about the 'fun' they missed. Although we found this five rather difficult to handle (besides being a long draught, the sallies were the longest we had ever seen, and the ropes of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells are only about six inches from the wall, in fact we noticed one of the local ringers rang facing the wall), we did try some Doubles.

After supper at Ivinghoe Youth Hostel, we had our only disappointment. Owing to repairs to the tower we were unable to ring; we had been warned this probably would be so. However, we spent a most enjoyable hour, together with other hostellers, on a well-conducted tour round this very interesting old church, with the Vicar as our guide.

On Sunday morning, Wingrave was our first call. Met here by Mr. Tompkins, of the local ringers, we found the bells (6) rather heavy going but spent an enjoyable three-quarters of an hour ringing before morning service. Service ended, a quick look round the church, a chat with the Vicar, and off again—a short distance to the neighbouring village of Aston Abbots. The local ringer who met us warned us to be very careful as nine staves had been broken by visitors recently. After we had rung them up in peal and were in the first touch he left with the words 'Stay as long as you like,' and we certainly were reluctant to leave this glorious light six. (Sunday being St Alban's Day—Patron Saint of our Diocese—St. Al-

bans Delight Minor was the method of the day, being the first time some of us had rung it.

Following a very pleasant and rather late lunch in a wayside meadow, we once again mounted our cycles, this time in the direction of Linslade where, with the help of the local ringers, we kept the eight bells going to a variety of methods for just over an hour. Tea on Leighton Buzzard Recreation Ground and then to the church where Mr. Plummer was waiting to welcome us, and we joined with the local ringers in ringing for the evening service—rounds, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters.

The way home for the majority of us was through Woburn Park where the rhododendrons were out in their full glory making a splendid mass of colour, and herds of deer contentedly roamed in the evening sunshine. The opinion of all was—we most certainly must have another cycling-ringing week-end.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and local ringers whose co-operation helped tremendously towards the success of the tour.

Methods rung during the week-end included Plain Bob (Doubles to Royal), Grandsire (Doubles to Caters), St. Simon's Doubles, St. Clement's Minor, St. Albans Delight Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

D. J. H.

### GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX

Ringers of St. Mary's, Goring-by-Sea, were joined by ringers of St. Botolph's, Heene and St. Andrew's, West Tarring, for their annual outing on June 23rd, starting at 8 a.m.

After ringing at Alton Parish Church, the party proceeded to Amesbury, where Grandsire Triples was brought round before lunch at the Fairlawns Cafe. The afternoon's programme included ringing at Winterlow and Stockbridge.

Tea was enjoyed at Winchester and then the party visited the Cathedral and listened to the music of evensong. Wickham was the last tower visited. Handbell ringing in the coach was in charge of Mr. R. P. Wood and the arrangements for the outing were carried out by Mr. S. F. Haffenden, captain of the Goring-by-Sea ringers.

### ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

Ringers of St. John's, Hillingdon, recently toured Sussex for their annual outing, covering nearly 200 miles and ringing at five towers. The weather was perfect and Sussex was truly a 'green and pleasant land.' The musical ring at Withyham came first on the programme. Before departing, the meeting of the local beagles made a picturesque glimpse of country life, with the 'pub' in the background.

Uckfield, Lewes, St. Peter's, Brighton, where a local bride had an unexpected send-off, and Chichester Cathedral, provided the visitors with some pleasant ringing. Five members of the band acted in turn as Ringing Master at the several towers, whilst the secretary was constantly cracking his whip to keep the laggards to time.

The ringers were grateful for the co-operation of the local folk, and were happy to have in their party the Vicar of Hillingdon and Mrs. Tyler, as well as their oldest ringer, William Honor, within a week or so of his 84th birthday.

### LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

The Leeds Parish Church ringers visited Northallerton, Whitby and Malton on their annual outing on June 16th. Undoubtedly the chief attraction of the day was the glorious new ten at Whitby, but beautiful weather, the delightful motor coach run over the moors, and, in particular, over the coast road with its gradient of 1 in 44 and its breath-taking 'hairpin' bends, an excellent lunch and an opportunity to visit new towers, all contributed to an enjoyable day.

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING AT NEWBURY

Some of the enthusiastic members of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild, assisted by friends from the Reading Branch, organised a Festival meeting at Newbury on June 16th.

The bells (10) were rung during the afternoon by branch members, and welcomed visiting ringers came from Oxford, Swindon, Reading and many surrounding towers. Another welcome visitor was the general secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, Mr. Fred Rogers.

Methods rung during the afternoon and later in the evening were Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, not forgetting rounds for beginners.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell) and was followed by tea.

After tea a lecture and demonstration were arranged, to which the public were invited to attend. Mr. A. York Bramble very kindly came from Southampton and gave a very interesting and instructive lecture demonstrated by projector slides and handbells. This was greatly appreciated by all, from the raw recruit to the more experienced ringer.

The committee realised later that a wet evening would have been more suitable for the public instead of a lovely June evening with many outside attractions.

However, one gentleman non-ringer afterwards said that he had learnt something that evening of an art which he never knew existed.

R. W. R.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Joint Meeting at Diptford

A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches was held at Diptford, near South Brent, on June 23rd, when members and friends were present from Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Totnes, Plympton and Plymouth. The president of the Guild (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) also attended.

The delightful ring of six bells, which were rehung last year, were made good use of throughout the afternoon, the ringing including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A service was later held in the church, this being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Mousley); a bountiful tea in the Church Hall followed.

There was no regular business meeting but Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Diptford for the use of his bells, for conducting the service, and to the ladies for the tea arrangements. An apology for absence was received from Mr. E. T. Paul Field, of Dorchester, whilst four non-resident members and one associate member were elected.

The visitors later returned to the tower after which a move was made to Ughorrough, where there is a beautiful church and where the bells were found very difficult to handle.

A. L. B.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Kingswinford on June 16th in beautiful summer weather. Members of the local young and enthusiastic band gave a hearty welcome to all.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Parker, conducted the Guild service, assisted by his organist and choir boys. Ringers' wives served a bountiful tea and the Vicar presided at the short meeting following. The secretary read a letter of thanks he had received from their late president (Canon Waring) thanking the Guild for the gift of flowers received at his home in Norwich.

Thirteen new members were elected and an invitation to Cradley on September 29th for the next quarterly meeting was accepted with thanks.



**ADLINGTON, LANCs.**—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two 720's): T. Grounds 1, E. Baldwin 2, F. Stead (first quarter) 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. A. Wedderburn.

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On June 3rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrins (cond.) 2, C. H. Webb 3, P. K. Williamson 4, H. G. Summers 5, P. Stone 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, W. A. Stote 8. First quarter in the method by local band.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Michael's on June 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elsie Walker 1, Audrey Seville 2, Joan Carter 3, J. Robinson 4, N. Haile 5, L. Hill 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. Ogden 8, J. Carter (first quarter as cond.) 9, C. L. Cheetham 10. First quarter for all except 9.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On June 19th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: A. J. Scott 1, J. L. Glyde 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, R. Keeley 4, W. Yates 5, N. Mallett 6, H. G. Keeley 7, E. Morris 8. First of Surprise for 2. First in the method for 5 and 8. A birthday compliment to Miss June Dunn.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On June 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Howard 1, H. Wingrove 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges (first in the method) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, W. C. Marshall 2, W. Brown 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis (first quarter) 6. First quarter in method by all.

**BOTESFORD, NOTTS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bolland (first quarter) 1, N. Cooke (first quarter) 2, W. Creasy 3, F. J. Williams 4, A. Ward 5, J. Morris (first quarter on eight) 6, W. Kirtan (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8. A birthday compliment to Canon Blackmore, Rector of Botesford.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Nichols (first quarter) 1, K. Muttock (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Arnold 3, F. Pearson 4, C. Browne 5, F. Philippo (cond.) 6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On June 21st, at St. Alphege's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. N. Roberts 1, A. C. Gambrill 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, W. C. E. Goldup 4, R. W. Pepper 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the opening (June 11th) of the Festival Exhibition of Canterbury.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Cathedral on June 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Leadbitter (first quarter) 1, E. J. Runter 2, R. Groves (first 'inside') 3, W. Glover (first quarter on ten) 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, J. Shadrack (first quarter on ten) 6, W. Barrett 7, H. W. Shadrack 8, R. C. Thrift 9, C. Smith (first quarter on ten) 10. For the Festival of Britain service.

**COPPULL, LANCs.**—On June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two 720's): F. Openshaw 1, M. E. Openshaw 2, E. Baldwin 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. A. Wedderburn at the above church.

**CUMNOR, BERKS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Holmes 1, Mrs. M. Neale 2, F. Absalom 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. Snell 6. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. M. Neale.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood 1, J. Armstrong (first in method as cond.) 2, Miss R. Hopkins 3, I. Campbell 4, S. Carpenter 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant 7, S. Penfold 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Tivey 1, S. Walklate 2, A. E. Thompson 3, G. Freebrey 4, H. Letts 5, D. Carlisle 6, J. Wilkinson (first quarter as cond.) 7, M. Barker 8.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming 2, G. Ashdown 3, J. Lyddiard 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Sherman 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On June 24th, at All Saints', 1,440 Cambridge Royal: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Miss D. Lidbetter 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, H. Langdon 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, D. Parsons 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Phillips (cond.) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Royal for 2 and 4.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKs.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Hutton 1, J. A. Alexander 2, R. A. Appleby 3, W. Atkinson 4, M. Cooper 5, H. Spencer 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, T. Tindale 8.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, G. Wood (first quarter Doubles) 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, F. Rowson 6. A wedding compliment to E. Morris, church secretary.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Court 1, Sgt. H. Furminger 2, Miss J. Wells 3, M. Hawkins 4, G. Ruck 5, T. Wickens (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GREAT PONTON, LINCs.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Stableford 1, J. Pearson 2, T. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5.

**GREAT ROLLRIGHT, OXON.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. D. Harris 1, W. J. Cross 2, C. H. Pearson 3, R. H. Jarvis (first quarter of Minor) 4, J. S. Walton 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. A Festival of Britain quarter.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, Miss E. Fulton 2, H. G. Hart 3, W. Wenban 4, F. A. Finch 5, R. E. Price 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, T. Price 8. Rung for the Harrow Mission.

**HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Ridout 1, S. Weeks (first quarter) 2, R. Ridout 3, W. J. Cowling 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, J. Hartless 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' on June 17th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: H. B. Bull 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Kennelly 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, Miss R. Gibbons 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West 7, J. F. Allen 8.

**MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—At the Watch Tower on the newly-restored bells, on June 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. H. Hewett 1, Miss J. Lewis 2, H. Walker 3, T. W. Crowe 4, H. P. Cliff 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, E. N. Harrison 7, K. Arthur (cond.) 8. First quarter peal on the new bells and rung as a compliment to Miss Lewis on her graduation as B.A. (Hons.).

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKs.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Armstrong 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Evans 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Abrams 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, B. Riddy (first quarter) 8. Rung for the local Festival of Britain Week.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barley 1, Miss K. Stretton 2, A. Barley 3, F. Hooper 4, W. Midwinter 5, C. Copp 6.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On June 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Delderfield 1, T. Clark 2, J. Cleaver 3, Freda Attwood 4, F. W. Brinklow 5, H. G. Cashmore (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of treble, also first quarter peal by all in the method.

**PORTKERRY, GLAM.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond 5, L. J. Malings (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all.

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gosling (first quarter, aged 13½) 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, R. Boardman (first 'inside') 3, B. Hallworth 4, S. Hough, jun. 5, E. Holdsworth (first as cond.) 6.

**PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles in ten methods (Norfolk, Kennington, Southrepps, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Stedman and Old Doubles): F. W. Hutt 1, P. Amos 2, M. Chown 3, E. Garrett 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Coles, of Preston Capes. Mr. Coles was for many years a ringer at the Parish Church.

**ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.**—On June 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. Barrington 1, D. T. North 2, L. Alderman 3, W. Slocombe 4, G. Gammon 5, G. Walford (cond.) 6. First of Minor 3, 4 and 5.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Page 1, Miss Eloie 2, L. Page 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Mussell 5, R. Marlow 6, F. Harris (cond.) 7, F. E. Manns 8. For the wedding of Mr. R. Turner, a St. Paul's ringer.

**SOUTHWOOLD, SUFFOLK.**—On June 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Finch (first quarter) 1, E. Grindell 2, R. S. Payne 3, F. W. Lack 4, G. H. Wright 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Hills 1, C. Wright (first of Doubles as cond.) 2, Constance Chinnery (first of Doubles) 3, A. Howell 4, A. Hammond 5, S. Bull 6. A 21st birthday compliment from St. Margaret's ringers to Colin Wright.

**TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Smith 1, W. G. Smith 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Rees 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Thomas Harper, one time ringer, sexton and friend of the ringers, who was interred on June 16th.

**WELLOW, SOMERSET.**—On June 12th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Plain Bob): A. E. Baverstock 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, P. W. Weeks 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6. First in two methods Minor by 1, 3 and 5.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Euston 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. W. Coles 4, J. Grove 5, Dr. W. R. Winterton 6, F. W. Housden (cond.) 7, C. Morris 8.

## WINCHESTER MAYOR ENTERTAINS BELLRINGERS

On Wednesday evening, June 20th, following the normal weekly practice at Winchester Cathedral, the bellringers were invited round to the Abbey House, where they were the guests of the Mayor and Mayoress, Cclr. and Mrs. A. T. Edmonds. This was a return invitation from the Mayor, who three weeks previously, at the invitation of the ringers, had visited the Cathedral belfry, where he had seen both the bells and the ringers at work.

Also present at the Abbey House were the Mayor's two daughters (the younger one of whom showed a remarkable interest in bellringing, and we hope will shortly take it up), Canon and Mrs. Cowley and a Dr. Goid and his fiancée (visitors from Australia, who apparently knew several Australian ringers).

Refreshments were provided whilst the Mayor welcomed his guests. He said he thought this the first time that the ringers had been invited into the Abbey House, and he would like to take the opportunity of thanking them, on behalf of the city, for the way in which they rang the bells so beautifully and regularly each Sunday. He also mentioned that he had been present in the belfry recently when Mr. W. C. Lampard, the captain, had been presented with a wrist watch in commemoration of 60 years' service as a ringer at the Cathedral, and added that he was glad to see the captain still 'so full of beans.'

Mr. Lampard replied by thanking the Mayor on behalf of all the ringers for his worship's kind invitation, and confirmed that this was, indeed, the first time they had been invited to the Abbey House. He said that ringing the bells up in the belfry the ringers were often considered out of sight, therefore out of mind, but that was not the case. Mr. Lampard also took the opportunity of thanking Canon Cowley who, ever since his arrival in Winchester, had regularly each Sunday come up into the belfry during ringing and had been a constant source of help and encouragement to the ringers.

The Mayor and Mayoress bade their guests good-night, everyone agreeing that it had been a very pleasant evening.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY Silkstone Win Shield

The annual Shield Contest was held at Darfield on June 9th. The result of the draw and the order of the ringing was as follows:—

Friezland: Faults 117, Penalties 0, Total 117; Cawthorne: 154, 0, 154; Shelley: 233, 0, 233; Silkstone: 86, 0, 86; Lindley: 109, 0, 109.

Mr. A. Chant, Felkirk, and Mr. J. Buxton, Shelley, were the judges. Silkstone were the winners and will hold the shield for twelve months. The Rector presented the trophy to the conductor of the winning team.

Votes of thanks were given to the Rector for the use of the bells and the welcome given, also to the ladies for the splendid tea. A very happy afternoon was spent with some very good ringing.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. J. PRATT

Ringling friends of the late Joseph J. Pratt, who for 50 years was a member of the band at St. John's, Hillingdon and for many years the captain, may like to have the opportunity of contributing towards the cost of providing a memorial in the ringing chamber of St. John's. It is hoped that this will take some practical form, such as a bookcase in which could be kept Mr. Pratt's ringing papers and other books of the local Guild. Contributions should be sent or given to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, before July 16th, when the fund will be definitely closed to enable the scheme to be brought to fruition in the very near future.



## BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Saturday, June 16th, was the day chosen by the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association for their annual outing. A combination of pretty countryside, excellent rings of bells, a luxurious new coach and interesting old churches resulting in a most enjoyable and successful tour.

After the coach had made its rounds and the ringers of 13 towers were aboard, we set off, the music of handbells occasionally filling the coach, to arrive punctually at Bicester, where Mr. C. Kitch had the bells (tenor 15 cwt.) up and ready for us. Bob Major was the first method, followed by Grandsire Triples, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob, the bells being rung straight down in peal after Stedman Triples.

Kidlington, with its slender spire, set amongst the stone cottages was our next stop. Yorkshire was the first touch on this eight (tenor 23½ cwt.), other methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge. Unfortunately, we were about three hours too early to ring at the wedding of the daughter of the local ringer who met and had the bells set up for us.

Lunch was taken at Witney, then a walk across the green to the church (voted by some the best tower of the day), where the stragglers amongst us found guests arriving for a wedding and some of our own party ringing handbells on the green. Those of us who went in church to the wedding heard the bells (tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.) ringing out merrily to Grandsire Triples both before and after the service; an extremely well-struck course of Stedman Triples followed, also Bob Major and Double Norwich.

The next tower was Burford, where once again we enjoyed some excellent ringing, including touches of Bristol, Grandsire and Stedman. Bob Major and Cambridge. We were joined here by a local ringer who had tea with us at the New Inn. After tea, several courses on handbells were rung outside before we proceeded to Bampton. Here the eight bells, heaviest of the day (tenor 25 cwt.) were rung up in peal and straight into a touch of Yorkshire. Grandsire, Bob Major and Superlative were the other methods rung.

Appleton, with its small church and tower containing ten bells (tenor 14½ cwt.) was our last call. Up and down the short ladder in turns for ringing of rounds, Bob Royal, course of Grandsire Caters, a touch of Stedman Caters, which unfortunately came to grief. The best ringing here was when two local ringers joined in a course of Stedman Caters.

The whole party extend their thanks to the organiser, Mr. Lewis Bywaters, for a well-planned tour with excellent choice of towers (proved by friendly arguments in the bus on the homeward journey, as to the best tower of the day). D. J. H.

## 5,000 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

By GEORGE FREEBRY (Derby).

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63542			X	
56342			X	
23645	X		X	
64235		X	X	
56234	X	X	X	
23564		X	X	
52364			X	
35264			X	
42563	X		X	
64523		X		
54326	X			
34625	X			
26543	X	X		
45362	X	X		
63254	X	X		
52436	X	X		
35426	X	X		
42356		X	X	
34256		X		
23456		X		

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9103

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, Wanstraw, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 9084

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Whitworth Institute Pavilion at 5. 9074

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9081

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Epping (8), July 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. 9043

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Stephen's (10), July 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements announced in tower.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 9128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rodmersham (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. followed by tea in Village Hall at 2s. per head. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8) on July 7th at 3. Service (if it can be arranged) at 4.30. Tea 5. 9071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Banbury (10), July 7th. Service 4.15. Tea. Meeting. Adderbury (8).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 9041

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Little Milton, Oxon, on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4. 9094

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 9083

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Yardley (8) on July 7th. Meeting at the Ring o' Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Notification for tea essential.—Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 9087

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. 9115

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Winchester on Saturday, July 7th. Committee 11 a.m. General meeting 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 in St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 and 6-7 p.m.; Hursley, (8) Wonston (6) and Sparsholt (5) 10-12 and 7-9; Twyford (8) and St. Maurice's (6) 7-9; other towers by arrangement.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9106

BARNSLAY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9145

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting, July 14th, Keynsham. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Notification for tea, by 11th, to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, near Bristol. 9130

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Fivehead, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements.—J. S. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 9125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Goathurst, July 14th. Usual times. Names for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 9149

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Hutton Cranswick, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, before Wednesday, July 11th, the Rev. G. Storer, R. D., The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick. 9146

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6) July 14th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 9120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea.—Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9100

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ockley, July 14th. Bells from 3. Tea at King's Arms. Notifications to R. Duffield, Ockley Court Gardens, Dorking.—A. H. Smith. 9150



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Ledbury District) and **WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION** (Western Branch) will hold a joint meeting, July 14th, at Suckley (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names, not later July 9th, please, to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. Everyone welcome. 9136

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), July 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 10th, to Mr. F. Rimmington, 21, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9113

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Munden (6), on Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 11th, to me at 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 9117

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation, and names must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, definitely not later than Monday, July 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9099

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), Saturday, July 14th. A Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Excellent opportunity for introducing non-ringers to our art.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec., Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9098

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Foundry and Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be 2s. 6d. and names should be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, by Wednesday, July 11th. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors.—E. K. Fletcher, President and Acting Hon. Sec. 9105

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Rainhill, July 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5.30 (price 1s. 6d.) for those notifying, by Tuesday, Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walkers Lane, Rainhill.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9121

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, July 14th. Bring own food. Preston-Lancaster buses; alight Roebuck Hotel.—L. Walmsley. 9144

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, July 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 9127

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton (6), July 14th. Service 4.15. Tea 5, to those who notify, by July 10th. P. Thomas, Walcote, Rugby.—L. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9138

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Humberstone, July 14th. Bells 3. Tea only for those who send names by Wednesday, July 11th, to E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester.—W. Swan. 9147

**MALMESBURY ABBEY, WILTSHIRE.**—Dedication and opening of ring of 8 bells, Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Teas to be notified to the undersigned by Saturday, July 7th. A private room has been booked at The King's

Arms Hotel, 8-10.30 p.m., for social intercourse.—H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts. 9080

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Service, business meeting and tea.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 9085

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9122

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Polebrooke, July 14th. Bells 3. Names for tea, by July 10th.—P. E. Clarke (Miss), 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, Peterborough. 9148

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th at Wilton (6) (not South Newton). Service 4.15. Names for tea, by July 10th, to C. F. Haines, 17, Shaftesbury Road, Wilton, Salisbury. 9092

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION** and **HEREFORD GUILD** (Bridgnorth Branch).—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30.—H. G. Thomas and E. J. Rowe, Hon. Secs. 9040

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Guildford (8), July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, S. Nicolas' Church Hall, 5 p.m. Shalford 6.30-8. Names for tea, please, not later than July 10th, to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 9118

**SOUTHWELL GUILD** (North Notts Branch) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea, by 10th, to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman and B. Cooper. 9096

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Regret no tea arrangement possible.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9139

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (5), Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Tea for those only who notify, by Wednesday, July 11th, B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 9134

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on July 14th. Service 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, not later than July 10th, to D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 9073

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, July 14th. Bells: Stockbridge (6) 1.30; Leckford (5) 6. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in garden of Grosvenor Cottage (if wet, in Town Hall). Business meeting follows. Names for tea, by Monday, July 9th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9089

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, by July 10th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9142

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting Charlton Mackrell July 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 9133

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting Star Restaurant. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9135

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General quarterly meeting at Whitwick on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) at 2. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schools 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 18th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4 North Street, Whitwick. Please note: The Guild Festival is on October 27th at Market Harborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 9137

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall on July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sunshine Cafe. Names for tea by Monday, July 16th, to Mrs. D. Flintham, Harrowdine, Thorpe Road, Coningsby, Lincoln.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 9140

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Bigby (6) on July 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 18th to Canon Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 9129

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 18th, to G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9126

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Canon G. Dixon. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary not later than July 16th. Usual ringing arrangements; times will be given at luncheon.—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 9075

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castle Ashby, on Saturday, July 21st. Service 4. Tea, 2s., at Falcon Hotel, only for those names received by July 12th.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 9093

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Saturday, July 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. 9132

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Stratford St. Mary, July 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5, Riverside Cafe. East Bergholt bells to be rung after tea. Don't miss this. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 9141

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 9143

**HUNTINGDON.**—On June 24th., at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Peacock 1, H. W. Pratt 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. Clements 6, F. Warrington 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung for the opening of the borough's Festival Week.

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## THE LECTURE

**M**OST ringers in responsible positions are called upon at some time or another to speak on bells or change ringing. From time to time we get demands for copies of an appropriate lecture suitable for a youth organisation, a parish men's meeting or a Rotary Club, and invariably these requests come from ringers well versed in the many sides of ringing, but are really nonplussed as to what to give and what to leave out. We are publishing this week a precis of a lecture delivered by a well-known personality in the hope that it might prove to be a useful guide on which to base a lecture. Probably the whole of the matter is familiar to 90 per cent. of our readers; many will probably say they could do better, but we trust that the facts as presented will be helpful. It is the writer's experience that invariably when he is asked to speak the notice is extremely short—probably because he is treated as a stop gap in an emergency—and the possession of notes on a given theme is invaluable.

When delivering a lecture much depends on the audience; the lecture to be a success has to be prepared to suit the audience and not vice versa. Above all, do not be abstruse and avoid as far as possible technical terms which are peculiar to the Exercise. If, for example, the address is being given to boys of a Youth Club, the principles of how a bell works, its construction, the art of the foundry, both ancient and modern, should be given a prominent place. The introduction of a model bell is of great value in making clear the details. Youth at a certain age love facts and figures. Be ready with weights and details of the biggest bells in the country, but do not neglect the introduction of appropriate anecdotes and stories to brighten the talk. The old chestnuts to the ringing fraternity are lapped up with avidity by those who are unversed in the art. A professor in mathematics at one of the leading colleges once confided to the Editor that for 15 years he had been trotting out the same old jokes at appropriate stages in his course of lectures and to each succeeding group they never failed to make an appeal.

If possible in a lecture introduce a local touch. The public generally have little idea of their own bells and their history; there is an antiquarian streak in most people. In the writer's own belfry there is painted on the wall the record of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the 1750's

and composed by the 'ingenious' Mr. Holt. Who was the 'ingenious' Mr. Holt enquired one of the non-ringing visitors. That question in itself was the material for talk of the shoemaker who died at the age of 27, but in his short life had bequeathed to the ringing fraternity a composition that has stood the test of 200 years. The origin of Queens and Whittingtons familiar to many ears can also be introduced.

Models of a bell and lantern slides are a natural asset to any talk. The musically minded are invariably interested in the tuning of a bell and the different notes in its construction. To introduce the principles of change ringing simply is far from easy. The most successful is either by slide diagrams or handbells. To the non-ringing audience everything must be of the simplest character and definitions avoided. Generally speaking, a few mathematical details showing the difference between peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, etc., are essential to any talk where change ringing is introduced. Similarly the constitution of a peal and its importance to the Exercise in setting a standard of achievement should be introduced.

If the gathering is associated with the Church, the strong views held by the Exercise generally and the Central Council in the ringer's vocation as a servant of the Church should be emphasised. The heritage of the last century that ringers were a dissolute body still holds the field, and the writer, probably in common with many others, has had to answer the question from parents steeped with the wrong conception of the type of person who rings bells as to whether it is a fit and proper hobby or exercise for his son or daughter to take up. Happily the question is one that can be easily answered. We think that most of our Sunday service bands have a strong sense of vocation, and even if church attendance after ringing is not 100 per cent., we can truthfully say that ringers are a body of God-fearing, Christian men and women.

Question time is the testing time of the lecturer. Of works of fiction about ringing none has captured public imagination more than 'Nine Tailors,' by Dorothy Sayers. A question on this novel invariably arises, and one is tempted to ask how many people were attracted to ringing through first reading this book. The Editor would certainly like to be enlightened on that point. 'What made you take up ringing?' is another personal poser. We doubt if anyone can give the answer of the Editor—'Through sub-editing "The Ringing World."' After all,



it is a far better occupation on a Sunday than hitting a golf ball around a golf links and it is, above all, a service which all of us hold most dearly.

A good lecture on ringing is the most valuable form of propaganda. Guilds and Associations should never hesitate to tell their own story of the bells. We want the public to know our mysteries, to love the bells as we love them, and to be able to write in the same strain as Mr. Le Tall did in his letter in our last issue of going out regularly each Sunday morning for the last 45 years to listen to the bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham. There is an example of real affection which is hard to beat.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,  
A PEAL OF 5213 GRANDSIRE CINQUES  
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

HENRY TOOKE .. .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
*ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 8
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 9
†F. CHAS. GOODMAN .. 4	*BERT GOGLE .. .. 10
†WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 11
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6	WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve. Rung, by request, as a Norwich Festival peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 2	CECIL H. PEARSON .. 7
RENATE BUCHTHAL .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
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Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

PRIITLEWELL, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. 8
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	JOHN W. WARD .. .. 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 5	JAMES BULLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

Composed and rung for the 81st birthday of A. Roberts.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS  
Tenor 40½ cwt.

BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
*MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 2	*FRANK REED .. .. 7
HERBERT TAYLOR .. .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 8
*DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
*WILFRID L. ROBINSON .. 5	ERNEST PADGETT .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 37). Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the patronal festival and to conclude 'Sheffield Cathedral Week' by special request of the Dean. A Festival of Britain peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL  
Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. Treble	ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 6
MARY WALSHAW .. .. 2	JACK CLEGG .. .. 7
FRANCES LAFLIN .. .. 3	BURLEY WALSHAW .. .. 8
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 9
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 5	PHILIP H. TOCOK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the treble. Rung for the birthday of Paul, son of the conductor and nephew of the 9th ringer.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. Treble	ERIC T. EADES .. .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 6
WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 7
*PETER R. JEMMETT .. .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY, KENWYN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 5
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 6
MARION L. LIDGEY .. .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 7
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 4	*C. KEITH BREWER .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. E. R. Morgan, who was enthroned in Truro Cathedral two days previously.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,  
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SAYER .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
RALPH SITCH .. .. 2	F. CHAS. GOODMAN .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 4	*BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* 100th peal.



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AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.  
\*EDMUND HENDERSON .. Treble    †WILLIAM TYSON .. 5  
†THOMAS W. DODD .. 2    †PHILIP DRAFFAN .. 6  
†ARTHUR COWAN .. 3    RICHARD OLIVER .. 7  
†JOYCE LEWIS .. 4    ROBERT B. SKELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

DARTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 19, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Middleton's. Tenor 18½ in E flat.  
FRANK E. WALKER .. Treble    \*ERIC NAYLOR .. 5  
\*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 2    FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6  
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3    FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7  
GEORGE KENWOOD .. 4    GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
\* First peal in the method and of Surprise.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)  
On Wed., June 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRERETON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble    JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 5  
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 2    NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6  
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 3    JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7  
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4    JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.  
First in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung for the Festival of Handsworth. H. O. Chaddock has now 'circled' this tower.

TENTERDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 30 cwt.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Treble    MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5  
PERCY PAGE .. 2    WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6  
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3    THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7  
ROBERT SWIFT .. 4    HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. An 84th birthday compliment to Edward S. York, sole surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

WILLIAM LOVE .. Treble    H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5  
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2    GEORGE SAYER .. 6  
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3    BERT GOGLE .. 7  
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4    ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

\*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Treble    SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5  
DAVID VINCENT .. 2    †PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6  
\*†C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3    \*†ROLAND BENISTON .. 7  
\*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4    HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First touch in the method. † 50th peal together. † First peal of Major in the method. Rung as a farewell to Rev. L. E. Dashwood, M.A., who is leaving Hugglescote for Loughborough.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble    J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5  
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2    J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6  
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3    J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7  
GIBSON JACKSON .. 4    W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING .. Treble    EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 5  
MARY HOWELL .. 2    LEONARD STILWELL .. 6  
ERIC H. KNAPP .. 3    REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. 7  
HORACE E. LILLEY .. 4    RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE .. Treble    MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 5  
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2    \*MARJORIE JACKSON .. 6  
\*JOSEPH LING .. 3    \*A. RONALD LING .. 7  
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 4    \*FRANK MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Baybut.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble    SIDNEY BRIGGS .. 5  
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2    \*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 6  
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3    \*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7  
\*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4    JOSEPH A. FENTON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.  
\* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

J. R. PRITCHARD'S.    JOHN E. LLOYD .. Treble    ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 5  
MARGARET A. BAILEY .. 2    L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 6  
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3    HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7  
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4    JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

Rung as a compliment to the local captain (John E. S. Moreton) on the birth of a granddaughter.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble    CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5  
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2    CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 6  
THOMAS BARKER .. 3    CHARLES CLEGG .. 7  
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS .. 4    LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Walter Barnes to Miss Glenys Williams. Also to celebrate the birth of a grandson to the tenor ringer.



## CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN T. LOCKE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM YATES .. .. 5
*NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 6
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7
†ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris on the 29th anniversary of their wedding.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in this method. Rung for the wedding of Noel E. Chambers and Winifred Hind, and as a welcome to the Rev. H. G. Herrington upon his appointment as Vicar of Nettleham, the neighbouring parish.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ARTHUR WATKIN .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

## \*SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PATRICK PAGE .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. 5
WALLACE GLASSPOOL .. 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 6
†BETTY J. DAYSH .. 3	†ALAN JACQUES .. 7
JOYCE COX .. 4	TOM PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* 25th peal. † First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## WILBY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. Treble	DAVID VINCENT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 6
FRANK L. FISHER .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET, QUEEN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CLAIRE D. CAUSLEY .. Treble	*ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD .. 5
EDWARD EADE .. 2	PETER J. OSTLEY .. 6
*JEAN S. S. DURRANT .. 3	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	†MAURICE STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung for the 700th anniversary of this church, also a Festival of Britain peal.

## DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE .. 5
RUTH M. K. HOW .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 6
FRANCES E. EDGAR .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
MARGARET L. TUTT .. 4	EDWIN G. MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble	RUSSELL PARKER .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. 4	DAVID VINCENT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Dobbs, who is retiring.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 6
DAVID VINCENT .. 3	*BERT GOGLE .. 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* 100th peal for the Association.

## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*ALFRED H. COOTE .. Treble	HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	ROY C. HURST .. 7
JOYCE GIBBONS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Featherstone.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*LESLIE D. W. ATFIELD .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
ANSLEY BOWERS .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	BASIL WHITE .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* First peal of Major. Rung for H. J. Doick's 70th birthday.

## HADLOW, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS F. DRIVER .. Treble	JOHN T. MEDHURST .. 5
LUTHER J. HONESS .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
LEWIS NEWMAN .. 4	EDNA M. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on eight bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 960 each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 3,120 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EILEEN BURTON .. .. Treble	JOHN MYATT .. .. 4
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 2	COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 5
EDWARD CLEMENTS .. .. 3	*BETTY G. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. KIRK.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of James Slater, late choirboy at this church.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sun., June 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*H. E. ALLUM .. .. Treble	†GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 4
†RUSSELL G. PARKER .. .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 5
†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 3	*HERBERT PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. .. Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. .. 5
*JOYCE GIBBONS .. .. 3	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

\* First peal in three methods.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

D. ROY HOLPIN .. .. Treble	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. .. 4
MARY DREW .. .. 2	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 5
LESLIE BARRY .. .. 3	RONALD BEALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. D. H. Allan.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

AUBREY SEYMOUR .. .. Treble	*ALAN STRATHDEE .. .. 4
GORDON STRATHDEE .. .. 2	HARRY C. JONES .. .. 5
ARTHUR POULTON .. .. 3	JOHN CROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. JONES.

\* First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. Treble	C. F. TOVELL .. .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. .. 2	EDWARD BARKER .. .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung for the Festival of Britain and a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

HIGHAM UPSHIRE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 7 cwt.

BARBARA MITCHELL .. .. Treble	HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. 4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal inside.

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## KELSTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BETTY SMITH .. .. Treble	†ERIC SUTTON .. .. 4
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	†PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 5
†HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Philip W. Weeks, who was to join H.M. Army at Plymouth on June 21st.

## KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIO. GUILD AND THE GOSCOTE SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grand-sire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HINMAN .. .. Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 3
J. HARRY COOK .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A Festival of Britain peal. To mark the opening of the Festival Week at Melton Mowbray. Also as a compliment to the chairman of the Melton District, Mr. F. J. Williams, and Mrs. Williams, on the birth of a grandson.

## MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of five six-scores each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, six six-scores each of April Day and Old Doubles, and ten six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN .. .. Treble	IVOR J. DICKIN .. .. 4
ERIC NOBLES .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 5
EDWARD G. BENNETT .. 3	CHARLES W. DIXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

A Festival of Britain peal and birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary S. Stocken, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

## MARKET WEIGHTON, EAST YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL .. .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 4
FRANCIS W. DALE .. .. 2	CHARLES BARKER .. .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3	PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.

First peal on the bells since being recast.

## WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*COLIN A. JOHNSON (17) .. Treble	*T. W. MEASURES (17) .. 3
†CYRIL J. WINDRAM .. .. 2	†ERNEST W. MEASURES .. 4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles for the Market Harborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

## CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES .. Treble	HUBERT JONES .. .. 4
THOMAS W. NASH .. .. 2	ARTHUR C. NASON .. .. 5
ALBERT E. JONES .. .. 3	*WILLIAM NASON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

\* First peal.

## APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Lincoln, Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne, York, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
TERENCE G. MORTON .. 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor and first 720 in all the methods. This peal is associated with the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bailey, of Godshill, I.O.W.

## KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Norwich, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD F. WOOD .. .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 4
*BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First seven-method peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Cameron.

## SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HARRY HYDE .. .. Treble	†JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 4
*JACK BISHOP .. .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
†JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ 50th peal. First peal on the bells and a Festival of Britain peal for the parish.

## CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, April Day, Old, Norfolk and Plain Bob, and six 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

JAMES BROOKS .. .. Treble	DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 4
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 5
BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 3	CHARLES H. VITLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

## LOXTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman and 20 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. Treble	MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 4
*GEORGE WESTLAKE .. 2	EDWARD HUDSON .. .. 5
*ROBERT BRICE .. .. 3	EDWARD WICKHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal in three methods.

## BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 1,440 each of London and Wells and one 2,160 of Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal in three Surprise methods. First peal in three Surprise methods as conductor.



## HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Court, one extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one extent of Spliced Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

DONALD METTHAM .. .. Treble	HUGH LONGLAND .. .. 4
*HENRY COLLINS .. .. 2	DENNIS FRITH .. .. 5
FRANK MITCHELL .. .. 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* 25th peal together. Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. R. Longland and Miss M. M. Hobson (local members), whose wedding was solemnised earlier in the day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 18, 1951, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

*TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4
†LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles away from the tenors. † First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., June 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFERY,

## A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	*DEREK GOODMAN .. 7-8
†HARRY POYNER .. 9-10	

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

\* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal.

## DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

IN ST. MARY'S BELFERY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 1-2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 3-4
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5-6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Witnesses: J. E. BURLS and H. S. PALMER.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

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*On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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In seven methods, comprising 1,456 Plain, 1,092 Gainsborough, 848 Reverse, 576 Little, 424 Crayford Little, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 17.

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

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

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MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3-4	*JOHN FREEMAN .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in 22 methods 'in hand.' 50th spliced peal as conductor.

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What is believed to be the first 'three generations' peal in Wales, certainly for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, was rung at Caerphilly, Glam., on June 30th. It was a praiseworthy performance on the part of the eldest Bailey, 'Joe,' who, at 79 years of age, rang faultlessly. Incidentally it is 27 years since Bert Weaver and Fred Bailey rang a peal together—Union Triples in which 'J. W. J.,' of Newport, now 85, took part.

Poole bells will be broadcast on the West Regional on July 17th at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Arthur H. Beamish 'completed his circle' of Chilvers Coton tower on June 30th, Mr. Gibson Jackson that of Conesborough, Yorks, on June 28th, and Mr. Michael Brown, Whetstone, Leics., on June 27th.

Regarding the peal of Plain Bob Major at Cheadle on June 16th, the following corrections have been received: Geoffrey C. Beech treble (not Buck), W. Arthur Guant third (not Want). We regret we were unsuccessful in deciphering the writing in the original copy.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Chesterfield, Mr. B. A. Knights informs us, was on October 25th, 1913, being the first of Cambridge Royal for the Yorkshire Association. Both this peal and the one on January 29th, 1921, were called by Mr. Sam Thomas. The only survivor of the first peal is Mr. B. A. Knights, who rang the tenor.

Mr. T. J. Locke's party have concluded a successful peal-ringing week in Worcestershire with 14 peals out of 21 attempts. Special peals include a silent of Cambridge Surprise Major, Spliced Royal and Superlative at Lye (the lightest eight in England). Among the failures was an attempt for Holt's Original on the 200th anniversary day.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The 80th birthday of that grand old veteran, Mr. Isaac Emery, on June 25th, was celebrated by ringing 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the bells of St. Mary, Cray, Kent, where Mr. Emery rang his first 120 in 1887. The band was R. Ling 1, F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, P. J. Spice 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6. Mr. E. Alex. Young accompanied the party to listen to the ringing and took part in Stedman Doubles.

The Norwich Festival peal of Grandsire Cinques was secured at the second attempt; the following Sunday. The first attempt ended abruptly after 1 hour 25 minutes due to a broken rope.

Aldbourne (Wilts) ringers paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Rimsbury on July 1st for the purpose of ringing a quarter peal for evening service. After half an hour's ringing, the clapper of the tenor broke.

June was an unfortunate month for peal-ringing by Mr. F. Warrington. He participated in four attempts (three Surprise and one Double Norwich Court Bob Major) with good ringers and good bells and lost each attempt.

On Sunday, July 1st (his 84th birthday), Mr. Josiah Morris, Leicester's G.O.M., rang for morning service 640, and for evening 700 Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's Church, where, for 30 years, he was verger. Both touches were conducted by his eldest son, Ernest, who has been verger there for 14 years.

For some years Godalming's seventh bell has been out of action. A contract has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for recasting this bell, and other repairs. It is hoped to begin work on the bells later this year. Mr. Victor Smith has been elected captain and secretary of the tower in succession to the late Mr. Charles Childs.

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# THE BRITISH ART OF BELL-RINGING

AN AID TO THOSE CALLED UPON TO LECTURE

MANY ringers are called upon from time to time to explain the art of bell-ringing to non-ringing audiences. For the guidance of those called upon to undertake this useful piece of propaganda, we give a summary of a lecture delivered by Mr. A. York-Bramble on 'The British Art of Bellringing' and delivered on June 16th at a meeting held under the auspices of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Newbury.

Those who are ringers are not infrequently asked: 'What do you find to interest you in this ringing business?' After a few brief words of explanation, it is our common experience to hear the surprised comment, 'Oh, I never guessed there was so much in it.' How much there is in this campanology, of both mental and physical recreation and enjoyment, we hope, in this talk, to show. Campanology may be defined as the science and art of what goes on in the campanile or bell tower (Latin—campana, a bell). The bell is an ancient instrument of sound, of world-wide and manifold uses; though until modern times not a very musical instrument.

In his book, 'Bells of All Nations,' Ernest Morris says: 'The origin of bells took place in those distant days when man began primitively and tentatively to work and to hammer metals. His early impressions would be that malleable copper beaten into a saucer-like shape had a resonance when struck, which intrigued his rudimentary feeling for music. In the Bronze Age, when the melting and mixing of copper and tin became prevalent, the increase in resonance and tonal power of the cast bronze instrument over the hammered copper one would become apparent, and we may consider that in the Bronze Age the bell began its career.'

'The saucer-shape was probably the earliest form of bell—but the spherical, hollow type is also ancient, small in size, with holes here and there, and having a little ball of metal rolling loose therein. These were called crotals—meaning rattle—and of this shape presumably were the golden bells which were commanded to be made for the adornment of the Ephod of Aaron.'

'Possibly the oldest bells in the world, of which there is any information, may be some Assyrian bells found by Layard in the Palace of Nimrod. An ancient bell, reputed by authorities to be at least 3,000 years old, was discovered in excavations in the Holy Land, and is now in a museum in Berlin. Those taken from tombs of the Peruvians, and some small bells brought by the trading canoes of Indians to Columbus, at Cape Honduras, show they were known in America before its discovery by Europeans. Thus we may say that the uses of bells or their substitutes are coeval with the earliest periods of which we have detailed records, and co-extensive with every race to which the human family has branched out.'

'The very earliest bells were probably made of plates rivetted together. Later, casting was adopted and by itinerant foundries travelling with their mobile foundry. Gradually the bell was cast longer in shape, and various curves with different thicknesses at its lip were essayed through the ages until in Europe, about the 12th and 13th centuries, a contour not very different from the modern conformation was reached, its outstanding feature being the 'sound bow' or thick part of the bell where the clapper strikes near the lip.'

'The first manner of sounding the hanging bell would be by striking it with a hammer or iron clapper, the bell remaining stationary. In the East, however, a wooden beam is frequently used for this purpose, and in the case of large bells the beam is slung on a rope or chain from a support nearby, and actuated something after the manner of that ancient weapon of attack, the battering ram, but without the iron head.'

'Later on, an inside, instead of an outside clapper would be fitted, which would be pulled to the side of the bell. This remains the usual custom of sounding the bells in Eastern Europe, those huge bells of Russia being nearly all chimed in this manner.'

'Later still, a headstock or yoke was fitted across the head of the bell, with gudgeons and bearings, and the bell was hung to this and swung. From its inception, this manner of using the bell was the favourite one in England.'

'By the year 750 church bells had become sufficiently common in England, for Egbert, Archbishop of York (732—766) to order that the priests should toll them at the appointed hours. St. Dunstan hung many bells in Britain in the 10th century.'

## NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

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### THREE METHODS OF STRIKING A BELL

There are three ways of causing bells to sound, viz. (1) "Clocking," or striking the stationary bell with a hammer. Using large numbers of bells in this way is known as carillon playing, for which some continental campaniles are famous and compete with carillons in English-speaking countries. (2) Chiming or slightly swinging a bell mounted in bearings so that the clapper of the bell is made to bounce against its lip. (3) "Ringing" proper, which involves the complete swing of the bell on its bearings through 360 degrees. This, in fact, increases the number of points in space at which sound waves radiate from the vibrating bell and this, in turn, has the effect of increasing the resonance of the bell. Of course it follows that in the case of the large, heavy bells, some preliminary action must be taken to get the heavy mass of metal raised to the upside-down position. This is achieved by starting with the small degrees of swing and increasing the angle of swing in pull after pull (illustrate with handbell or model). Similarly, after ringing, if the bell is to be left in the position in which it began, it must be gradually "lowered." This is the reverse process to that of "raising" it.

The use of bells in chiming and ringing was originally employed without any particular attention to sequence or order of striking; but later, where several bells were hung together, it became the custom to strike them round on descending order of pitch. The unvaried ringing of 'rounds' tends to become monotonous and in course of time English ringers developed the knack of holding the bell upside down on the point of balance, while other bells 'cut,' as ringers say, into the place on which the held-up bell would normally have struck. In short, they developed a way of changing places of their bells, so that they were struck round in successively different orders or 'changes,' whilst yet maintaining the increased resonance and 'with the bell thus swinging, Englishmen found

it possible gradually to evolve the intricate and wonderful art of change ringing which in England to-day has attained so high a degree of development.'

The bell-ringing we are to discuss more particularly then, is peculiar to English-speaking peoples; indeed it is a peculiarly British art calling forth a peculiarly British industry in bell construction and bell hanging. This form of bell-ringing consists in the production, on mathematical lines, of different orders, or arrangement of sounding, of the bells without repetition; and, in so doing, of swinging the great bells through a complete revolution of 360 degrees at each stroke. The ringers work out their positions in which to strike as the ringing proceeds: rather like playing chess or draughts with the bell ropes, and, when ringing a complete peal, as it is called, the process continues for about three hours unceasingly, while 5,000 or more of these 'changes,' as they are called, are sounded out.

The layman, not knowing of this, may never have paused to listen and thus to distinguish the British form of scientific change ringing, so different from the haphazard clash changing of foreign bell-ringing. At this juncture it may be useful to test ourselves on this very point of dissemination. How many of us, hearing church bells ringing, have listened with an appreciative ear and have thus been able to note even the simple fact of the number of bells being rung? (Tests are then made with handbells with rounds.)

The lecturer then introduced lantern slides from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. illustrating the casting and tuning of the bell, calling attention to the three notes.

### DEVELOPMENT OF CHANGE RINGING

Change ringing seems to have evolved about the middle of the 17th century, although societies or guilds for ringing bells existed before that time. They comprised bands of mainly well-to-do young men, with time on their hands to indulge in what, in those earlier times, was coming to be regarded as a secular sport. In 1673, however, meeting to practise their ringing at the six-bell tower of St. Martin's, College Hill, London, there came into being the Ancient Society of College Youths, to which many of us to-day have the honour to belong.

Considerable physical strength and skill were required in those times to manipulate the bells to the degree of swing then becoming customary, with only the half- or three-quarter wheels as then fitted, and at the same time to make them strike or sound correctly in their proper sequence interval. As prowess developed ringers began to vary the monotony of 'rounds' by changing places with neighbours in the sound-sequence, one bell and one place at a time, by checking or widening the degree of swing. Then came a step which led to the great advance in the development of the art—the fitting of full-circle wheels to the headstock of the bells. Now that these could be swung right up on to the point of balance, poised mouth uppermost, any one bell could be held up more positively and thus allow another bell to strike with certainty into the sound-gap thus provided. This soon led to the introduction of what were called 'cross peals.' In these, the bells all moved together, some moving 'down' and the others moving 'up' with consequent simultaneity of place-exchanging, in pairs.

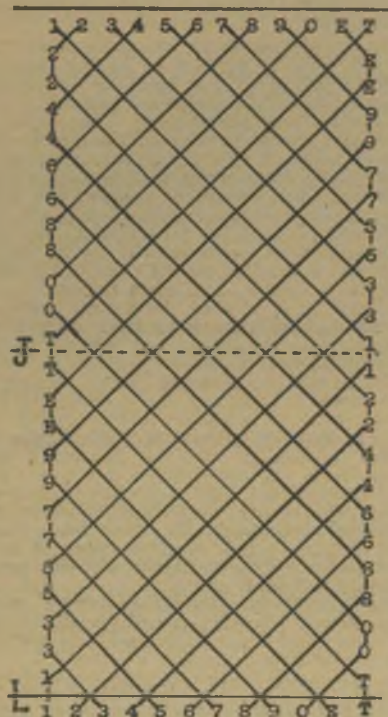
The result called for an additional skill—the mental one of concentration on the part of every ringer thus engaged. This diagram may help towards an understanding of the process and confining our attention to the card-like arrangement of squares, we see how the exchange of positions is most easily effected on four bells. From 'rounds' at the beginning (1, 2, 3, 4) we see how the first change-row is got from its original

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## British Art of Bell-ringing—Cont.

order by two pairs of bells exchanging positions. The next is seen to be got by one pair exchanging positions; the next, two pairs, the next, one pair, and so on until eventually rounds is reached again.



Put into general terms, we observe that in one case all bells exchange places throughout the row in pairs; and in the next case all except the two end bells do so; this continuing alternately, 'hunting,' as it is called, until the original order is reached. The total number of such changed orders on a given ring of bells may be got by multiplying together the number of the bells thus:—

- On 3 bells,  $3 \times 2 \times 1$ , or 6.
- On 4 bells,  $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$ , or 24.
- On 5 bells, 120.
- On 6 bells, 720.
- On 7 bells, 5,040.
- On 8 bells, 40,320.

And on 12 bells the staggering total of 479,001,600. Of course, all these could never be rung straight off, but ringers attempt lengths of 5,000 and over, technically called 'peals,' working out their exchanging positions as the ringing proceeds, according to the particular method being rung.

The lecture concluded with a reference to the organisations of Guilds and Associations. 'The Exercise is ever ready to welcome new members to its brotherhood, for those who would seriously intend to acquire some degree of proficiency in its art. Advancement to the higher realms of complicated method-ringing is a matter of individual choice; but attainment of skilled bell control and good striking is essential; so that a place may be taken with confidence and just pride, in what is both a practical form of worship and the primary object of church bell-ringing, namely, the summons to Divine Service.

## DEMONSTRATION DRILL OF CHANGE-PRODUCTION

Six performers, preferably of about the same height, each carrying a card about eight inches by six inches on chest, exhibiting a number. In right hand is a handbell. They line up off-stage in numerical order, '1'

carrying the treble and so on down to '6' carrying the tenor. At a given cue they file on to the stage and line up with the treble to the right of the line and the tenor to the left. The numbers are now read in order from left to right by the audience.

Cue:—(Lecturer): A team of handbell ringers on the platform here, actually change places in a row, as they affect the changes in sound-sequence.

The general idea is that the six ring rounds while standing still, and the audience appreciate that there is no change of order either as heard or seen. The lecturer then gives the word: 'Go changes' and the ringers complete the whole pull, then begin to move their positions. The moving is done by two smart steps which bring the ringers into a new order. As soon as they step into this new order, the lead-bell starts the new 'change' and others follow in order. When the change is rung round completely, the whole row perform two more steps smartly together, and get into a new order. Then that change is rung round. The process is repeated five times, which gives the 12 change-rows of Original and brings them back to rounds position. There they ring one whole pull and cease. (Ringers move up behind and down in front.) The whole effect depends on very smart stepping together and then a neat ring along the row. Ringing only occurs when every ringer is standing rigid in the new position. The handbell is held still with the 'handstroke up' or 'backstroke down' position, whichever it may be, while all take the steps into the new position.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bradfield Branch Seek Amalgamation

The annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch was held at Bradfield on June 23rd.

At the business meeting after tea the members passed the following resolution: 'That, in view of the lack of support from its members, this Branch applies for amalgamation with the Reading Branch, subject to the approval of the Reading Branch and the Guild, any towers wishing to make other arrangements being at liberty to do so; and that the £50 in 3½ per cent. war loan should be handed over to the General Guild in trust for ten years, the interest to be used by the General Guild. Should any tower wish to make other arrangements, the remaining cash in hand to be divided amongst the towers in proportion to their membership.'

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### N.W. District

The meeting at Banstead on June 23rd was attended by 32 ringers. A short service was conducted by the curate, who gave a welcome to those present.

Before opening the meeting, the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, spoke in appreciation of the services rendered to the Association by the late Charles Dean, the members standing in silence.

The hon. secretary proposed nine new members, and three compounding members were proposed by Mr. W. Oatway. The general secretary asked that errors in the 1948 report should be notified to him direct.

Mr. R. Tomlin stated that ringing had commenced again at Benhilton. The sum of 16s. was subscribed to the general bell fund. A vote of thanks by Mr. Collins was passed to the curate and Mr. H. Pitstow for arranging the tea and meeting.

R. L.

YARNTON, OXON.—On June 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Walker (first quarter, age 13) 1, Mrs. J. Green 2, Joyce Swadling (first quarter, age 15) 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, J. Green 5, V. Smith 6. A farewell to V. Smith, who is leaving for Egypt.

## REDEDICATION

### Frensham, Surrey

The ring of six at Frensham, Surrey, the oldest bell being dated 1627, have been restored and were rededicated by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Allen) on Sunday, July 1st.

The cost of restoring the bells was approximately £460. Towards this £500 had been raised. The bells had not previously been overhauled for 75 years, and were in a bad condition. The contract was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who recast the third bell and rehung the six on new wheels with cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings. The frame has been tightened and strengthened, and treated with preservative.

The ceremony was preceded by the unveiling of a peal board in memory of Mr. Alfred John Chuter, who was captain of the local tower for 20 years, and also served the church faithfully and well as churchwarden for many years.

The board, which was unveiled by Mr. C. W. Denyer, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, was made of English oak, and recorded two peals in which Mr. Chuter participated, viz., Grandsire Doubles on May 7th, 1935, which was the first peal at Frensham for 21 years; and a peal of Doubles in two methods (Grandsire and Plain Bob) on July 16th, 1939, to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the earliest record of the church.

The unveiling and dedication was preceded by a shortened form of evensong conducted by the Vicar. In an address the Vicar welcomed the ringers from other parishes, including Mr. C. W. Denyer, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, who had given help from the moment they decided that the task of restoring their bells must be faced, and had been a great source of help and strength in every way.

As they looked forward to hearing once again the familiar sound of the bells which were associated with so many memories and had marked occasions of joy and of solemnity in both local and national life, they remembered that the bells sent out a double sound. First of all a message of the risen Christ, sent out into the world to proclaim that He is the King of Glory. Secondly, they sent out an invitation, a challenge and a call to worship.

The Vicar, attended by the churchwardens, Mr. F. B. Stead and Mr. F. J. Hutchings, with the choir then moved in procession to the tower, where, at the invitation of the Vicar, Mr. C. W. Denyer unveiled the memorial. The dedication of the restored ring of bells followed. Then the Vicar passed the bell ropes to the captain of the ringers, saying, 'Let these bells ring out the message of the Risen Christ unto the world, proclaiming that He is the King of Glory.'

The bells were then rung in rounds by the following Frensham ringers: Miss D. Aslett treble, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Ann Butler 3, Eric Case 4, Dennis Shepperd 5, D. W. Dadson tenor. After the service 180 Plain Bob Minor was rung by Mrs. C. W. Denyer 1, G. S. Joyce (district secretary) 2, John P. Fidler (representing John Taylor and Co.) 3, W. J. Pierce 4, E. J. Bragg 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

The service was attended by ringers from Aldershot, Farnham, Old Woking, Ash, Seale, Farnborough, Sandhurst, Hersham, Grimston (Norfolk) and Ottershaw.

## IMBER BELLS TO RING AGAIN

Five bells from the 13th-century church in the 'dead' village of Imber, Wilts, have been presented by the Diocese of Salisbury to the modern church of St. Francis, Salisbury, so that they may again ring out across the Plain.

The villagers were compulsorily moved from Imber in 1943 to make way for a battle school, and the War Office has refused to give the area up. The bells, cast in 1635, are now in an Army hut at Warminster.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CONDUCTOR'S WIFE GIVES OTHER SIDE OF PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—May I, as wife of the conductor of the peal in 22 methods 'in hand' at Cleatham on June 25th, be allowed to add a postscript? How this peal came to a successful end I'll never know!

The first attempt came to grief; then a discussion as to whether a further attempt would be advisable as it was then 7.40 p.m. The band were convinced they could make it before the light failed, so the wife of ringer 7-8 and myself retired to prepare two small hilarious daughters for bed—no mean feat, seeing that the 'ringing chamber' is directly below the bedroom. This was finally completed with threats of dire consequences should any disturbance be heard.

A little later the mobile fish saloon trundled along; ringer 7-8 momentarily lost concentration by thinking of his supper. Lady ringer confessed she was wondering what we were doing, and ringer 5-6 was trying to work out a peal of 5,000 changes that they might have rung in less time. I gathered later that by this time they could no longer see each other's bells or even the clock, and I guess, much to their own surprise and our relief, the bells came 'Home' just as it chimed ten. I've wondered since if the old adage, 'No peal, no supper,' spurred them on to this great effort.

The children greeted me in the morning, 'Had Daddy found Bob?' because they heard him calling Bob lots of times! Yes! a non-ringing wife certainly has her moments!—Yours sincerely,

FRANCES FEIRN.

Cleatham, Lincs.

## 'BELFRYMANSHIP'

Dear Sir,—The best that can be said about Mr. Meadows' articles is that they are comprehensive, in so far that they include satirical references to most of us who try to work for the good of the Exercise.

I venture to suggest that after this young man has had, say, ten years' experience of tower captaincy, of holding an office in the Guild, of peal arrangement, of teaching beginners, of encouraging improvers, etc., he will wish to disclaim authorship of these articles.

We try to do our best, Mr. Editor. We make many mistakes, but we do look to 'The Ringing World' for encouragement and not for sarcasm.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

NOTE.—We hope that most of our readers treat the two Belfrymanship articles as a humorous rather than a factual exposition of possible ringing experience. The subtle wit has appealed to a great many of our readers, who have asked for more.—ED.

## Beverley and District Society

The Society's June meeting was held at Hesse on June 9th, when 45 members attended. The bells, a pleasant six, were rung during the afternoon and evening to Standard Methods. Little Bob and Cambridge. Lady members of the Society turned out in force and formed two bands to ring changes.

The service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Day). In a short address the Vicar welcomed the ringers and spoke of his own experiences in the tower. He spoke on bells and ringers and their places in church and service.

Tea and business meeting were held in the Church Hall, followed by a short period of handbell ringing.

## ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

Dear Sir,—It was on a journey through France that I read Mr. Lister's letter in your issue of June 22nd. As I am at the moment in Spain, I am literally not in a position to get into contact with my colleagues of the Literature Committee, but for my own part I regret that none of us thought of including a mention of the 'Bellringers' Guide' in this year's report. It is a fact that, when this work came to my notice in 1950, the Literature report had already been sent in, but it would have been appropriate, as Mr. Lister rightly says, to have referred to it this year as a book already well known to ringers.

The inclusion of Mr. Morris's new book in this year's report is simply explained. Just as I was engaged on the concluding lines of the report, a copy of 'Bells of all Nations' reached me by post, so that there was just time to insert a brief reference to it in the report presented to the Central Council.

With pleasant recollections of Mr. Dove's visit to one of our Guild meetings in Dorset, and with sincere admiration for his enterprising and devoted work at Leeds, I should be extremely sorry if he imagined that we had been guilty of any conscious discourtesy in omitting to mention his comprehensive publication. Both authors concerned have devoted a prodigious degree of industry and research to the production of their respective books, and merit the highest commendation.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Hotel Norte y Londres,  
Burgos, Spain

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

By P. W. B. Semmens

It is proposed to restart the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, which has been dormant since the ban on ringing was imposed early in the war.

At one time the territory of the Association stretched from West Hartlepool in the north, through Darlington, Richmond, Ripon and Thirsk, to Scarborough in the south-east. However, it is not intended to set the boundaries of the reformed Association as wide as this, since it would be impossible for all members to attend every meeting owing to the geography of the area. The Cleveley hills and Yorkshire moors, stretching from Whatley to Northallerton, cut off the area around Tees-side from the remainder of Yorkshire. It is for this reason that the Yorkshire Association, within whose area the majority of the territory of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has fallen since the war, has been unable to hold many meetings in the Cleveland area and similar difficulties prevent ringers from the Tees-side area attending Yorkshire Association meetings further away.

During the war several of the old and experienced ringers of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association died, including Thomas Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, who for many years had held the offices of secretary and Ringing Master. Indeed, in and around Middlesbrough it is now necessary to hold the weekly ringing practices in rotation at three towers (Middlesbrough, Ormesby and Thornaby) in order to obtain sufficient members. The last-mentioned tower has, however, of recent months, been able to muster a band for service ringing on Sundays.

The Skelton band is probably the best in the area, being capable of quarter peals of Surprise Minor as well as Plain Major. At Saltburn, the band of seven is too few for their fine ring of eight. There are also two further towers in the area where ringing is regularly carried out. They are Guisborough and Stokesley, the bells of the latter being in urgent need of rehanging.

## ON HOLIDAY AT LYME REGIS

William Yates, of Buckingham, and Ernest Morris, of Leicester, recently had a delightful week's holiday at Lyme Regis, Dorset. The weather was ideal and the beautiful setting of the resort and the splendid countryside made this 'break' one never to be forgotten.

The week started with a good peal of Superlative on the grand eight at Broad Clyst and a quick visit to Exeter to have a pull on the heavy twelve at the Cathedral.

Monday's practice at Yeovil was greatly enjoyed, and on Tuesday a good quarter peal of Lyme Surprise was rung at Axminster.

On Wednesday an attempt was made for a peal at Whitechurch Canonicorum. When only three courses to go, 'it just didn't,' much to the regret of all concerned. Thursday's practice at Lyme Regis produced many methods. On Friday visits were paid to Kilmington and Dalwood, towers with long-ended ropes as used by call change ringers. Nevertheless, the ropes were manipulated to London and Cambridge Surprise. On Saturday a really fine peal of Yorkshire Surprise was scored at Crewkerne.

A grand evening's practice was held on Monday at Seaton with the Lyme Regis band in force. Touches of London, Yorkshire, Bristol, Lyme, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grand sire all came round! For both Sunday services Lyme bells went well to all the above methods.

We wish through this medium to thank the Vicar of Lyme, Rev. Canon Carew Cox, for his great welcome, to the ringers of Lyme and their friends, and to George Stedman Morris for so ably conducting this delightful week's outing.

It is intended, initially, that the reformed Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association should embrace the seven towers just mentioned with the addition of Carlton, in Cleveland, where at present there is no ringing. Since the war, monthly meetings have been held in these few towers, with occasional visits further afield. They have been purely informal, although some postal notifications are sent out each time to those who have been unable to attend the weekly practices immediately prior to the meeting.

By not advertising in 'The Ringing World,' there has been little opportunity for any ringers visiting the area to learn of these meetings, and consequently the benefit of their company and experience has been lost. The Cleveland and North Yorkshire funds, which have been kept in trust, are now available, and it is hoped to rectify this omission in future. It is also hoped that the formation of a local Society will increase the interest amongst the general public and possibly lead to an increased number of recruits for the Exercise.

Several attempts have been made during the last five years to reform the Association. These have come to nothing as no one has been prepared to take on the post of secretary, but it is now possible to fill this office.

The inaugural meeting of the reformed Association will be held in Middlesbrough on Saturday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Ringing will take place at St. Hilda's Church from 2.30—4 p.m. and after tea. The Vicar, the Rev. M. C. Collis, has kindly consented to conduct a short service at 4 p.m., which will be followed by tea in the Church Hall, opposite, at 4.30 p.m. The meeting to elect officers and transact any other business will commence at approximately 5 p.m. It is hoped that as many old members of the Association as possible will be present, as well as other ringers from the neighbouring Associations, whose presidents were informed of the proposal to reform the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association some weeks ago, when the matter was first decided.



# EXCURSIONS REVIEWED

## CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET

The Chilcompton ringers, together with wives and friends, held their outing on June 30th.

Following an early start and a somewhat misty drive across Sedgemoor and through Taunton, the first tower, Wiviliscombe, was reached. This church was rebuilt in 1827 and possesses a good ring of eight bells. Although the tower is square the interior of it is octagonal, a somewhat unusual feature.

The next step was Ash Pryors (just off the main Taunton-Minehead road), a delightful little six in a small church with a tiny tower. Then followed a beautiful drive right over the Quantock Hills to Bridgwater where lunch was taken at the White Hart Hotel.

Back across Sedgemoor to Middlezoy, a ring of six with a 14 cwt. tenor. Ringing here coincided with the local Festival Celebrations and several of the local ringers joined the visitors. The tower is a fine one with several canopied niches.

After a circular trip of some six miles (returning to Middlezoy) and a drive along the runway of a disused aerodrome, the fourth tower, Shapwick, was reached. Here is a big central tower and a perfect going ring of six bells (tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.) which were a joy to ring. The church was extensively restored in 1861, although it is on 13th century foundations.

Tea at Ashcott followed and then ringing at Greinton, another six, with a 15½ cwt. tenor. The church is 15th century and the chancel is illuminated with fluorescent light tubes which give a very good effect. An old chest, which is dated 1730, and is now used as a vestry table, was noted with interest.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandshire and Stedman to Cambridge and London Minor.

There was the necessary stop for 'liquid refreshments' on the way home, when the 'ringers' team were beaten at darts by the 'locals', it being rumoured that this was only because the coach driver, who was scoring, had been bribed!

Thanks are due to the people who met and welcomed the party at the towers and also to Mr. R. G. Beck for making all the arrangements. M. J. H.

## HUTTON, ESSEX

The struggling novices of All Saints', Hutton, Essex, were indeed honoured on June 23rd, when the churchwardens and another good friend placed their cars at the disposal of the party of twelve for the annual outing. The wardens themselves and one of the ringers acted as chauffeurs in the tour round mid-Essex.

Itinerary: (1) St. Mary's, Broomfield. An 800-year-old circular tower, containing a pleasing, steady ring of six melodious bells. The music we made thundered down on us.

(2) SS. Peter and Paul, Black Notley. A small, solid Norman church with massive baulks of oak supporting the bell-turret with its five flighty, musical bells.

(3) A welcomed tea, nicely served, at the Barn Restaurant on the Dunmow Road outside Braintree. On the way, one car joined the Festival carnival and almost won a prize.

(4) All Saints', Rayne. Though the church was opened, the fine, red-bricked Tudor tower was closed to us. Somebody had slipped.

(5) St. Nicholas', Fyfield. Its Norman central tower, massive and square, contains a most inviting ring of six bells, easy running and tuneful. The spacious ringing chamber, well lit, is a comfortable place for ardent aspirants of campanology.

We tender our sincere thanks to Herman J. Oliver, who arranged such an enjoyable and successful outing and all others who helped.

M. B.

## CHELTENHAM

The Cheltenham Parish Church ringers abandoned the usual bus means of transport for their outing on June 23rd and, instead, 'requisitioned' members' cars for the job. This was found to be more convenient and enabled Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas to be included in the party.

The first stop was Ludlow (phew, those steps, but the climb was well worth while). Lunch was arranged at Shrewsbury, and afterwards a walk to St. Chad's, and then on to Berrington to try out the two new trebles. After tea at Ironbridge the party went to Coalbrookdale, where ringing had to be curtailed owing to Mrs. 'J. T.' contriving to lose herself, together with a few other members, much to hubby's annoyance. The last tower was Kidderminster.

The social side of the outing finished at Worcester, after which the various cars made a bee-line for home. Methods included Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK

An early start at 5.45 a.m. was made by the Helmingham company on June 30th for a day in Surrey. A delay in the Blackwall Tunnel resulted in the coach reaching St. Mary's, Lewisham, 45 minutes late. Nevertheless, all had a pull, and a quick 'get-away' was made for Banstead, where wedding bells were rung.

After lunch at Epsom, ringing took place on the handy eight at Ashted. At Leatherhead the company heard the locals ringing for a wedding. The ten bells here proved too much for some of the company, but Treble Ten and Bob Royal was rung.

A glorious ride brought the party to Dorking, where 'Pat' was waiting to welcome the party. After tea, some decent ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church. The last tower was the fine ten at Kingston, where everyone had a pull. Home was reached at 2 a.m. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make this long tour a success.

# VISIT TO THE TULIP FIELDS OF LINCOLNSHIRE

## By Barnsley and District Society

A tour of the tulip fields of Lincolnshire was the objective planned by the Barnsley and District Society for their annual outing on May 26th. The party left Barnsley at 8 a.m. in two coaches.

Much of the route was through lovely wooded country. At Sleaford, Mrs. Wray, the local secretary, was waiting to greet the party, and she had arranged an early lunch at the White Hart Hotel. After the meal the church was visited and the bells raised in peal. The long draught of rope produced difficulties for the inexperienced, but when once this had been mastered a good touch of 'Cartwheel' Minor was rung.

The journey was continued to Crowland Abbey, where Mr. R. Strickland was awaiting the party and soon the ringers were gazing apprehensively at the 100ft. of rope which hung from the bells. Touches of Oxford Minor were rung, and when confidence had been gained a good course of Burton was mastered.

Leaving Crowland, the tour passed through the tulip fields and a halt was made whilst the ladies purchased large bunches of the lovely blooms.

At Spalding Church the Vicar welcomed the party, who proceeded to the ringing chamber, where Mr. Farr had prepared the bells, and the 'tykes' settled down to some enjoyable ringing. Tea was taken at the Railway Tavern, and a scout around the town for presents for 'Mum' held up the departure of the coaches.

At Boston everyone was impressed by the Stump, and although our ringing up to this

## HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Four interesting towers were selected by the Holy Trinity Cathedral Society, Guildford, for their annual outing on June 30th. The first was the war-shattered Church of St. Mary's, Southampton, where the merits of this relatively new ten were tested in a variety of methods, and a welcome visitor to the tower was Mrs. Jessie Kippin, who for many years rang regularly with the elder members of the company at Guildford.

A drive through the New Forest, looking its best in the glorious sunshine, brought the company to Bournemouth. Lunch was followed by a visit to St. John's, Surrey Road, where Mr. Mitchell and Roving Ringer George Evenden accorded the company hearty greetings. The visit provided a bride with the unexpected pleasure of bells for her wedding. (We hope she will realise that the touch of Stedman was Guildford's good wishes to her).

Christchurch Priory was afterwards visited. Twelve-bell ringing was confined to rounds, but two touches of Caters were passable and brought out the beauty of the bells to those on holiday by the river. Guests at tea included Mr. George Preston and Mr. Daniel T. Matkin. At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. T. White voiced the thanks of the company to Mr. F. A. Munday for making the arrangements and looking after the comfort of the visitors. Mr. George Preston welcomed the company and Mr. A. H. Pulling expressed the hope that next year he would have the pleasure of bringing a band to attempt a peal on the Priory bells.

The last tower visited was Romsey Abbey, where the best ringing of the day took place, and to many of the company who had not heard the bells inside the Abbey it was a glorious experience. A variety of Surprise methods were rung and, of course, Rounds for the four probationers. Guildford was reached at 10.45 p.m., to enable two of the party going on a week's peal-ringing jaunt in Worcester-shire to have a good night's rest.

point had been accomplished without climbing stairs, we found at Boston we had to 'get climbing.' Of course, Mum had to follow Dad, and, when artificial respiration had been applied, a course of 'cartwheeling' was rung on the light six—an interesting experience. Further ringing on the heavier bells followed. Then we reluctantly left the lovely old church, and Mr. Parsons, who had made us feel very welcome.

We were all very much impressed by the help given ungrudgingly by the local clergy and ringers, and by the hearty welcome we received at all the towers we visited. Our especial thanks are due to Mr. Jack Bray, of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for his assistance in locating the local secretaries.

N. F. M.

**HANBURY, WORCS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss E. R. Partridge 1, Mrs. L. J. Birch 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, R. C. Nash 4, A. J. Poultny 5, J. F. Nash 6.

**LYDD, KENT.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss O. Boulden 1, J. Cooper 2, S. Boulden 3, Miss A. Boulden 4, Miss M. Vantom 5, L. Terry 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, J. Boulden 8. Rung with 6 and 4 covering. First quarter for 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter by a local band.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, T. J. Clark 3, A. C. Wenban 4, G. Cheshire 5, C. Wenban 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. For Confirmation service.

**WOOKEY, SOMERSET.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. Hall 1, V. Roberta 2, A. Weare 3, G. Salmon 4, R. Gardiner (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Carver 6.



**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1-2 leading: F. Cuss 1, V. Gilbert 2, C. Wood 3, C. Savage 4, F. Read 5, G. Newman 6, A. Palmer 7, W. Liddiard 8. (cond.)

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On July 1st, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. K. Williamson 1, D. Carpenter (first in method) 2, J. W. Taylor 3, W. A. Stote 4, H. G. Summers 5, G. Gardner 6, C. S. Aylett 7, L. M. Callow (first as cond.) 8.

**BEDWELLY, MON.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Evans 1, Miss J. Powell 2, Miss E. Israel 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, A. R. Price (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. Rung for evening service on the opening of the local Festival of Britain Week.

**BILLESDON, LEICS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, C. T. Whitman 3, J. Wadkin 4, J. G. Geary (cond.) 5, A. N. Geary 6. Rung for the local Festival of Britain.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen M. Ricketts (first quarter) 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 4, P. J. Woodgyer 5, J. E. Ricketts 6.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCs.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, A. M. Cooper 2, P. P. Carter 3, D. Henshall 4, A. Ward (cond.) 5, W. Hatton (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. E. W. Bowkett, a ringer at this church.

**BOURNE, Lincs.**—On July 1st, 1,200 Surprise Minor (720 of Durham. York, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham, and 480 of Cambridge, Ipswich and Primrose): A. E. Larkinson 1, R. Wade 2, J. W. Haw 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, F. W. French 5, A. E. Scott 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Felton 1, J. Challis 2, R. Lindzell 3, H. Pratt 4, R. Suckling 5, S. Warne 6, L. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. Rung for the opening of BRAINTREE Festival of Britain Week.

**BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Jeanes 1, E. E. Chapman 2, F. Greedy 3, J. Barnes 4, C. L. H. May 5, H. Emery 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. G. Burge 8.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward (first quarter of Stedman) 1, J. H. Hayes 2, J. E. Usher 3, F. H. Birks 4, A. G. Watkin 5, A. Lewis 6, D. H. B. Millward (first quarter as cond.) 7, P. C. Roberts 8. Rung in connection with the Festival of Britain celebrations.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Dunstan's on June 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Mrs. E. M. Philpott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge (first quarter in two methods) 2, A. C. Philpott 3, Mrs. B. E. Chatfield (cond.) 4, J. Stockbridge (first quarter in two methods) 5, A. Butler 6. Rung on the 87th birthday of Mr. A. H. Sayer, a member of the band.

**CHERITON, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia E. Craig (first quarter) 1, W. C. Chandler 2, J. Chittenden (first 'inside') 3, J. Soles 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Rung in honour of the institution and induction of the Rev. J. E. Robinson, A.L.C.D., at the above church.

**COLNER, WILTS.**—On June 19th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Baverstock 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Miss B. Smith 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, G. C. Weeks (first of Major) 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, P. W. Weeks 8.

**COURTENHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 600 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): A. Baker 1, K. D. Perkins 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, E. G. Bennett 4, J. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, H. J. Shuck 2, Miss F. Raybould 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. For the Day School Festival, also a compliment to Miss F. Raybould on obtaining her B.A. degree.

**DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. E. Baverstock 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, W. Starr (first quarter of Stedman) 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5. Is this the first quarter peal on these bells?

**FOY, HEREFORDS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Green 1, Miss A. Jenkins 2, E. J. C. Davies (first quarter) 3, A. Hazelden 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Ashby 6.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Barrett 1, Madeline Smith 2, A. Bartholomew 3, Daphne Forbes 4, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 5, F. Day 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At St. Mary De Crypt on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Birch (first quarter) 1, T. Cobb 2, Miss J. Bussey 3, W. T. Cox 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, C. Larner 6.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On July 1st, 1,140 Doubles (240 of Old, 360 of Norfolk and 540 of Plain Bob): Roy Osborne (first on a working bell) 1, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 2, Evelyn M. Capon (first 'inside') 3, E. G. D. Tonkin 4, C. J. Piper 5, W. M. Stepney 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral Church on June 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Symonds 1, Miss M. Davis 2, F. E. Roberts 3, A. T. Wingate 4, G. Davis 5, R. T. Jones 6, A. W. Davis 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, W. W. Webb 3, W. A. Lewis 4, B. A. Rose 5, W. J. Winter (first in method) 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On June 23rd, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for all with the exception of 5 and 8.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On June 24th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, J. Elliott (cond.) 5, C. Burton 6. A wedding compliment to A. Elliott. —On July 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott (first quarter as cond.) 6.

**KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, T. Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, F. Barnes 4, H. Just 5, R. F. Grisdale 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, J. W. Brownrigg 8. Rung for a festival evensong.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Jones 1, P. Williams 2, Keith Haslam 3, J. J. Oliver 4, Miss M. Flynn 5, H. W. Haslam 6, Wm B. Cartwright (cond.) 7, W. C. Dowling 8, N. J. Goodman 9, J. Blake 10. First quarter of Caters for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Bullock 3, E. T. Beauchamp (first in method 'inside') 4, C. W. Outley 5, B. A. Richards 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. W. Ward (cond.) 8.

**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.**—On June 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor (6.8 covering): H. Aley 1, T. Templeton 2, J. H. Cook 3, F. J. Stimson 4, F. Sheppard 5, R. W. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, Miss Zoe Pearce 8. Rung to mark the Festival of Britain service.

**MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. F. Sale 1, Rev. E. M. Thomas (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, S. H. A. Ward 4, H. W. Milford 5, T. G. Myers (cond.) 6.

**NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.**—On June 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, S. B. Bailey 2, F. Triner 3, J. Walker 4, W. Corfield 5, O. Williams 6, A. Jack 7, J. Walley 8.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Punt 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, Miss J. S. Bailey (first quarter Triples) 3, W. N. Genna (cond.) 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, D. Burton 6, R. W. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On June 23rd, at St. Thomas', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Lowe 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, J. Sutton 4, L. A. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. N. Marlow 7, F. L. Harris (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Kilbourn 1, Mrs. I. Simpson 2, D. Marshall 3, R. A. Hickton 4, C. Geary 5, G. Rigby 6, W. E. Simpson (cond.) 7, T. W. Robinson 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Beale 1, R. Beale 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, D. C. Birkinshaw 4, F. Welch 5, D. R. Best 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, I. Best 8.

**SMARTDON, KENT.**—On June 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. King 1, P. Reeves 2, W. Marshall 3, C. Marshall 4, W. Ring 5, M. Marshall (cond.) 6.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDS.**—On June 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. Dyer 1, Mrs. R. Houghton 2, Miss J. Harding 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. R. Mardlin 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung for the patronal festival service.

**TWERTON, BATH.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss B. Smith 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, M. Helps 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. O. Fry 8. First quarter of Triples as conductor. Rung as a farewell quarter to the conductor.

**WADHURST, SUSSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Bassett (first quarter) 1, S. G. Ponting (first in method) 2, Mrs. E. Bassett 3, C. A. Bassett 4, L. W. Giles (cond.) 5, C. Pilbeam 6. For the patronal festival.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Alan Hensley (first quarter) 1, C. Pilbeam 2, S. G. Ponting 3, F. J. Lambert 4, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 5, L. W. Giles 6. Rung for the patronal festival and as a farewell to the Rev. D. E. Rice.

**WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.**—On June 17th, 1,264 Bob Triples: W. Alderton 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, R. Andrews 3, P. Alderton 4, R. Lathbury 5, G. Curtis 6, L. Houghton (cond.) 7, G. Barnett 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Bristol Rural Branch

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at the eight-bell tower of Marshfield, Wilts, on June 30th. The pleasant eight were raised and rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. After the Rev. Moss had ably conducted the service and give a most interesting talk on 'frozen' bells in a nearby tower, members went to 'The Catherine Wheel' where about 50 sat down to a most satisfying tea.

Mr. C. R. Harding took the chair at the business meeting which had an interesting agenda, including fixing July's meeting place (Staple-ton) and the possibility of a combined branches meeting with the Wootton-under-Edge Branch (tentatively at Thornbury on September 22nd). Mr. Corbett, of Marshfield, was proposed as a performing member.

The chairman thanked Mr. J. H. Beazer for his work and efforts to make the meeting such a success. Members then retired for further ringing from rounds upwards, in a manner as excellent as before the service, under Mr. Skidmore's supervision. All looked forward to the next branch meeting at Stapleton on July 28th.

## ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

Ringing has now recommenced after the demolition of the spire, and on Sunday, June 24th, the 49th anniversary of the opening of the original eight, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung before evensong by: T. Thorner 1, Mrs. J. Staniforth 2, G. H. Hebborn 3, S. A. Jesson 4, S. Harrison 5, W. H. Clarke 6, P. J. Staniforth (conductor) 7, A. Cook 8.

Plans had been prepared for the provision of a sound lantern on the top of the tower that remained after the spire demolition, but the cost incurred was so heavy that the idea had to be shelved. An ordinary flat top has been provided instead.

The church, in consequence of this, has still to meet a heavy cost, somewhere in the region of £1,000, and appeals to each and everyone for their support in helping to clear the debt. Subscriptions should be sent to the Rev. R. G. Strutt, St. John-the-Divine Vicarage, Ashwell Street, Leicester, or Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester.

A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers to join the Thursday evening practices.

## LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's June meeting was transferred to Sherburn-in-Elmet owing to the bells of Kippax not being available on June 30th.

The attendance was like the bus service and left much to be desired. Ringing continued from the usual time until 5 p.m., when the visitors adjourned to the nearby Church Hall, where the local company had provided cups of tea. During this interval the 'Case of the missing Eclair' had to be solved. Apparently the 'ringer' failed to see it laying in a 'place' kept there by a 'single' young lady.

The business meeting was held in the same room. The general items were speedily dealt with. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Pettingell, of St. Chad's, Headingly, and W. Scheerer, C. Hague and W. Hague, of Collingham. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. C. Walsh. Mrs. C. Render acknowledged the thanks and hoped that on our next visit a proper tea would be arranged.

Further ringing took place after the business meeting until 8 p.m. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingly, St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and the local company.

The next meeting is due to be held at Kippax.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—18

### STARTED PEAL AT 7.50 P.M.

As usual the diary is full of such accounts of practices, service ringing and peal attempts, which occurred almost daily. In July, 1887, he gives an account of a visit to Ingatstone. After being held up by train delays, etc., they got to the church after 7 p.m. 'Had some ale and a look round, then began ringing at 7.50 p.m. I did not think we were going for a peal as it would be so late, and the parson's son not having rung much Treble Bob, stood in to make the band up. After 3 hours 16 minutes a really well-struck peal of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. All Cumberlands, except D'Lisle, who is a College Youth. First peal in the method by all except Smith and Newson, and by the Essex Association. The church is surrounded completely by a race course. Western tower opening to church, no door except to the belfry; ring on ground floor.

'On leaving the church, went and had refreshments. As no arrangements made for sleeping anywhere, we had to do the best we could on turning out of the pub at 12; we were all travellers (local ringers as well!), although they close here at 10, we were served plentifully and not the slightest notice being taken of our being in the house. Fred and Nathan Pitstow and Cole walked to Chelmsford and got a bed, after trying several houses, at the Saracen's Head at 1 o'clock in the morning. Newson, Jacob Smith and I slept in the South porch of Galleywood Church, preparing to pass the night on the door mat.

### CALLED UP THE SEXTON

'I made my way as well as I could to Whittle; did not meet anyone on the way but was able to enquire the direction from some people not gone to bed, late as it was. . . . Whittle church clock was striking one as I got there. . . . walked all round trying to get a bed. I knocked on Mr. Fitch's door (the Sexton) and after some enquiries he came down and let me in—and thankful I was too! He made me comfortable with a blanket and pillow on his front-room hearth-rug. . . . About 7 o'clock, Newson and Jacob had a look in at me, much to my surprise, Fitch having seen them walking about. . . . They said they had passed an awful night in the porch and were up about 3 o'clock; John Smith snored so much they had to wake him. They saw the sun rise and robbed an orchard. They felt much better after a wash and breakfast at the "Cock and Bell." Went to the tower and rang 1,200 Treble Bob for morning service. Then walked to Chelmsford and rang Grandsire Caters after morning service.'

In the afternoon they went again to Whittle and attempted Grandsire Triples with five locals, but failed; then tried Double Norwich Court Bob which also 'went west.'

### TREBLE TEN BEFORE 10 A.M.

Back to Chelmsford, where next morning—August Monday—they pulled the bells up and ready by 6.15 a.m. They had to start early on account of an Assize Court at 10 a.m. They got a peal before 9.40, remarking: 'It's not often a peal of Treble Ten is rung before 10 in the morning.'

Quite a houseful at the 'Dolphin' and two bands arranged—one for Oxford Treble Bob at Galleywood, the other for Grandsire Triples at Whittle. The former rang 1 hour 40 minutes 'when Pitstow fell off the tenor box, too ill to go on any longer. All thought he would not rally again. He gradually got better, however.' The Whittle attempt lasted 1 hour 25 minutes, when 3rd rope slipped wheel and could not get right again. All met at the 'Dolphin' where

they stayed till 7.15 ringing handbells and playing ninepins in the back passage, having a lively evening to wind up their visit.

### A THRILLING RESCUE

On Sunday, August 7th, Mr. Fussell records: 'I got up at six and went to bathe with a gang of old school mates at Victoria Bridge. L. Owen, after swimming across the river was nearly drowned. I was first to help him out from the end of a boathouse, which, happily was moored close by, or I doubt if he could have swum any further, being quite exhausted.'

Later, Mr. Fussell describes a walk with his brother-in-law to Hounslow and 'on the way home, called and had an hour or so with the local labouring men in an old public house. An old ring of handbells was there and I played a few tunes by tapping, much to the company's interest. A woman came in with some mackerel and I had some cooked at once and ate one! Howden also upset the table and all the mugs and pots on it; a row was also imminent. One or two "delicate ladies" came in and we persuaded one to sing—it was a nice evening altogether. Very few opportunities for a glass of ale were lost by either of us during the day.'

Mr. Fussell states: 'My diary this year—1887—is longer than any previous year and still I find none too much room for writing, the year fitting in very closely. I am afraid my writings will be found very loose and coarse at times, especially that wrote in town. At times I was on the point of letting it drop entirely as I had so much time occupied otherwise. This year I find the most unsuccessful, having met with so many failures of some length, with only 13 successful peals to record. For the future I intend to make notes only and discard writing a diary.' Mr. Fussell gives a tabulated list of 35 peals attempted and lost.

(To be continued.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Owing to holidays, etc., practice is suspended at Esher. The next practice night will be held on September 3rd, at 7 p.m.—W. Massey, 66, Vale Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey. 9160

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE. — A service of thanksgiving for the restored ring of bells will be conducted by the Right Reverend Tom Longworth, D.D., on Friday, July 20th, at 7 p.m. 9186

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery—Quarterly meeting at Fivehead, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements.—J. S. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 9125

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9188

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6) July 14th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 9120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea.—Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9100

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ockley, July 14th. Bells from 3. Tea at King's Arms. Notifications to R. Duffield, Ockley Court Gardens, Dorking.—A. H. Smith. 9150

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9099

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), Saturday, July 14th. A Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Excellent opportunity for introducing non-ringers to our art.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec., Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9098

LADIES' GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Foundry and Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be 2s. 6d.. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors.—E. K. Fletcher, President and Acting Hon. Sec. 9105

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Service, business meeting and tea.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 9085

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th at Wilton (6) (not South Newton). Service 4.15. 9092

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HEREFORD GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30.—H. G. Thomas and E. J. Rowe, Hon. Secs. 9040

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Guildford (8), July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, S. Nicolas's Church Hall, 5 p.m. Shalford 6.30-8.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9118



**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Regret no tea arrangement possible.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9139

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (5), Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 9134

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, July 14th. Bells: Stockbridge (6) 1.30; Leckford (5) 6. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in garden of Grosvenor Cottage (if wet, in Town Hall). Business meeting follows.—Mr. J. A. C. King. 9089

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. 9142

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Wednesday, July 18th, 7.45 p.m. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster. Everyone welcome. No practice August.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9190

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Cary Branch.—Meeting Charlton Mackrell July 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 9133

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Glas-ton Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting Star Restaurant. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9135

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Husbome Crawley, July 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. 9187

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), July 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea.—Mary Drew. 8189

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—General quarterly meeting at Whitwick on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) at 2. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schools 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 18th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4 North Street, Whitwick. Please note: The Guild Festival is on October 27th at Market Harborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 9137

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall on July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sunshine Cafe. Names for tea by Monday, July 16th, to Mrs. D. Flintham, Harrowdine, Thorpe Road, Coningsby, Lincoln.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 9140

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Bigby (6) on July 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 18th to Canon Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 9129

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 18th, to G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9126

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Annual meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Canon G. Dixon. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary not later than July 16th. Usual ringing arrangements: times will be given at luncheon.—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 9075

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Saturday, July 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. 9132

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Stratford St. Mary, July 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5, Riverside Cafe. East Bergholt bells to be rung after tea. Don't miss this. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 9141

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Yatton, July 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo. 9171

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Crewe Branch.—Meeting, Sandbach (8), July 21st, 3. Tea 5. Brereton (5) bells available 2.30—4.30. Bus from Sandbach 2, 3.10; from Holmes Chapel 2.50; ten minute journey from either. Names for tea to R. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9185

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying me by 18th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9184

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—First meeting of reformed Association, St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, July 21st, 2.30. Tea 4.30, for those notifying, by July 18th, P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 9167

**DEVON GUILD**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Dartmouth, Saturday, July 21st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9164

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Western District.—Saturday, July 21st, Hexham Abbey, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9151

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD**—Joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Bletchingly, July 21st, with Godstone in evening. See Surrey notice re tea.—C. A. Bassett. 9152

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9158

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Ely, Wisbech and Hunts District.—Joint meeting at Whittlesey St. Andrews, Saturday, July 21st, Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 18th, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9177

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., not 5 p.m. as is usual. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to C. R. Beech, President Cottages, School Road, Grayshott, Hindhead.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9157

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**—Meeting, July 21st, Lamberhurst. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 18th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 9153

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing Meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, July 21st, 4 p.m. Cups of tea. Ashton Parish not available.—R. Benson. 9182

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**—Western branch meeting, Saham Toney, Saturday, July 21st. Usual arrangements. Replies, soon as possible, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9183

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, July 21st. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, July 17th.—F. W. Hancock. 9168

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Presbute, Saturday, July 21st.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9170

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Monthly meeting, Thorne, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 (moderate charge). Names for tea by 20th, to Mr. J. Thorley, Bridge Street, Thorne, near Doncaster.—L. M. Woodhead. 9166

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Saxmundham District.—A Festival meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. All welcome. 9162

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern and North-Western Districts.—Combined meeting, with the East Grinstead Guild at Bletchingly (8) and Godstone (8) on July 21st. Ringing Bletchingly 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at the King Charles' Cottage, 5. Ringing afterwards, Bletchingly 6—9 and Godstone 7—9. Names for tea, by Thursday, July 19th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 9175

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Western Division.—Practice July 21st, Midhurst, 3—4.30 (tea); Easebourne 6—8.30. Names to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9154

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9179

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Clapton-in-Gordano, July 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by July 19th.—C. W. Knight, Roseleigh, Clapton-in-Gordano. 9172

**SALISBURY GUILD**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, July 26th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names, by July 23rd, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 9174

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Quarterly meeting, Southam, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Craven Arms Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 25th, please, to A. J. Hobley, Coventry Street, Southam, near Rugby.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 9159

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Dedication of War Memorial Tablet, All Saints' Hereford, by the Bishop of Hereford, July 28th, 5.30. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) 2.30—4.15; All Saints' (8) after service. Tea 4.30. Names to W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 9169

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Ashford District.—Bye-meeting at Brabourne, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9176

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 1/6 4.45, at 'The Spinney'. No service. Names for tea, by Monday, July 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9178

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Standing Committee meeting, Saturday, July 28th, 2.15 p.m., St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich. Tea 4.30. General meeting 5. Agenda: Service Book; Finance. Bells available: St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles, 2.15—4.15 and 6.30; St. Peter Mancroft and St. John Sepulchre 6.30. Names for tea, before July 21st, to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 3, Colegate. 9156

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Lambourn (8), July 28th, at 3 p.m. Details later. 9173

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer, July 28th. Bells, both towers, 3 p.m. Service. St. John's, 4 p.m. Notification for tea, 4.45 p.m., by 25th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9161

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northampton Branch.—Courteenhall, July 28th. Names for tea, by July 24th, to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 9180

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Saxmundham District.—Ringing Meeting, July 28th, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea, at Sweffling Vicarage, 5 p.m. Ringing at Sweffling after tea.—P. S. Bedford, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 9163

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath is postponed until August 4th.—D. M. Reeve. 9181



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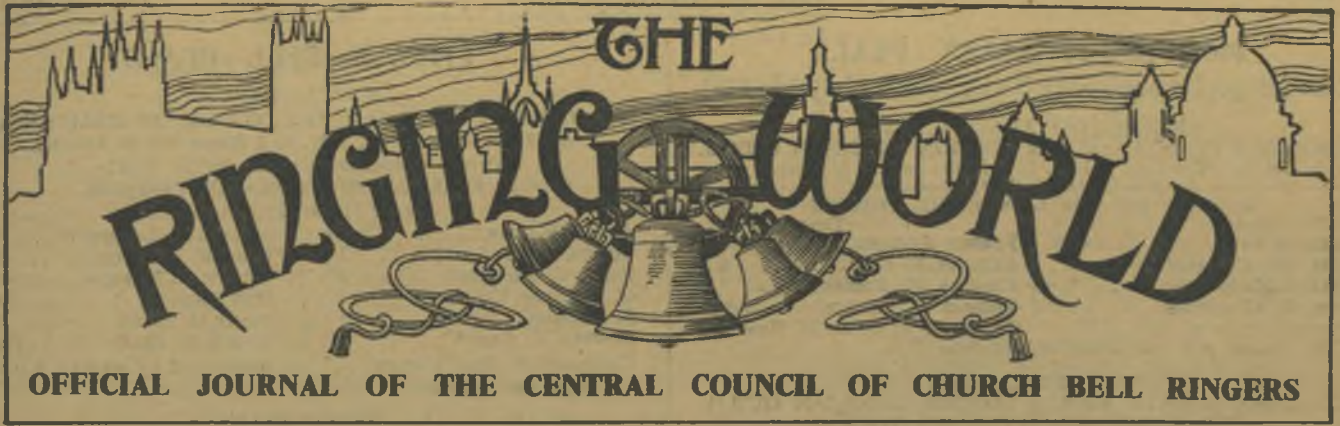
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## A RINGING TOUR IN NORTH WALES

By T. G. F.

THE Sussex ringers' tour in the first week in July would now appear to be a regular institution. The most enjoyable tour to date commenced on the morning of Sunday, July 1st. The weather was perfect when the coach left Crawley Station for Horsham to pick up more of the party. It then set off to its destination, the Welsh town of Llanfyllin, which was to be the headquarters for the week. The route lay through Reading, Oxford, Broadway, Evesham, Worcester and Shrewsbury; the beautiful countryside was seen at its best. At Llanfyllin the tourists were joined by Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, of Porthcawl.

The first tower on Monday morning was at St. Mary the Virgin's, Ellesmere, Salop, beautifully situated among the seven meres of the 'Shropshire lake district.' The party was met by the Vicar, Rev. G. S. Lloyd. Messrs. W. Slade and Joseph Edge, both local ringers, joined in ringing on the eight bells. The next step was to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wem, where a good octave hangs in a late 14th century tower, although the remainder of the church is only 150 years old.

After lunch to St. Giles', Wrexham, where the grand ten (tenor 25 cwt.) are in a noble tower. The local ringers assured us this tower was one of the seven wonders of Wales. The last ringing of the day took place in the spacious belfry of St. Oswald's, Oswestry, on a very good octave. Some of the peal boards are extremely old. The tower has obviously been a centre of ringing for hundreds of years.

On Tuesday the route was via Lake Vyrnwy and Lake Bala—the two largest lakes in Wales—to St. Mary's, Dolgelly, where an octave, 15½ cwt. tenor, is very seldom rung. After lunch the party were given a warm welcome at St. Peter's, Machynlleth, by the Rev. E. T. Roberts, Vice-President D. Williams, Deputy Foreman G. E. Venables, J. C. Price and other local ringers. The ringing was good and the local ringers, a very keen band, joined in ringing rounds on the eight bells, and Messrs. G. E. Venables and J. C. Price joined the tourists at tea.

In the evening, by kind permission of Canon Jenkins, the bells of Llanfyllin Church were rung and created quite a stir. Several residents of the town, including the Town Clerk, Mr. T. Jarvis, were in the belfry and many were

outside the church. The bells, a good six, were last rung on VJ-Day.

On Wednesday morning the party were honoured at St. Peter's, Ruthin, with a welcome by the Mayor, Councillor R. B. Williams, the Rev. Cecil Jones (whose title is Warden instead of rector or vicar) and Mr. Thomas, the chief local ringer. The 17 cwt. octave was put to good use and best wishes were expressed to Mr. Thomas and his local band.

In the afternoon the tour continued with a journey to St. Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan, the famous 'Marble Church' near Rhyl. The church seen standing in the trim green churchyard in bright sunlight made a beautiful picture and the wonderful interior was greatly admired. The eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were one of the best rings so far met during the tour. The last tower of the day was St. Matthew's, Buckley, where the party was met by the Vicar and local ringers. The local ringers joined in touches of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise on the 14 cwt. octave. The church has connections with W. E. Gladstone, the famous Prime Minister. His son-in-law was vicar 1897-1904, and in that time the church was completely rebuilt. The chancel is a memorial to Gladstone, and Gladstone's daughter gave the eight bells.

Thursday's ringing began at St. Luke's, Hodnet. These eight excellent bells in an octagonal tower are rung from the ground floor. A passing motorist stopped long enough to ask the coach driver to convey his congratulations to the party on their ringing, regretting he had not sufficient time to meet them personally. At Market Drayton the eight bells of St. Mary's, 17 cwt. tenor, were set going to several methods, and Mr. W. Tyler, one of the local band, joined in the ringing. A visit to St. Nicholas', Newport, where trouble with a slider cut short the ringing time, and to All Saints', Wellington, completed the tower-bell ringing for the day. After the evening meal several members gave a handbell demonstration outside the hotel, including both change ringing and tune ringing, to an appreciative audience.

On Friday the coach left Llanfyllin for a sightseeing tour. The trip lay through Llangollen, Bettws-y-Coed, Capel-Curig, Pass of Llanberis in Snowdonia, Caernarvon, over Menai Bridge to Anglesey, and on return through Llandudno, Llanrwst and Corwen. The only ringing of the day took place at St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor. The bells are a good octave and go very well, but are somewhat difficult to hear inside the tower.

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**200th ANNIVERSARY PEALS**

of the first performance of Holt's Original on July 7th, 1751

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 5
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 7
CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT (1751). Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.  
The original peal was performed on these bells.

HOLBORN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 18 cwt.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Treble	DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 5
ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3	DEREK R. JUDD .. .. 7
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 4	JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 2	HENRY ROGERS .. .. 6
HAROLD PAILING .. .. 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. 7
HERBERT LEWIN .. .. 4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 21 cwt.
FREDERICK SHERATON .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4	CYRIL MORDUS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 5
LEONARD MANNERING .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 6
EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 3	LOUIS HEAD .. .. 7
HARRY BAKER .. .. 4	FRANK THWAITES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	
FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.  
The conductor's 200th peal on handbells; conducted 178.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 10
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 11
EDWARD T. LLOYD .. .. 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
\* 100th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. .. 8
WILLIAM C. THOMPSETT .. 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 10
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 6	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
\* First peal on twelve bells.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD HENRYS .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	THOMAS WILSON .. .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JAMES SKEATS .. .. 8
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON .. 4	HARRY ANDERTON .. .. 9
ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST .. 5	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

Rung as a compliment to the Centenary Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn (Ald. Wm. Hare, J.P., and Mrs. Hare), who are prominent members of the Cathedral congregation.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Treble	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. .. 6
LESLIE W. STEVENS .. 2	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 7
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3	†JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 9
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* 100th peal together. † First in the method.

† 125th peal, and he has now 'circled' this tower.

An 84th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, father of the conductor.

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# EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thursday, June 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 6
*BRIAN S. COPE .. 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 7
C. HENRY HARDING .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES  
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.  
Heywood's Variation.  
MURIEL REAY .. Treble \*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5  
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 2 ARTHUR D. COOK .. 6  
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3 FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7  
\*HENRY H. FEARN .. 4 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
\*400th peal together. G. W. Critchley has now 'circled' the tower.  
In memoriam the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Canon Roskell, Administrator of the Cathedral, 1919-1948.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 5  
†PETER W. CROFT .. 2 WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 6  
GEORGE CHERRY .. 3 \*ERNEST W. ROBERTS .. 7  
\*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD 4 FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major (age 13 years).  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 6½ cwt.  
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. Treble \*ARTHUR FIDLER .. 5  
\*JOHN P. FIDLER .. 2 HAROLD MARCON .. 6  
†DENIS BURNETT .. 3 \*HORACE MYATT .. 7  
†ROBERT D. WILSON .. 4 G. R. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.  
\* 100th peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First in method. Seven of the band are of John Taylor and Co., bell founders.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Thurs., June 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.  
\*W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble SIDNEY H. JONES .. 5  
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2 \*JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 6  
\*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3 JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7  
\*WALTER G. SOAR .. 4 \*ROLAND BENISON .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE Conducted by ROLAND BENISON.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung for the patronal festival.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR  
Containing 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 114 changes of method.  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.  
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble WALTER ALLMAN .. 5  
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2 EDWARD JENKINS .. 6  
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3 RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7  
\*ALFRED E. SMITH .. 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.  
\*R. ANN CLARKE .. Treble ERIC SUTTON .. 5  
†A. CHARLES BAKER .. 2 REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6  
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 3 WILFRED F. WEBB .. 7  
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4 ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. Twenty-fifth peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Mr. R. G. Hooper.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE.  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's Variation).  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.  
HERBERT SUTTON .. Treble FRANK BARNARD .. 5  
FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 2 EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 6  
WILFRED KERR .. 3 JOHN E. BROUGH .. 7  
\*J. DEREK SMITH .. 4 \*THOMAS P. BARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.  
\* First peal of Triples. Arranged and rung for the 4th ringer, who is going to Scotland to do his National Service in the R.E.'s.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 13 cwt. in D.  
\*†EDWARD BAILEY .. Treble †FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 5  
†FRANK J. BAILEY .. 2 WILLIAM H. DARE .. 6  
\*DILYS HULBERT .. 3 ROBERT E. COLES .. 7  
THOMAS YEOMANS .. 4 BERT WEAVER .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by FREDERICK J. BAILEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal by three generations for the Association.  
First peal as conductor.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.  
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN DISTRICT).  
On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.  
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.  
JAMES EDGAR .. Treble WILLIAM PRATT .. 5  
\*JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2 TOM SMELTZER (16) .. 6  
JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3 HARRY BROWN .. 7  
†JOHN J. FIELDING .. 4 FRED E. DUKES .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the wedding of Cyril Galbraith (Southern District secretary) and Miss Ann Miles, at Limerick this day. Also a compliment to the ringer of the third on the birth of a daughter. First peal in the method on the bells. Festival of Britain Peal No. 9.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,  
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.  
\*JAMES H. MUSSON .. Treble \*DENIS A. FRITH .. 5  
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2 \*WILLIAM H. DALE .. 6  
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 JOHN CRAGG .. 7  
ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 4 GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,  
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.  
MARJORIE F. JACKSON .. Treble \*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 5  
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 2 ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6  
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7  
\*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 4 THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal in the method.



## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALAN TAYLOR (13) .. .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. .. 5
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. .. 2	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 3	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 7
*JOHN STENNITT .. .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANCIS R. LOWE.

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

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 5
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 2	DEREK R. JUDD .. .. 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung on the occasion of the annual garden fete and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary H. Claude Harland, M.A., R.D., on his recent appointment to the Prebendal Stall of Mapsbury in St. Paul's Cathedral.

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	FRED E. COLLINS .. .. 7
NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Major.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

AGNES E. PRICE .. .. Treble	*PETER C. RIDGWAY .. 5
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 2	*TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 6
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REGINALD LAMBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5
†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 2	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
†FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 7
†FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

\* 300th peal together. † First peal in the method.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PILKINGTON .. Treble	GORDON CRAINE .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Helen Rice, of Halsall, Miss Glenis Williams, daughter of Mr. L. J. Williams, of Church Kirk, and Miss Betty Lintott, daughter of Mr. Arthur Lintott, of Liverpool. The conductor's 250th peal for the Lancashire Association.

## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WENBAN .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 5
REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 2	JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. 6
FREDK. A. CATELL .. .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 4	ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. E. Harold Loasby, M.A., upon his induction as Rector by the Bishop of Willesden.

## WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six Part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
*A. ROY WOOD .. .. Treble	ALEX WOODLEY .. .. 5
*EDWIN C. SEYMOUR .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
*WALTER SEYMOUR .. 3	†HARRY WHITE .. .. 7
†CYRIL P. LAY .. .. 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. Rung for Patronal Festival.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
*MISS J. HEARN .. .. 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. 6
MISS M. PEMBERTON .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. .. 7
*MISS F. D. MURKITT .. 4	MRS. J. DUNHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

## MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 24½ cwt.
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for Mr. J. B. Budd, of Mold, Flintshire. A birthday compliment to Josiah Morris and Reginald G. Hooper.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 5, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 5
A. ARTHUR HUGHES .. 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 6
BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. 3	ARTHUR WATKINS .. .. 7
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY O. BAKER.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
DENNIS N. BURNETT .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells and for the Association.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. Treble	ENID LONNEN .. .. 3
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2	*C. DOUGLAS LININGTON .. 4

NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*REGINALD HANKINS .. Treble	JOHN KING .. .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	BRIAN S. COPE .. .. 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

\* First peal. Rung for the opening of Corby Festival.

HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent, and 720 each of Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BARNES .. .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 4
PEGGY M. LAMB .. .. 2	FRANK LAMB .. .. 5
ERNEST J. PADGETT .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Treble	PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 4
PETER C. RIDGWAY .. .. 2	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. .. 5
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3	FRANK G. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

MORETON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5760 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Pitman's (24 240's) arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

DESMOND G. MAYELL .. Treble	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. 4
MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. 3	FREDERICK W. JAMES .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. S. Symonds and also a birthday compliment to Mr. D. G. Mayell.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWLING .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL .. .. 5
PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 3	CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

ANN WORTH .. .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER .. .. 4
*STEPHEN W. J. PENNEY .. 2	†DENNIS MOTTESHEAD .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 3	‡SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

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**WARMLEY, NEAR BRISTOL.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of fourteen 120's of Grandsire, sixteen of Stedman and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

R. ANN CLARKE .. .. .	Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. .. .	4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. .	2	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. .	5
GILBERT SPRULES .. .. .	3	*CYRIL TURNER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal in three Doubles methods by all. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. H. Down and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Preb. C. W. Francis.

**WARSP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Newdigate, Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Wragby, Neasden and St. Alban's Delight. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOAN M. SMITH .. .. .	Treble	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .	4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. .	2	FREDERICK FLINT .. .. .	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. .	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in seven 4th place Delight Minor methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the opening of the Warsop Festival Week.

**HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Monday, June 25, 1951, in 2 hours and 44½ Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Spliced Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall, (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. .	Treble	*MARY PEMBERTON .. .. .	4
*MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM .. .. .	2	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. .	5
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. .	3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in nine methods.

**ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BROWN .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. .. .	4
GEORGE W. BURRELL .. .. .	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. .. .	5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. .	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burrell, who were married at the above church on June 27th, 1901.

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wednesday, June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GERALD FROST .. .. .	Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. .	4
BERNARD SADLER .. .. .	2	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. .. .	5
*HERMON J. OLIVER .. .. .	3	WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

**WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALLAN CHAPMAN .. .. .	Treble	HARRY POYNER .. .. .	4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	2	ALAN CATTALL .. .. .	5
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. .. .	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTALL.

\* First peal.

**TADMARTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., June 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. .. .	Treble	*JACK BISHOP .. .. .	4
*VICTOR LINES .. .. .	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. .	5
*HARRY HYDE .. .. .	3	*HARRY BISHOP .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

**FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. .	Treble	*MAX P. PAGE .. .. .	4
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. .	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. .	5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. .. .	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Friday, June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

H. WAND (74) .. .. .	Treble	H. REGINALD WOODS .. .. .	3
*JOAN BRANDON .. .. .	2	*F. G. VICKERS .. .. .	4
REGINALD SCOTT .. .. .			Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**  
**A PEAL OF 6480 MINOR**

Being 9 extents as follows: (1) Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, Chalfont, Cromer, Northaw, Fulmer, Penshurst, Walsingham, Lammass, Olney, Stevenon, and Tibenham Alliance. (2) Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton, Buxton. (3) Kent Little Court, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Copt Oak, Wainfleet, Spilsby, Charnwood, Gedney, Gumby, Surfleet, Spalding. (4) Bastow Little Court, Poynton, Elsham, Bennington, Denton, Dunholme, Bassingham, Chelford, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Frieston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall. (5) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pemroke, Peveril. (6) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury. (7) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston. (8) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow. (9) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden. 266 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. .	Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. .	4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. .. .	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. .. .	5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. .	3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 126 methods, being the highest number of methods at present known to splice into nine extents. Longest peal of Minor for the Guild. Extent No. 3 is now rung in a peal for the first time.

**BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*  
**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in six methods thus: (1) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (2), (3), (4) and (5) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (6) Oxford; (7) Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

NEVILLE A. BROWN .. .. .	Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. .	4
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. .. .	2	RONALD BARLOW .. .. .	5
F. RONALD FORSTER .. .. .	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 5-6

HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 3-4 | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. .. 7-8

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

\* 50th peal. First peal as conductor 'in hand.' A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 25, 1951, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

ON THE TOP OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 32 with extremes and 10 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

COLIN A. KIRK .. .. 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3-4

MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. 1-2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. .. 5-6

GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | HARRY POYNER .. .. 9-10

PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6 | HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 11-12

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

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

**NOTTINGHAM.**

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 1-2 | \*JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First handbell peal in the method off 1-2.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being six methods, comprising 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,456

Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, and 304 each

of Double and St. Clement's Bob, with 397 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | \*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in six methods. The conductor's 50th peal in spliced methods 'in hand.'

**GLOUCESTER.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

IN ST. MARY DE CRYPT BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores ten callings. Tenor 15 in C.

JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY .. .. 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three

extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

RONALD BARLOW .. .. 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 5-6

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

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The relatively few peals of Holt's Original rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal came as a surprise to many in view of the prevalence of peal ringing to-day. A conductor has suggested to us that it would be interesting to ascertain how others call this famous peal and what checks to memory are employed.

Mr. H. Wand, aged 74, rang his first peal for 30 years at Market Overton, Rutland, on June 29th.

Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw has rung a peal in a different method on each bell in the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Fred Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association, has rung his first peal on the tenor in 137 peals.

Writes Mr. A. J. Corrigan: 'As I dare say that many of your subscribers will neglect to comply with your request for the extra 1s. 5d. to cover increase in postage, I send for two.' We trust that there will not be too many claimants for Mr. Corrigan's generosity.

Mr. W. Eric Critchley and Mr. Shirley Barton call our attention to the fact that the method published in the issue of July 13th under the name of Nettleham had already been rung as Withyham at the place of that name on March 21st, 1948, conducted by Philip A. Corby.

The sympathy of many friends will be extended to Mr. Jack L. Millhouse of the Lincoln Cathedral band, who was the victim of a nasty accident last Saturday. He had oiled the bells at Ewerby previous to a peal attempt when, on his way down, he slipped and fractured his kneecap. Through the kind services of a lady in the village, he was taken by car to a doctor at Heckington, who arranged for his removal to Lincoln County Hospital. Mr. Millhouse is in Robey Ward.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Copt Oak ringers have gained further laurels by a peal in 126 methods on June 30th, being the highest number of methods at present known to splice into nine extents.

The weight of the tenor at Marsden, Yorks, is 264 cwt and not 164 cwt. as recorded recently.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges on behalf of 'The Ringing World' Committee a donation of one guinea from an anonymous donor to meet the increased cost of production.

Mr. L. Bailey, of Godshill, Isle of Wight, thanks the many correspondents who wrote interesting replies to his enquiry re Clement Tosier.

The ringer of the third in the peal at St. John's, Bournemouth, was Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher and not Miss D. R. Fletcher, as inadvertently submitted to us.

Biggleswade District outing was on June 23rd and not June 16th, writes our correspondent. We do not question, after this, that the outing was a great success!

We have had a spate of 'completing the circle' of towers this week. The following are to hand:—Mr. G. W. Critchley, the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad, Birmingham; Mr. John E. Brough, Marbury, Cheshire; Messrs. Gerald Frost and William S. May, Downham, Essex (being the first persons to do so); and Mr. Stanley Prestidge, Netherton, Worcestershire.

It took Mr. D. Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire, four days to reach Yarmouth for the Conference of the National Federation of Grocers and Provision Dealers' Associations. He rang Pudsey at Hugglecote, Yorkshire at Wilby (adjoining his native village of Stradbroke), Cambridge at Framsdon and Superlative at Pulham, where he last rang a peal 28 years ago, and renewed acquaintance with Mr. Ernest Whiting. He thanks all ringers and friends who made his visits so enjoyable.

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# COMMEMORATING THE 'ORIGINAL'

## THE STORY OF PEALS AND FAILURES

THE 200th anniversary of the ringing of the Original by John Holt, on Saturday, July 7th, was commemorated by relatively few peals.

Perhaps the peal of most interest was that at St. Margaret's, Westminster, where John Holt, in 1751, sat and called his composition. This commemorative peal was called by Mr. Charles Roberts. He had with him a band of veterans—three above the age of 70 and two over 60, while the average age of the band was 61. Mr. W. H. Hewett, who participated in the peal, has been a ringer at St. Margaret's since 1905 and tower-keeper since 1916.

He writes: The tablet which records the original peal and hangs in the porch at the base of the tower is in perfect condition. Some 20 years ago it was thoroughly cleaned down and revarnished. It has two interesting features painted in the corners—the rose in one and the thistle in the other and four clasped hands in the centre. Of the bells, he adds that in Holt's day there were only eight bells, cast and hung by Samuel Knight, of Holborn, in 1739. The present ring of ten is hung in the same frame but were all rehung with new fittings, and six recast, in 1939. The third and fifth are original bells.

### AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELD

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who conducted a peal of the Original at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, adds this interesting commentary:

There is a peal board in the tower which mentions that on October 23rd, 1791, there was rung 'The Original' peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples as composed by Jno. Holt in one continued course with two Doubles in the last four leads, completed in three hours and seven minutes, called by James Bartlett, being the only person that ever rang and called this very difficult composition.

There were, however, at least two previous occasions when the conductor had taken part in the ringing. One was at Norwich and the other at Saffron Walden. It was undoubtedly its first performance in London.

### A DOUBLE

Mr. Clem Glenn, of Nottingham, writes:—Noticing some time ago that I was nearing my 200th on handbells, I thought it would be nice to ring it on the 200th anniversary of the 'Original' and bring off a 'double,' so to speak, which was accomplished between 10.8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, Nottingham. Although St. Peter's chimers were pulled off, the tenor persisted in making itself heard at 11 and 12: and this, together with Littlejohn's 10 tons 7 cwt. booming out nearby, is a little distracting. However, a good peal at a moderate speed and nothing serious to report.

Then to ring it on tower bells in the afternoon at Daybrook. Ringing chamber small, weather very close. Good raise, good peal, good cease, with 'echo' in Queens. Only three trips, all made by one who shall be nameless: said he was listening to the music. Pleasant surprise—up comes Mrs. Paling with refreshing cups of tea. Then, some homewards, some to repair for further refreshment. A jolly good day.

### AT CHESTER-LE-STREET

From a Reporter on the spot  
The selection of Chester-le-Street for any eight-bell attempt needs no explanation or justification and a band has just arrived to attempt to ring Holt's Original on the bi-centenary of its performance.

The band is drawn from two Newcastle towers and the local company with ages ranging from 15 to 71. The bells are raised, the ropes are adjusted and then there is a hitch while part of the floor is scrubbed! These preliminaries over, the ringing begins and continues very smoothly for almost 45 minutes until the bob

caller reaches an impasse. This is not yet realised by anyone else but what heart searching is proceeding within the bob-caller.

He has committed to memory the bells 'before' and is positive that he must now call '7 before' with a double but alas 7 is 'in the hunt'! Even greater calamity is the grim realisation that he is ringing 7 himself!! If only it had been the veteran... or one of the youngsters... but fate has not even provided a scapegoat. The conductor has no option but to call 'Stand.'

But, wait. What is this 'Belfrymanship'? Surely it will be easy to slip out of the hunt and bludgeon someone else into it, continue with the calling and see that the bells come into rounds at the right time; for, after all, this is one's own tower: one knows how long Triples should take and there is a clock on the wall. Yes, that's it. If only Holt had known this technique he need never have resorted to calling from manuscript 200 years ago.

But then fears arise one by one. The clock might stop and the watch is tucked away in a pocket. Conscience casts doubts upon the ethics of the plan. Seven is still in the hunt and the band seems to know the method far too well and any attempt to abscond from the hunt—even a hesitation on the way to lead—would bring forth a concerted shout from the others to 'get down and take the treble off.' Finally, a memory of the awful fate that befell Jonathan Wild in the famous ringing match at Flixton after he had carried out a similar plan with another Holt composition.

Thus it is that instead of 'bob' he calls 'Stand.' He explains the difficulty that has arisen and weakly admits that he must have miscalled it.

The heat of the day causes some discussion as to whether a fresh attempt shall be made. But it is finally decided that the next centenary is a bit too far distant and a fresh start is made. (Incidentally, it is noticed that the clock had stopped just about the time that 'Stand' was called!).

This time all goes well, and after three hours and two minutes the bells reach rounds and it is to be claimed as conducted by D. A. B.

After the peal the owner of the vintage Bentley finds his hands badly blistered. A volunteer is forthcoming to 'swing her' but his efforts are of no avail and the owner has to tackle the job himself with the aid of a duster. Six of the band pile into the car and go off to tea. Thirst seems to exceed hunger and the writer sees, for the first time, food remaining on the table after the departure of the youths from Fenham; but one of them admits that he is not in peak condition on this occasion.

## NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

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And so to bed, for it is just about bedtime now that all this has been accomplished. The ringers depart, hoping for more peals but without a quarter-peal to warm up first of all.

### AT FRITTENDEN

The 200th anniversary was also observed at Frittenden, Kent, where Mr. Louis Head called the Original.

He writes that the village folk thought it was being called from manuscript when seven of the band arrived at the church in a three-ton open lorry, whilst two men were clearing the path which led from the door to the belfry door.

### A FAILURE

On July 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted. Unfortunately, after 50 minutes' good ringing, the attempt came to grief, caused by the treble rope breaking. The band was stationed as follows: H. S. Shuck 1, E. Stith 2, C. Wallater 3, W. Davies 4, F. Brotherton 5, S. Birch 6, H. Howell 7, M. G. Turner (conductor) tenor.

## FESTIVAL CHURCH RINGING

### Arrangements For Visitors

The Festival of Britain Sub-Committee of the Central Council has been very glad to receive for publication in 'The Ringing World' the accompanying letter. It has been sent by the Rev. L. W. Harland, secretary of the Festival Church Committee, with whom negotiations have been conducted, and brings with it the assurance that visiting bands of ringers will enjoy the privilege of ringing the bells of St. John's. While there are no specific arrangements for individual ringers, Mr. Grainger will always be glad to hear in advance from such ringers, so that if possible they can be given the opportunity of standing in when they are visiting the Festival Church.

S. S. JOHN HATCHER, Convener.

Dear Sir,—In view of misunderstandings about ringing at the Festival Church, the Committee responsible have asked that, in future, bands wishing to ring should apply direct to the steeple-keeper, Mr. W. D. Grainger, of 36, Dulwich Village, S.E.21. Preference will be given to those churches whose choirs are singing at the Festival Church. Those bands which have already applied through the Central Council have now been allotted dates, and any others will be given dates as soon as possible after application.

It is regretted that permission cannot be given for peal ringing.—Yours sincerely,

L. W. Harland, Secretary.

British Council of Churches  
Festival of Britain Committee.

### HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting and prize contest were held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 7th.

Seven teams entered the contest which resulted as follows:—

Meltham .. ..	52 points
Lindley .. ..	66 "
Friezland .. ..	62 "
Silkstone .. ..	90 " (rang out)
Liversedge .. ..	32 "
Cawthorne .. ..	37 "

Liversedge won the Association's silver cup and a preserve dish for each man, and Cawthorne won a sugar bowl for each man.

A meeting was held at the close of the competitive ringing and everyone expressed satisfaction over the state of the Association's funds, which showed an increase of £2 17s. on the previous year's total.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc unanimously, and Liversedge offered their tower for the next contest.



# WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

## A HEALTHY POSITION — THE GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL — ENQUIRIES FOR A GUILD BADGE — NEW PANEL TO CATHEDRAL WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSED

THE annual general meeting was held at Winchester on July 7th and was attended by over 80 ringers representing all districts of the Guild. Among the visitors present were Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Wimborne, and ringers from Buckland Newton and Piddlington (Dorset) and Beaconsfield.

The business meeting was held in St. Maurice Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger), supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and hon. auditor and librarian (Mr. A. York-Bramble). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. V. Davis (peals recorder), R. Marlow, W. Read, W. Upton, P. N. Bond and the Rev. C. E. Brinkworth.

The accounts and balance sheet were reviewed by the hon. treasurer, who, whilst congratulating the Guild on maintaining its financial stability, appealed to all districts to increase their efforts to secure more membership. This, he said, was the only practical way in which we could reasonably face our future commitments without calling on reserve funds.

Mr. York-Bramble, as auditor, explained the manner in which the new form of accounts were presented to conform to the spirit of the rules. The accounts were unanimously adopted and the treasurer and auditor thanked for their work.

The joint report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. treasurer stated that, as the district secretaries' report showed, the position was still a healthy one, both in matters of ringing and membership. Reports of bell restorations in many districts were very encouraging, work having been undertaken and completed in North Stoneham (10), Alverstoke (8) and Wolverton (6). Bramley bells were to be augmented from 6 to 8, Arreton from 5 to 6 (since completed) and Baughurst were now receiving attention. Although in one or two districts a decrease in membership was reported and was sincerely regretted, most of the others had shown an increase, especially in the influx of young ringers, which was most encouraging.

Compared with the previous year, membership showed a total of ringing members 677 (647), honorary members 84 (70) and unattached 7 (5). The year started with a balance in hand of £304 10s. 3d. and concluded with a balance of £331 18s. 5d.

The Guild was very fortunate in finding an efficient successor to Mr. G. Smith as auditor. Mr. York-Bramble, who consented to fill this office, had been very painstaking in this work and members would note the efficient manner in which the Guild accounts were presented in the report. As first librarian to the Guild, he had prepared an inventory of all their property.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. Smart (Andover) seconded by Mr. Tucker.

### PEAL REPORT

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the peal recorder, reported that there had been a slight drop in the number of peals recorded during 1950 as compared with the previous year, a total of 121 as against 143.

There were four less tower-bell peals (49) than in 1949. The peal of Bob Maximus, at Christchurch, was a creditable performance in every way, most of the band earning a 'first performance' star of some description. New ground was broken with London Royal at Southampton, and Spliced Surprise, in six methods, at Soberton. A band rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the Isle of Wight. The peals were rung in 27 different towers: there were 12 'first-pealers,' four of whom qualified in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bournemouth.

In the handbell section there were 72 peals recorded against 95 for 1949. In all, 25 ringers took part, 13 of whom were visitors to Bournemouth. First peals for the Guild were rung to Gainsborough Little Bob Major, Spliced Major in 10 methods, Spliced Royal in three and also four methods. Mr. D. T. Malkin conducted 61 of these peals and actually conducted more peals than anyone else in the county during 1950. In the tower-bell peals Mr. John H. Hunt led the way with 11, and in all there were 119 instances of first peals in the method.

The report of the Central Council meeting at Chester was given by Mr. C. H. Kippin, who explained the various decisions on methods and peals. He was heartily thanked for his presentation of the report on the proposition of Mr. Chesterman, seconded by Mrs. Marshallsay.

### THE GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

The Master said that although up to the present the response to the appeal was not yet what was expected, the Executive Committee now recommended that the work in connection with the proposed bookcase should be proceeded with. Mr. Lampard, of Winchester, kindly offered to produce a design in keeping with the Guild's desire to house the books left to the Guild by the late Master and also to allow for other books and future additions. It was agreed that tenders be asked for from several cabinet makers who had been recommended and the Guild officers were empowered to proceed with the work if these proved to be acceptable to them. This was agreed to on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. Haines.

### THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL

In view of the fact that the Guild had now decided to proceed with the George Williams Memorial, it was felt that, taking into account the financial position, all suggested schemes of bell restorations or augmentations should be dropped and that the panel in the belfry at Winchester Cathedral containing the names of members who had fallen in the 1914-1918 war, should be extended, or a new panel provided, to bear the names of those who had lost their lives in World War II. It was unanimously agreed that the Dean and Chapter be approached in order to obtain the necessary permission to do this. This was carried on the proposition of Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Cheater (Ringwood). In connection with this, the Master appealed to the district secretaries to endeavour to obtain a complete list from the towers, which also was being sought by the committee of the Central Council compiling the 'Roll of Honour.'

### ALTERATION TO RULES

During the year, a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. A. York-Bramble had been appointed to go into the question of a re-draft of the rules, as many anomalies were apparent in the present ones. This committee had thoroughly investigated the rules and their proposals were placed before the general meeting for its discussion and, if desired, adoption. The proposed alterations had been printed in 'italics' in the current annual report so that comparisons could be made with the existing rules. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. York-Bramble explained that it had been found desirable to revise the rules for mainly three reasons:—(1) To ensure logical sequence in their order; (2) To omit many unnecessary prefaces; (3) Essential alterations to context, which were shown in 'italics.'

The alterations, dealt with rule by rule, were, with one or two minor alterations, unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. York-Bramble, seconded by the Rev. Felstead. One further alteration was made in the rule dealing with subscriptions, that a new paragraph be inserted

that 'Juvenile members up to the age of 16 years shall subscribe 1s. 6d. annually. Such members shall enjoy the privileges of ringing members except that they shall have no vote on matters of finance.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Basingstoke on July 5th, 1952.

The hon. general secretary announced that a reprint of the Guild Certificate had been completed and it was decided to make a charge of 6d. each for these, excluding postage.

Mr. W. C. Lampard received the congratulations of the meeting on attaining 60 years' service as a ringer at the Cathedral. This had also been suitably rewarded by the local authorities in presenting him with a handsome wrist watch.

### GUILD BADGE

The question of a Guild badge for ringers was raised and it was proposed by Mr. Mitchell (Bournemouth), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Portsmouth), that enquiries be made from suitable firms with a view to adopting one. It was decided that a grant of five guineas be given to Baughurst towards the restoration of their bells.

Mr. J. A. Hill (Andover) proposed that Messrs. G. Pullinger (Master), F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary) and W. Linter (hon. treasurer) be elected honorary life members of the Guild in recognition of their long and loyal service. This was carried with acclamation and the officers suitably responded.

Votes of thanks, on the proposition of the Master, were accorded the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, the clergy who had placed their bells at the Guild's disposal, and Mr. J. A. C. King (Winchester) for the untiring work he had put in in making all the local arrangements.

Tea was served in St. Maurice Hall, after which members attended the Cathedral evensong.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung at intervals during the day and many took advantage of visiting the variety of surrounding towers that were available.

### DEATH OF MR. H. A. WRIGHT

N.E. Essex and the Essex Association have lost an old friend by the death of Mr. H. A. Wright, of Clacton, who died at the age of 74, on July 5th. He had been in failing health for some time, but his passing came as a surprise to many of his friends. The funeral was at Clacton Cemetery on July 10th. Representing local ringers and Essex Association were Mr. E. E. Davey and Mr. U. W. Wildney, and wreaths included one from Kirby and district ringers.

Mr. Wright, a native of Clopton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, came to reside in Clacton upwards of 50 years ago, and was employed by Clacton Council until retiring towards the end of the late war. He was a ringer in the standard methods, having rung 51 peals, mainly for the Essex Association. He came forward to assist at Kirby-le-Soken when the bells were restored in 1923 and it was at this tower that many of his peals were rung, the last being as recently as Whit Monday. Mr. Wright was a life member of the Essex Association. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

U. W. W.

### PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on June 9th, and conducted by me, I shall be glad if you will withdraw the same as I consider it was a most unsatisfactory finish.—Yours truly,

RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

Crewe.



# CRICKET AND BELLS

## Oxford Guild's & University Society's Diversion

Genius is a rare visitor. To one such stroke, whether Wednesday evening in the Mitre Tavern or Sunday afternoon over the tea cups claim the credit, belongs the idea of bringing the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers to Great Tew on the sunny afternoon of Sunday, June 3rd, to play a cricket match. The Guild drew its team from Oxford, Great Tew, Appleton, Bicester and the University fielded almost its full male change-ringing strength. In face of at least one big cricketing reputation in the Guild side, the University men were fortified by the reflection that Wright, of Kent, was playing for them. William Judge, who had bumped the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Caters on the previous day and so could be expected to maintain an impartial outlook, shared the umpiring with a local cricket club member.

Winning the toss for the University, McCrum elected to bat. Inspection of the pitch was superfluous, the sun being just past its zenith and ice cream on sale close by. The opening pair, Meadows and Homfray, took up their diffident stance. White and Pink began the bowling with a well-directed and vicious swing attack. This was patently much too good for the circumstances. The difficult ball that runs away from the bat was missing both wicket and bat. A Washbrook or a Hutton would surely have got a touch and swift dismissal, whereas the batsmen concerned prodded and elided the total to 22 before Homfray yielded Pink a well-deserved wicket. The bowlers then set to with a vengeance. In no long time the total had moved to 35 for 5. Niblett compiled six patient runs before being excellently stumped. A hurried single found McCrum more than half wicket, but definitely out of course. Pimm and Smith took over the bowling with but little less venom than their predecessors. In general, the progress of the less successful University batsmen to and from the wicket is aptly described by Stedman's term for less prolonged visits to the Front Work. One innings showed different ideas. Guy for two overs lulled spectators and opponents alike with the dearest of dead bats, before lashing out with herculean fury. 'Six, four, two,' marked all to brief a stay, a ball from Smith ending the gay episode, with the score at 48 for 6. This was soon to become 51 for 9. But a sagacious and unhurried last wicket stand delayed the end, Grayson and Thomas obviously having gone out to bat and not merely to make runs. So the innings closed for 60.

Over a tea, such as makes cricket a pleasure to play, non-playing enthusiasts were collecting a band to ring for Evensong. Wags meanwhile speculated that a muffled quarter peal should be attempted for the University bowling averages. In the event the bowling, regarded by expert opinion as tenuous, turned out quite formidable. Niblett and Guy soon found a length and had Cross and Morley wrong stroke quite early on. Pink, in partnership with White, sustained the innings until the score reached 21, when extra cover fetched a camera and photographed him at the wicket. Two balls later Niblett's faster one rattled his stumps (extra cover indignantly denies that this was a variation of the Gamesmanship play originated by Dr. W. G. Grace). Porter now judiciously helped the total on to 30, silencing speculation about possible Oxford Society use of the splice, before falling victim to the bowling of Wright, who had replaced Guy. Then, at 35, White's steady knock came to an end.

A crisis faced the Guild and the game was entering its most interesting phase. Furthermore, the bells of Great Tew, close by the ground, had been having their say. Seldom did ringing have a more discerning audience or cricket a more diverting accompaniment. For

a hazardous half-hour, batsmen absentmindedly tickled balls outside the off stump, while checking lead-ends, and the slips conversed Stedman and Grandsire. What now decided the match was the arrival of Smith, who launched a tremendous and sustained onslaught on the University bowling. The score-book's '1, 1, 4, 2, 4, 4, 6, 4,' registers the havoc. And, with Wells quietly collecting runs at the other crease, the Guild were winners by five wickets. The rest of the innings, though relaxed in tension, was not farcical. Pimm was out on an excellent catch off a full-blooded hit to mid-wicket. Wilkins, undeterred by an encroaching ring of fielders (or field of ringers) proceeded to treat the bowling strictly on its merits. Chaundy looked good for a century, though perhaps not all in one day. Walter Judge took guard at the wicket with the kindly, but masterful air of a Beecham or a Boulton called in at short notice to conduct a cafe orchestra. It is just a question of concentration. 'Four not out' might have been the start of a big score, had not Wells' long innings ended with a catch in the gully. His 28 had been the sheet-anchor of the Guild's final total of 101.

Local advice on where the evening could best be spent was readily forthcoming. And the memories of a delightful day shade imperceptibly into the lengthening shadows of an inn garden at Dunst Tew.

Oxford University.—Meadows lbw b White 15; Homfray b Pink 10; Niblett st Wells b Pink 6; Wright b Pink 1; McCrum run out 3; Guy b Smith 12; Edge b Smith 3; Scott b Pimm 1; Border c Wells b Pimm 2; Thomas not out 4; Grayson c Pink b Morley 2; extras 1; total 60.

Bowling.—White 8-1-20-1; Pink 9-0-14-3; Pimm 4-0-14-2; Smith 3-0-10-2; Porter 1-0-1-0; Morley 1-0-0-1.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Cross b Guy 1; Morley c Wright b Niblett 0; Pink b Niblett 13; White b Niblett 10; Porter b Wright 8; Wells c sub b Guy 28; Smith lbw b Meadows 26; Pimm c Homfray b Meadows 1; Wilkins st McCrum b Meadows 9; Chaundy b Border 1; Judge not out 4; extras 0; total 101.

Bowling.—Niblett 11-2-19-3; Guy 8-1-14-2; Wright 4-0-35-1; Meadows 4-0-11-3; Grayson 2-0-10-0; Border 2-0-12-1.

R. M.

## RINGING TOUR IN N. WALES

(Continued from front page)

The first tower on Saturday was St. Mary-of-the-Salutation, Welshpool. The party was met by some of the local band, C. Williams (capt.), G. Lamister and E. Goodwin, who rang in a touch of Grandsire. The next call was St. Lawrence's Church, Stretton, where eight bells hang in a central Norman tower. St. Andrew's, Condover, proved rather difficult to find, but eventually ringing took place in the ground floor belfry in the Church of St. Mary, Shrewsbury, where Mr. F. Owen, the local captain, and Mr. W. Parker, the tower-keeper, met the party and joined in the ringing. The local ringers are justly proud of the back eight bells of the ring of ten with its 22 cwt. tenor.

That evening, at the hotel, Mr. G. Cecil, the Master of the Sussex County Association, presented a small gift, on behalf of the tourists, to Miss F. Wyman, who had done so much hard work in the organising of the tour.

No ringing had been planned for Sunday, July 8th. A midday lunch had been arranged at Brewwood and owing to an early arrival several ringers went to explore the church of SS. Mary and Chad. The bells proved to be excellent, probably the best of the tour.

The previous arrangement of appointing a Ringing Master for every morning and afternoon was adhered to and these duties were shared by Messrs. G. W. Cecil, B. Harman, R. Overy, E. Rapley, K. Snelling and L. Stilwell. Seventeen methods were rung from Plain Bob Minor to Stedman Caters, including the four Standard Surprise Major methods as well as Yorkshire and Painswick Surprise, in all a total of 11,133 changes. The number of steps climbed was 692 and the total mileage covered was 1,209 on the round trip.

It would be impossible to omit from these notes a reference to two dear old friends who were with the party last year, Walter Claydon and especially Oliver Sippetts who had been the prime mover in the previous tours.

The tourists have been agreeably surprised at the interest taken in the trip by ringers and others in North Wales and districts. Mention has been made of the tour in various local papers, and Canon Jenkins, of Llanfyllin, in a letter of thanks to Miss Wyman, hopes the interest aroused may lead to the Llanfyllin bells being rung once more.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT PATRINGTON

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Patrington on Saturday, June 30th, and was attended by 36 ringers from 14 towers. A short service in the church, very appropriately called the 'Queen of Holderness,' was conducted by the Rector the Rev. J. Janes, who gave an unusual and inspiring address. During the singing of the 150th Psalm a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, and the District secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, who was prevented from attending by a slight accident, but is by now quite recovered from the effects. Mr. T. H. Foster kindly deputised.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, subject to permission. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. W. Laws and T. K. Tilly (Hull), C. T. Barker (Beverley Minster) and an out-county member, Mr. G. C. Lunn, of Lea, Lincolnshire.

Mr. A. H. Fox, the retiring vice-president, did not seek re-election and Mr. A. C. Sellers, of Beverley Minster, was elected in his place.

Messrs. L. Rodmell, T. Southwick and L. M. Woodhead were elected to serve for three years

on the District Committee, the first-named also to serve on the General Committee.

Mr. A. E. Sellers proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. A. H. Fox for the good work he had done during the eight years he had served as vice-president and this was carried with acclamation. In his reply Mr. Fox said he was happy to work for the Association and would be pleased to come and play the organ at the services as he had always done at the meetings. He felt the various posts should go round now and again. On the motion of Mr. L. M. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. F. Wilkinson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address at the service, and the local company for arrangements and ladies serving tea and the excellent welcome the Association had received, and this was carried with applause.

The Rector in his reply welcomed all to Patrington and extended an invitation to 'come again soon.' Messrs. L. Rodmell and Foster also replied.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 ls.

The acting secretary was instructed to convey to the secretary, Mr. Morley, their concern at his accident and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Further ringing on tower- and handbells till nine o'clock concluded a happy meeting.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir.—The bells of Bolsover Parish Church were broadcast in the Northern Home Service of the B.B.C. before the evening service on Sunday, July 8th, 1951, and many messages of congratulation on the high standard of the ringing have been received by the joint Ringing Masters, Mr. S. Slaney and Mr. A. B. Cooper.

Extracts from two typical letters are as follows:—

'Congratulations to all concerned in the recent broadcast, a really fine display of good striking.'

'You have set a very good example to the fellow-ringers throughout the country who heard you.'

Several friends have made reference to the example set by the late Mr. John Flint and one correspondent said that as he listened he could almost imagine Mr. Flint standing in the ringing chamber encouraging the comparatively young band to give of their best.

The broadcast ringing was performed by the regular Sunday service band and the changes consisted of a course of Little Bob Major.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. COOPER.

Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

### BELLRINGERS' GUIDE

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter published in 'The Ringing World' on June 22nd, I was very pleased to see the letter from W. H. Vigers in the current issue. The more so as on July 6th I received from another source what purports to be an extract from the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee for 1950, and which reads as follows:—

'Lastly, the current year has witnessed the appearance of a perfectly monumental work in Mr. R. H. Dove's 'Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' The incalculable degree of perseverance and industry required to ascertain and tabulate such a mass of detailed information about 5,439 peals of bells in Great Britain and Ireland is matched by the skill and ingenuity displayed in such a neat and attractive form of publication.'

Assuming that that is a true extract, it completely clears the Committee of any suspicion of unfair dealing and gives point to my observation that however black the evidence may look there are nearly always two sides to every question.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER

Apperley, Glos.

### GREAT PAUL

Dear Sir.—The photograph of Great Paul, which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' brought back many memories to the veteran foreman and ringer, Mr. E. Yates, of St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, Bucks, who has passed his 83rd year.

He well remembers the incident and names of most of the people collected round the bell, and was himself in the crowd but cannot actually be seen in the photograph.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. EDWARDS.

Stony Stratford.

NOTE.—We shall be pleased to hear of any other ringers who saw this bell on its famous journey.—Ed.

### BELFRYMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my thanks and congratulations to you and Rodney Meadows on the Belfrymanship articles, which have provided many laughs and much speculation about the identity of the 'Artful Dodger.' I think I had the pleasure of ringing with him recently.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O FRY.

Bath.

## A SUSSEX BLACK SPOT IS TURNING LIGHT GREY

Standing in the north-east corner of Sussex are the three six-bell towers of Frant, Wadhurst and Ticehurst, which in the years between the wars was the black spot of county ringing. Apart from the number of bells, the towers were alike in many other respects. None of them was affiliated, and no member belonged to any Guild or Association. There was not a peal board in any of the towers to record any past performances, and except for Wadhurst there is no record of there ever having been a change-ringing band. The bells were regularly rung in each tower, but off cards, and a ringing meeting was a rare occurrence.

At Frant the bells, in their wooden frame are well-looked after and go like tops, but the music is horrible. The treble (1777) and 5-6 (1776) are by Pack and Chapman, 3-4 (1633) are by John Wilmar, while the second (1715) is the only bell in Sussex by Matthew Bagly. John Wilmar's foundry was at Borden, in Kent, and the weight of the tenor is 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Before the ban, Mr. W. Kitchenside, of Mayfield, tried to raise a band, and after the ban Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, had a try. Both attempts started off well but petered out, and the bells are now rung for both services on the first Sunday in the month, off cards.

Ticehurst, at the other end of the line, have one of the few complete rings by Thomas Jannaway (1771), tenor 154 cwt. They were put in a steel frame by Warners about 1900, but on the old foundation of beams, and, although they have recently been rehung on ball bearings, they do not run very well.

With the death of the old leader and the enthusiasm of the village schoolmaster, there are hopes of a method band here, for out of the nine ringers four have a good knowledge of plain hunting, while another can cover with the tenor. The schoolmaster (Mr. S. G. Ponting) recently made history by becoming the first Ticehurst man to ring a peal.

Wadhurst, in the centre, has the most musical ring of the three (tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp). The third is by John Hodson, 1670, and the rest from Whitechapel at various dates from 1752 to 1764. The old oak frame, 1760, was drawn together by long tie rods in 1891, and strengthened with angle brackets in 1938, but it

is nearly at the end of its useful life. Until 1911, the bells were rung from a gallery in the tower, but after this was burnt out they were rung from the ground.

Mr. M. W. Watts, who retired a few years ago after 56 years in Wadhurst tower, informed us that when he learnt to ring in 1889 there was a Doubles band who could occasionally ring Minor, and did ring a few quarters of both. About 1900 the band deteriorated to call changes, and although a band was maintained through the years, it was call-changes until 1939, when an attempt was made to ring methods.

Good progress was made, with the help of Mr. H. Stalham, of Brighton, and when the ban came, many hours were spent with hand-bells in his general foreman's office at the new Church School building. The military, however, requisitioned seven of the learners, and in 1943 another band was started, including several ladies.

This band got so far, then got stuck, so that the whole lot were taken to Lamberhurst where, with the help of Albert Relfe and his few stalwarts, they learnt to ring Bob Doubles. Then Len Giles joined the band, and they were soon ringing plain courses of Minor, and although learners keep coming and going a Minor band is maintained.

Apart from Mr. Watts, the only other Wadhurst ringer of note was the late Mr. S. T. Wallis, who also learnt to ring in 1889. Through the years he maintained his interest in change ringing, and it was his one grievance that he could get no one to join him. In December, 1922, the Lamberts, of Horsmonden, and Albert Edwards, met one short for a peal at Wadhurst, so they went and found Mr. Wallis, who, three hours later, was the first Wadhurst man to ring a peal, and was the only one until the writer rang his first peal in 1938.

Wadhurst has been affiliated to the county since 1938, and of late years several ringing meetings have been held there, and ringers' outings have found all three towers.

So the black spot of Sussex is now a light grey, and if anyone can correct me or give any further information about the three towers I would be most grateful.

C. A. BASSETT.

## REDEDICATION AT ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO, LEICESTER

On Thursday, July 5th, a capacity congregation assembled in the ancient and noble church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, for the rededication of the bells by the Assistant Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Roscow Shedden).

The congregation included the Lord Mayor and other City Fathers and most of the principal organisations of the City were represented.

Whilst the congregation assembled in the church, the clergy and representatives of the various organisations gathered in the nearby Castle (now used as an Assize Court) and spirits of the past must have moved as they walked in procession across the old castle yard for the service in the Castle church, being possibly the first party to do so for several centuries.

A truly beautiful service followed. After the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' the rededication prayer was said and immediately the bells rang out five whole pulls in rounds. The hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was then sung, followed by a short sermon and the final hymn 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' After the Blessing, several short touches of Stedman Triples were rung.

The bells had been unpealable for over half a century and entirely silent for 32 years. The tenor bell was cast by Watts and bears the date 1631. It was the fourth of a ring of five that

hung in the tower until 1830, when they were taken to the Whitechapel foundry, where the other four were broken up and seven new bells cast to complete the octave. All have now had the canons removed and been tuned, turned, fitted with new headstocks and ball bearings and now hang in a massive iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, who have done a magnificent job.

There are at present no ringers at St. Mary's and the ringing on this occasion was done by representatives from the four central towers of the City: J. Bramley (St. Margaret's), A. Cattell (All Saints'), T. Thornber (St. John the Divine) and H. J. Poole, H. Broughton, S. Burton, J. Grant, D. Grant (Cathedral). The last five were previously ringers at St. Mary's.

The last peal on the bells—Bob Major—was rung in 1898 and Josiah Morris, now in his 85th year, is the only survivor of the band that rang it. Finally, hearty thanks and congratulations must be given to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Collins, for the manner in which he tackled the job of saving this church from decay. In the last 20 years he has raised over £25,000, a truly colossal task in a poor parish with a dwindling population—may his shadow never grow less!

H. B.



# A PAGE OF OUTINGS

## ALLESLEY, COVENTRY

The annual outing of the Allesley Society of Ringers was held on June 30th and consisted of a motor coach tour into Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. and the first call was at Weedon where there was some well-struck ringing on the recently augmented eight.

The next tower was Bromham and the slow speed of this fairly heavy ring of eight was unusual to the party but was mastered before proceeding to Bedford for lunch. At Cardington, the first tower after lunch, ringing was curtailed as the bells were required for a meeting. A very pleasant 45 minutes was spent on the light ring of eight at Maulden. The church stands on a hill and there is a wonderful view from the churchyard.

The unexpected happened at the next tower—Husborne Crawley, the door to the tower being locked. Efforts to obtain the key were unavailing, so, at the Vicar's suggestion, a ladder was used to climb from the baptistery over the railings into the ringing chamber. This unorthodox entry was justified by half-an-hour's good ringing.

After tea at Woburn, the church was visited and the Guild stayed twice as long as they intended. The ring of eight (tenor 24½ cwt.) was entirely in keeping with the beautiful church and tower. Woburn was left at 8.15 p.m. for the long drive home. During a pause for refreshments, entertainment was provided by handbell ringing, both changes and tunes.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London. Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., for the success of the tour, D. A. C.

## A TRIP INTO YORKSHIRE

The joint outing of Darlington (St. Cuthbert and Holy Trinity) ringers took place on June 30th as a motor coach tour into Yorkshire, and real summer weather was experienced. Leaving Darlington at 8.30 a.m., a stop was made at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Kirkby Wiske—a pretty little village lying off the beaten track in delightful rural surroundings. The Vicar met and welcomed the party and the handy ring of six (tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.), rung from the ground floor, was soon going to London and Cambridge. Before departing, handbells were rung in the churchyard.

The pleasant city of Ripon was the next stop for a visit to the Cathedral. This is one of our smallest cathedrals, but amongst the most beautiful. It contains some particularly fine carvings and its architecture varies from early Norman to late Perpendicular; the dedication is SS. Peter and Wilfred; it possesses an excellent ring of ten (tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb.) and good use was made of the bells—Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung.

A run through the West Riding via Studley and Fountains Abbey was the next interlude, arriving at Harrogate for lunch. The Yorkshire spa was at its best and the whole afternoon was spent there. The gardens, floral displays and tree-lined open spaces were especially attractive, although the Harrogate shops exercised a strong influence on the ladies.

The short distance to Knaresborough was soon covered, where tea was taken. Unfortunately the bells here are unringable, but the evening was spent in boating on the River Nidd, with visits to the Castle, Mother Ship-ton's Cave and the Dropping Well being especially popular.

During the homeward run a halt was made at St. James' Church, Boroughbridge, which has a ring of six (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.). Spliced Surprise was rung and several of the local ringers joined in for Plain Bob. Home was reached at 10.30 after a most enjoyable day. W. N. P.

## ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild held their annual outing on June 30th this year, being earlier than usual so that we could have Canon Swann with us, as he will be leaving in July.

Leaving Redcliffe at 7.30 a.m. we proceeded by coach along the main Bridgwater Road where the early morning mist forecasted a fine and hot day. This is the County of Legends, so it appeared safe enough to assume that early morning dry mist would produce a fine day. This was borne out when we had passed through Bridgwater and reached the hills beyond, the sun shining in all its glory; cardigans were discarded.

We stopped at the Beambridge Hotel, known to many as the home of a very well-known ringer. He had left but we were made very welcome by the new proprietor and a lovely cup of coffee served with biscuits was enjoyed by all.

On again into glorious Devon and we were soon to understand the meaning of the word 'glorious.' The scenery was magnificent and with good visibility nothing in the world could have surpassed it. Our stop for lunch was at Ilington, where the lovely ring of six was set going to all kinds of methods. One member, being very thirsty, left the rest to it and proceeded up the hill towards the hotel whilst a course of Cambridge was being rung. Half way up the hill the echo was coming up a vale to his left and was remarkable inasmuch as it was exactly one whole pull behind the bells themselves. Beautifully struck, this was worth listening to and the band are to be congratulated upon their ringing.

The drink at the hotel was much appreciated after this climb but the lunch which followed was just what everyone had been waiting for. So good, in fact, that relaxation was sought by all and in the sweltering heat was much enjoyed. It was partly with regret that we boarded the coach to set off for our goal, Buckfast Abbey. Through magnificent country the tower of St. Mary's came into view. We had been informed that a choir would be giving a concert in the Abbey at 3 p.m. The singing was beautiful, the first part being heard by us in the nave and the last part in the gallery so well known to many ringers. This is about 70 feet above ground and with the choir immediately below us, it was awe-inspiring to look over and listen.

Up the stairs to the ringing chamber, a good rise on the middle eight and off into Stedman Cinques. This is truly a lovely ring of 12, it might have been this that upset the first touch but Grandsire went much better. Royal and more Cinques and a good fall on the back ten brought the ringing to an end. Off up the tower and on to the top where a truly fine view awaited us. We should like to record here our grateful thanks to the Lord Abbot for the wonderful welcome given us; nothing was too much trouble.

Arriving back at the hotel for tea we found a magnificent table awaiting us and with some real Devonshire cream available, a good time was had by all. Handbell ringing after tea and photographs on the lawn brought to an end a really wonderful afternoon.

Nearly an hour late, we set off for the Beambridge again. Roads packed with cars told us that others had also been out and enjoyed the lovely weather: we were glad to scramble out of the coach and spend an hour together in a room on our own. Tune ringing was much enjoyed, but it was obvious to most of us that we need more practice. A tired party arrived home at 11.20 p.m. after one of the most memorable outings the Guild have experienced.

Thanks to the people who helped to make this trip so enjoyable. E. F. H.

## PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT

An outing of the Portsmouth and District ringers (with friends) was held on June 30th, starting and finishing at Fareham. To ensure a prompt start at 7.30 a.m., the peal conductor's old rule of announcing that the meeting time was a quarter-hour earlier than the correct one was successfully employed.

Picking up three more of the party at Wickham, we proceeded via Winchester and Whitechurch to Newbury (stopping for a cup of tea en route) where the last member joined us, complaining that he had had to forgo his breakfast in order to get from Woolton Hill in time! Hungerford was reached at 9.32 and the eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. Wantage (eight bells, tenor 21½ cwt.) was the next stopping place, and here we were joined by some of the local ringers, the same three methods as in the previous tower being rung.

Lunch at Goring-on-Thames was the next item on the programme, the lucky ones being those who took their own food for a picnic. The others were absolutely robbed! After lunch, ringing on the pleasant light eight bells at Goring (tenor 8½ cwt.) with some of the local ringers was much enjoyed, methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

At Great Marlow (eight bells, tenor 15 cwt.) we were joined by local ringers to ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. An ingenious feature noted in this tower was the duckboard type flooring which is fitted in the summer months for ventilation purposes.

Due to a bridge being under repair at Marlow, about 20 extra miles were added to our journey to Slough, with the result that we were about an hour late in arriving. Mr. W. Birmingham joined us at the truly magnificent tea which he had most kindly arranged for us and the meal more than made up for disappointments over lunch.

The titbit of the day's ringing was on the beautiful ten bells (tenor 17½ cwt.) at Slough, and with the help of Mr. Birmingham and some of his band Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were duly accomplished. All agreed that the outing would have been worth while if only to ring here, and regrets were expressed that a longer stop could not be made.

After bidding farewell to the Slough ringers, the route to the last tower of the day, Bagshot (eight bells, tenor 17½ cwt.), was through the historical country of Eton, Windsor and Ascot (we did not see Lord Rosebery's 'Bob Major' running round the course!) and owing to the fact that we were three-quarters of an hour behind schedule, our Grandsire and Stedman Triples only consisted of short touches, but were enjoyed, all the same.

J. R. H.

## OTTERSHAW, SURREY

The ringers of Ottershaw held their annual outing on July 7th accompanied by the Vicar and ringing friends from Horsell, Old Woking and Walton-on-Thames. The weather was all that could be desired. Ringing was enjoyed during the morning at Fittleworth, Arundel and Chichester Cathedral (where we were met by Mr. Falconer and Mr. Blackman). After lunch at Chichester, Rogate was the next stop, thence to Chawton, where ringing was curtailed owing to a late arrival.

Tea was partaken at Knight's Restaurant, Alton, where an excellent repast was very much enjoyed. Crondall was the last tower of the day, where we were glad to meet one of our old ringing friends now residing in the Farnham district.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Single Oxford and rounds. A very enjoyable day ended by reaching Ottershaw at 10.15 p.m. R. J. A.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

### In Camp in Warwickshire

THE Cambridge University Guild junior tour was held this year in Warwickshire from June 22nd to June 29th. We camped at Wroxall, about five miles north-east of Warwick, and from there visited, on bicycle, about 25 towers in the area.

Unfortunately, some of our members were prevented from coming at the last moment, and so the party was not as large as had been expected. We were thus all the more pleased to welcome the three Oxford University ringers who had accepted the invitation we had sent to the Society. They gave invaluable assistance both in and out of the tower.

We are very grateful to Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver for making all ringing arrangements, which were excellent, if occasionally a little hectic, and also to all the vicars and local ringers we met, for the great welcome they gave us. We visited a good selection of towers, with rings of various sizes and weights. One member of the party also rang a great deal on the telephone, a bell which caused considerable alarms and excursions during the week.

E. W. Taylor made the camping arrangements, and, thanks to his efforts, we were very comfortable. Our site was a field behind the 'Shrewley Arms'. The landlord and his wife were extremely kind to us, and removed many of the inconveniences of camping.

It is difficult to pick out any particular highlight of the tour, but there are two things which come to mind immediately. Firstly, the visit to All Saints', Leamington, where we had a most gracious reception in the most handsome of ringing chambers, and, secondly, a 90-minute camp-fire story—The Bordeaux Diligence.

A. R. G.

### BOLSOVER VISIT SHREWSBURY

On June 30th the ringers of Bolsover Parish Church, together with friends from neighbouring towers, fully enjoyed the annual outing for which the destination was Shrewsbury. The party left Bolsover by luxury coach at approximately 7.30 a.m. and the first stop for ringing was at the really majestic church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and St. Chad at Brewood (Staffs.). The local inhabitants insisted that the name of the village should be pronounced 'Brood' and all that had been indicated by those who recommended the party to visit this fine church was fully realised when the bells were raised. The 'go' was really excellent and the bells are a great credit to the founders and those responsible for maintenance. Walter Allwood, in spite of advancing years, rang the 21½ cwt. tenor to Little Bob Major without the slightest appearance of exertion.

Lunch was taken at the Prince Rupert Hotel, Shrewsbury, and ringing followed at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Some of the party had their first experience of ten bells and for a time the striking was not all that could be desired. A really good touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on the back eight, Herbert Rooke handling the tenor in fine style.

The coach left Shrewsbury at 3.30 p.m. and a very welcome tea, beautifully prepared, was enjoyed at the Robin Hood Restaurant in Wellington. The bells of the church of All Saints', Wellington, proved rather difficult to handle but the experts in the party eventually rang them well to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman.

Some of the best ringing of the day was reserved for the last call, at the Church of All Saints, Alrewas. The ringing had to be curtailed for a service at 8.15 p.m., but really good touches of Superlative Surprise Major and Little Bob Major were enjoyed by all.

On the return journey the Vicar thanked Mr. A. B. Cooper for organising the outing.

A. B. C.

### BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Beckett 1, H. D. Taylor 2, O. A. Needham 3, M. Smart 4, J. Hallett 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor in three methods (Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Freeman 1, Miss E. Steel 2, A. Ager 3, J. M. Kemp 4, C. G. Woodhead (cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Paul's on July 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Chamberlain 1, N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, H. E. Harrison 4, A. Foster 5, P. Foster 6, G. Harrison 7, E. J. White 8, B. G. Key (cond.) 9, B. Deakin (first quarter) 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

**CALNE, WILTS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, H. Parsons 2, F. Walker 3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for Festival of Britain service and as a welcome to the new Vicar of Calne, the Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral on June 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Walter 1, Miss J. Roberts 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, S. G. White 4, S. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin 6, T. H. Holmes 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

**COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kent 1, I. Ireland 2, H. Best 3, T. Mogg 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5, E. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Warner, sen. 1, P. G. Parrott 2, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, T. A. Easterby 5, C. E. Wright 6, J. Warner, jun. 7, F. V. Gant 8.

**DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Higgins 1, Mrs. E. Hodges 2, E. Elliott 3, Miss B. Look (cond.) 4, Miss A. Look 5, R. S. Tucker 6, W. Higdon 7, A. Lintern 8.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, G. Daynes 2, E. Jones 3, I. Emery 4, T. Brett-Smith 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

**GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.**—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. C. Spicer 3, A. Clements 4, L. W. Fisher 5, H. S. Peacock 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. Weaver (first quarter) 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, R. D. Langford (first quarter) 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Rung in honour of St. Thomas-a-Becket, patron saint of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

**HERTFORD.**—On July 8th, at St. Andrew's, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne (first quarter Triples) 1, V. Neale 2, Miss M. Matthews (first quarter Triples) 3, R. Dore 4, A. S. Carter (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6, J. Kemp 7, G. J. H. Ditton 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—On June 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Peacock 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before the open-air Festival of Britain service.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—On July 8th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Lidbetter 1, R. Mackerill 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, W. S. Langdon 4, H. Belcher 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

**KINETON, WARWICKS.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, J. Hobbey 2, W. Collett 3, R. Barrett (first quarter) 4, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Barrett (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edden, married at Kineton on July 3rd, 1926.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost 3, S. F. Earl 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. First quarter on the bells after re-tuning and re-hanging. Rededicated on the previous day. The same ringers rang the last quarter on the same bells.

**LADBROKE, WARWICKS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Purkiss (first quarter) 1, R. Barrett 2, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, H. Windsor (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. J. Edden 5.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. John the Evangelist's, Waterloo, on July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (cond.) 1, Miss J. Atkins 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, J. Bullock 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. H. Lott 8.

**LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pike (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 3, H. Commins 4, C. Carr 5, F. Burton 6. Rung prior to the church fete to raise funds for repairs to this tower and also that of Runnington Church.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Howard 1, T. Miller 2, R. Stoddard (first quarter Minor) 3, H. Allen 4, W. E. Eveleigh (first quarter Minor) 5, E. H. Eveleigh (first quarter of Minor and as cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor's wife and father (5th ringer), whose birthdays fall on the same day.

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**LANCS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 900

Grandsire): P. Millward (first quarter, age 13) 1, K. Edwards 2, G. Halls 3, R. Clark (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, R. Phillips 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On July 1st, at St. Giles', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Pearson 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, I. Dicken 5, S. F. Earl 6, B. E. Frost 7, W. R. Hammons 8, R. C. Noon 9, F. Benfield 10. First quarter on ten bells for 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sheppard 1, J. Arbury 2, L. Hine 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, C. J. Turner 5, E. Marks 6, G. H. Clift 7, R. Wood 8. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

**OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.**—On June 28th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: L. L. Gray 1, A. Gorringe 2, E. J. Gilbert 3, G. Ledsham 4, A. J. Martin 5, E. T. Carvell 6, E. F. Bennett 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8.

**PELSALL, STAFFS.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Claridge 1, H. Claridge 2, D. W. Barr 3, C. M. Smith 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, R. Derry 6. On the occasion of the Vicar's daughter's wedding and the local carnival for the Festival of Britain.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Boutland 1, D. Peers (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Bagley 3, R. B. Morris (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clark 1, P. Davis 2, R. Woodley 3, R. Pike 4, C. Deem 5, E. Rowe 6, J. Glanvill (cond.) 7, M. Denner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Glanvill, jun.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On July 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Clarke (first quarter) 1, D. H. Pearce (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 2, Miss J. Hearn (first quarter on ten) 3, W. F. Butler 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, W. E. Judd 6, J. M. Ellwood 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, F. Scott 10. Half-muffled for Mrs. Sargeant, wife of E. J. Sargeant (parish clerk), a great benefactor to Slough bellringers.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on June 26th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, T. J. Southam 2, L. T. Hansell 3, A. Hatten 4, A. Day 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, W. J. Arnold 8. First quarter of London Surprise ever rung in the city. First quarter in the method by 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.—Also on July 3rd, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. W. Debenham 1, Miss B. Copson 2, A. Hatten 3, B. C. Johnson 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, W. J. Arnold 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**STEEP, HANTS.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. D. M. Jones 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, A. H. Fisher 3, N. A. Smith (first quarter away from the tenor) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. R. Smith 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss S. D. M. Jones.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—At St. Mary's on May 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Hawksford 1, G. Nicholls 2, A. Clements 3, H. Fields 4, F. R. Baker 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. H. Brooker 8. Specially arranged for Mr. S. Hawksford (aged 78), 53 years' unbroken service at St. Neots.

**THORLEY, HERTS.**—On June 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Sampford 1, C. Warboys 2, P. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, C. Newman 6. Longest touch by the local band. A farewell to the secretary, Mr. C. Newman, leaving for St. Albans.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Vine (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miles Hawkins (first quarter of Triples 'inside') 3, Miss J. Wells 4, A. C. Rye 5, T. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, G. Ruck (first quarter of Triples) 8.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lentell 1, B. Salter (first quarter of Triples) 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, E. B. Barrington 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, G. J. Gammon 6, G. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the patronal festival, also for the christening of John, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Weddell 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, B. A. Richards 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. M. Meyer 6, J. W. Ward 7, J. Bullock 8. Rung on the 101st anniversary of dedication of church and bells.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Mary Fuller 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.—Also on July 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Fuller 1, Hildegard Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Cannell 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, W. A. Breckon 2, A. Hunter 3, S. R. Elwick 4, H. Waters 5, H. Short 6, A. V. Coates (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. In memoriam J. T. Waters, aged 73, interred this day, for many years a ringer at this church.



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## MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Bletchingly. July 21st, with Godstone in evening.—C. A. Basest. 9152

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington. July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9158

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely, Wisbech and Hunts District.—Joint meeting at Whittlesey St. Andrews. Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 2.30. Tea 5. 9177

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., not 5 p.m., as is usual. Tea at 4.30.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9157

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, July 21st, Lamberhurst. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 9153

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden, Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9193

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch). — Joint meeting, Llangollen (8). Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9192

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western branch meeting, Saham Toney, Saturday, July 21st. Usual arrangements. Replies, soon as possible, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9183

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual meeting, Oxford, to-morrow, July 21st.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 9076

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern and North-Western Districts.—Combined meeting with the East Grinstead Guild at Bletchingly (8) and Godstone (8) on July 21st. Ringing Bletchingly 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at the King Charles' Cottage, 5. Ringing afterwards, Bletchingly 6—9 and Godstone 7—9. 9175

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9179

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, July 26th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names, by July 23rd, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 9174

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Meeting on Saturday, July 28th, at St. George's, Mossley, 3 to 9 p.m. Mottram unavailable. Cups of tea and sandwiches can be had.—E. Walker. 9197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly at Burnham-on-Sea, on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House 5 p.m. Bells 2.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9199

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 28th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 9207

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Taxal, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise, by 24th, Mr. G. Cook, 165, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge.—C. K. Lewis. 9208

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Southam, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Craven Arms Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 25th, please, to A. J. Hobley, Coventry Street, Southam, near Rugby.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 9159

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 28th. Clay Cross (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 25th, to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. 9201

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stapleton (6), July 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6. Names for tea, please, by July 24th, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 9191

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of War Memorial Tablet, All Saints' Hereford, by the Bishop of Hereford, July 28th. 5.30. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) 2.30—4.15; All Saints' (8) after service. No arrangements for tea. 9169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Bye-meeting at Brabourne, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9176

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Tea (1/6) 4.45, at 'The Spinney.' No service. Names for tea, by Monday, July 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9178

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 9210

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, July 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook. 9213

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kippax on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Members take own food: cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Wetherley, July 28th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by July 25th, Mr. Parker, Jubilee Cottage, Wetherley, Atherstone. Mancetter available after tea. 9206

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, July 28th. Sunbury (8). 3—5 p.m.; Hampton (8) 6—8 p.m. Cafes in Hampton.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee meeting, Saturday, July 28th, 2.15 p.m., St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich. Tea 4.30. General meeting 5. Agenda: Service Book; Finance. Bells available: St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles, 2.15—4.15 and 6.30; St. Peter Mancroft and St. John Sepulchre 6.30. Names for tea, before July 21st, to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 3, Colegate. 9156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer, July 28th. Bells, both towers, 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4 p.m. Notification for tea, 4.45 p.m., by 25th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9161

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks, S. Bucks and W. Hertford Joint.—Saturday, July 28th, Ellesborough, 3. Wendover, tea, 5. Ringing 6. Names for tea by July 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9204

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Lambourn (8), July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, July 25th, to the Lambourn Bakery, Lambourn, Berks. 9196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Courtenhall, July 28th. Names for tea, by July 24th, to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 9180

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Wadenhoe, Saturday, July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 9163

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing Meeting, July 28th, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea, at Sweffling Vicarage, 5 p.m. Ringing at Sweffling after tea.—P. S. Bedford, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 9163

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley (8) on Saturday, July 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 25th, to Mr. C. Bunch, Yateley, Camberley.—J. Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 9195

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle (6), July 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Monday, 23rd.—C. Bassett, Warsash, Hants. 9217

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by July 26th, to Mr. Sidney R. Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than August 2nd, to Mr. B. W. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 9214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 9212

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival of Britain ringing day on August Bank Holiday Monday. Several towers open for ringing from 10.30—9. Full details next week. 9202

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—Preliminary Notice.—At Basingstoke, August 25th. Nine towers available. Full details later. 9194

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—There will be no practice meeting in July. Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 25th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 9198



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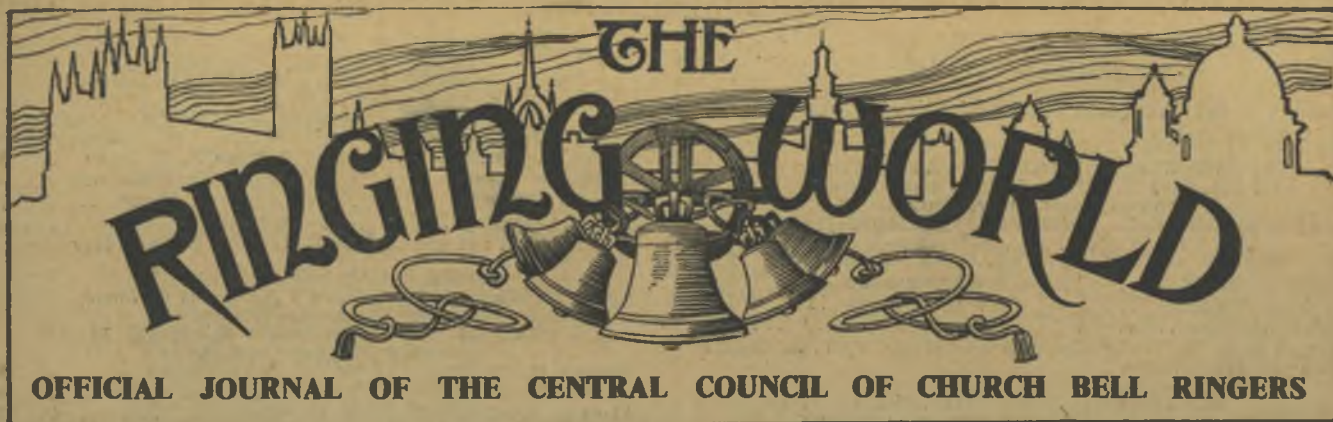
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## THE RULES OF THE GAME

**C**HANGE ringing, as far as peals and methods are concerned, as other national pastimes, is governed by the rules of the game. As ringers we do not call them rules, like football, hockey, tennis and other sports, but Decisions, and these Decisions are arrived at after very full and careful consideration by the Central Council.

One of the Decisions approved by the Central Council last Whitsun at Chester was 'Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.' Although the wording has been amended, the principle is an old one and has received widespread acknowledgment by all peal ringers. In 1902 it appears: 'That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.' The alteration was made to comply with difficulties arising from heavy tenors where a second ringer was essential or desirable.

We have quoted this rule because there has been submitted to us, for publication in our peal columns as a peal, a performance on the back eight of Exeter Cathedral of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples on July 7th. Unfortunately, after 2½ hours' ringing, one of the men on the tenor had to hand over to a third ringer, who completed the full extent. This action invalidates the performance as a peal if the Decisions of the Council are to be observed, and we feel certain our conclusion will not create a surprise as the ringer of the seventh on this occasion was at Chester as a member of the Central Council and heard the discussion relating to the revision of rules.

Attempts at peals on the bells of Exeter Cathedral with its tenor of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. are always of great interest to ringers. Had it been a recognised peal, this attempt on July 7th would have been 'the heaviest peal' to be rung on eight bells. A peal of Triples has yet to be rung on these bells.

The attempt was planned by Mr. Frank L. Harris, of Britford, near Salisbury. 'The idea,' he writes, 'was conceived last summer and permission was granted for an attempt during last winter. This attempt could be described as a "magnificent failure," for after 3½ hours of excellent ringing—we were in the 11th part of Parker's 12-part—one of the tenor men had to give in.

'Having proved a peal was possible, we were very pleased to be given the opportunity of another go on July 7th. This time it was decided to have a spare man in the tower in case of trouble, and as it turned out this was a wise decision. Unfortunately, David Reed, who had rung the fifth so well in the first attempt, broke his collarbone a couple of weeks before the peal. So Miss Jean Brown, who had already proved her worth at Sherborne Abbey, stepped into the breach. No lady had previously rung a peal on Exeter Cathedral bells.

'July 7th was hardly the day for heavy bell ringing, the weather being warm and sultry. However, after the usual preparations, the bells went into changes at 4.20 p.m. About half-way the three back bells were given some more grease (which didn't seem to help at all), and after 2½ hours R. Marlow had to hand over his half of the tenor to G. Skinner, who carried on to the end.

'I think the last quarter peal taxed the endurance of the back-end ringers—especially the conductor, who found the "tenth" quite a handful—but it was stuck out and the bells came round after 4 hours 2 minutes of ringing. As the organiser and conductor of the peal, I should like to thank F. Wreford for making all local arrangements, and all the band for the way in which they contributed to its success.'

The ringers were Stafford H. Green treble, Jean M. Brown 2, Herbert H. Abrahams 3, Frederick Wreford 4, John Hartless 5, Frank L. Harris (conductor) 6, A. Patrick Cannon 7, Ronald N. Marlow, George Skinner, Jack Mussell tenor.

We feel certain that the Exercise will congratulate the band on their feat of endurance, and it is our regret that such a valiant performance cannot be classified as a peal. It still remains open to the peal ringing fraternity to ring the first recognised peal of Triples on the celebrated bells of Exeter Cathedral.

Finally, in the matter of peals there must be a strict adherence to the Decisions. The whole structure of peal ringing would collapse if this was not so. 'The Rules of the Game' must be observed, as any departure or exceptions would not only lower the standard, but create an intolerable position. We look to conductors to maintain these Decisions in an honorable manner. Only last week a conductor withdrew a peal because he felt the necessary standard was not reached. Such action is to be commended.



## A SHIRES TOUR

Peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association except where stated.

### STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (C.C.C.9). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
250th peal as conductor.

### DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.  
First peal in the method as conductor.

### HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOKE .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Mon., July 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 8
MARGARET FIDELL .. 4	T. MARK WHITE .. 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.  
\* 50th peal together.

### BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., July 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C.2). Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

### LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY (C.C.C.4). Conducted by W. ROGERS.

### STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, OLDSWINFORD.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
MARGARET FIDELL .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

### CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted. Umpire: MAURICE HODGSON.

### STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., July 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
*THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

### SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C.11). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

### GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON .. 5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
*WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	*HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Association.

### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

THOMAS W. KIMBER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

### GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

### BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in these three methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.



## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Being 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge with 27 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	*T. MARK WHITE .. .. 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 8
*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	*HARRY PARKES .. .. 9
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First for the Association.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Society).

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*JOAN CARTER .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 2	†*ROGER LEIGH .. .. 8
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. 3	JAMES CARTER .. .. 9
†MARY WALSHAW .. .. 4	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 10
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 5	JACK CLEGG .. .. 11
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 6	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composition arranged by J. CLEGG. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Maximus. † Have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. Rung to mark the opening of Ashton-under-Lyne Festival Week. Also a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 9.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERs

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	*ROBERT BROWN .. .. 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 3	*JACK PETCH .. .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 9
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke, and as a birthday compliment to John Brown, son of the ringer of the 7th.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

*HENRY O. BAKER .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 6
*FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	*EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 9
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 5	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERs

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 9
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 5	LESLIE BARRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 WYE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 9
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERs

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 6
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 2	†GEORGE PAGE .. .. 7
EDGAR T. SMITH .. 3	†SAMUEL BIRCH .. .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat. June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. 6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	*HORACE BENNETT .. 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 4	*C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* 25th peal together. Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the ringer of the 4th's first peal.

## HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST ALLUM .. .. Treble	MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. .. 5
†LAURIE HALL .. .. 2	CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. 6
ROBERT WAKE .. .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
†JOHN FROOME .. .. 4	†FREDERICK HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

## LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. WILLIAM NUTT .. .. Treble	*LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 6
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 200th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.



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**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.	
LESLIE PRESTIDGE .. .. Treble	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 2	BERNARD LAWTON .. .. 6
HENRY HUBBALL .. .. 3	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND .. .. 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. .. 4	JACK TROMANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS A. TOWNSEND.

Rung to mark the completion of 45 years' service by Mr. Henry Hubball as a ringer at this church.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

**A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 2	*DENIS KNOX .. .. 6
*CATHERINE M. TRIST .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to F. W. Grocott. Frederick E. Wilshaw has now rung a peal in a different method on each bell in this tower.

**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Friday, July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Treble	*WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 2	*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6
*†HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
*RAYMOND L. DUNN .. .. 4	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † 50th peal. A compliment to Miss Frances A. Raybould, of St. Peter's company, Cradley, on attaining a B.A. degree, with Honours in History, at Birmingham University.

**BACUP, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Rev. E. Bankes James' Ten Part.

Tenor 10 cwt.	
GEORGE BROWN .. .. Treble	HAROLD PARKINSON .. .. 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 2	JOSEPH PORTER .. .. 6
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 7
FRED KENDAL .. .. 4	GERALD COPPIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Rung to commemorate the completion of 20 years as Vicar of St. Saviour's by the Rev. H. Heaps.

**EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*BARBARA COLVER .. Treble	HECTOR KNIGHTS .. .. 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON .. .. 2	†ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6
ALAN HOUGH .. .. 3	†FRANK K. MEASURES .. 7
CECIL E. CARR .. .. 4	T. KELHAM DEACON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal on eight. † 100th peal together. Mr. T. K. Deacon has now circled the tower twice.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. 2	GERALD FROST .. .. 6
*WILLIAM PERRY .. .. 3	DONALD COOMBS .. .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

\* 60th peal together. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Frank C. May, and in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. J. Wright, ex-curate of Prittlewell, and Sheila Featherstone, of Prittlewell.

**TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5120 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 2	JOHN W. BEST .. .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild. The conductor's 50th peal.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., July 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	JOHN O. WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The 50th peal in the method on the bells.

**THAXTED, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., July 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

C. Middleton's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
FRANK V. GANT .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. 7
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung at the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, as part of the town's Festival of Britain fortnight.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
NANCY E. MARKLAW .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

RICHARD D. DIVALL .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 5
HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 6
KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
*EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HEASMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Major. An 88th birthday compliment to Richard J. Jenner, father of the 4th ringer.

**HYDE, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat. July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, being 960 each London and Rutland, and 320 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Reversed).

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 12 methods.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of 3 extents of Spliced Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, 3 of Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, and 1 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*MRS. E. V. PARKER ..Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
JAMES A. MILNER .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal. First peal in nine methods as conductor.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 600 Plain Bob and 4,440 Grandsire (8 Morris's 240's and 21 extents).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.	
BETTY GRIFFITHS .. ..Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 4
*BRIAN R. KENNY .. .. 2	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 5
REV. J. KINGDON .. .. 3	S. SAMUEL WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the patronal festival and also for the marriage of Henry Balc Jones and Doris Mary Purcell.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*PETER MILLWARD (13) ..Treble	†ROGER CLARK .. .. 3
†GORDON HALLS .. .. 2	†KENNETH EDWARDS .. 4
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung for the Feast of St. Peter and Newton-le-Willows Festival Pageant.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Sunday, July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 5
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* 100th peal for the Guild. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.	
Tenor 12 cwt.	
J. RIMMER .. ..Treble	JOHN POUNDS .. .. 4
VERA DRAPER .. .. 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS .. 5
WILFRED C. CORE .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ellen Rice and Mr. John Parker.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Spliced Plain and Double Bob; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Double Court; and (7) combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	F. CHAS. GOODMAN .. 4
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

JOHN D. ROCK .. .. Treble	†DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. 4
*MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBOLD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
	*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

HARRY BAKER .. .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4
FREDK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's.

FRANK PEARSON .. .. Treble	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 4
*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. 2	††FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
†FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO 3	RONALD E. BURT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. †† 25th peal.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

JOHN H. BAXTER, R.A.F. Treble	JOHN A. HILTON .. .. 4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 5
THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 3	PETER NEWING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.' A farewell peal to John H. Baxter, R.A.F., who is leaving for Singapore.

**EVERLEIGH, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten callings.

E. GEORGE BARNES .. .. Treble	T. ARTHUR PALMER .. 4
CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. READ .. 5
GEORGE A. NEWMAN .. 3	*VICTOR GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by T. ARTHUR PALMER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. A farewell to Mr. Cyril Savage and a Festival of Britain peal for the Guild.

**MARBURY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one 240 of Morris's and 19 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, 9 extents of April Day, 3 callings, 12 extents of Plain Bob Doubles, 4 callings.

JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. Treble	HAROLD G. SMITH .. .. 4
*BRIAN J. BOYER .. .. 2	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 3	THOMAS P. BARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. E. Banks, on preferment to the living at Dukinfield, Cheshire.

**MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.**

**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTONINUS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Ten callings.

MRS. J. F. SALE .. .. Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4
*REV. E. M. THOMAS .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
STANLEY A. H. WARD .. 3	A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**TETSWORTH, OXON.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.

AGNES E. PRICE .. .. Treble	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 4
JANET S. BAILEY .. .. 2	TONY PRICE .. .. 5
FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 3	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on an 'inside pair' by the conductor.

**STOCKBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., July 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten callings; ten six-scores of Stedman, ten callings; and twelve six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings; one 240 Morris's arrangement.

*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Treble	†BERT W. MAY .. .. 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 4
	†ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 100th peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in four Doubles methods by all the band. First peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	†HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method and of Minor. † 100th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith and Anthony Howell.

**WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 26 six-scores and eight 240's Morris's arrangement.

*MARGERY BIRCH .. .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 4
TIMOTHY COBB .. .. 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 5
DORIS M. SHEPPARD .. 3	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

**BOBBING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one each of College Single Reverse, Oxford Single Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

WILLIAM A. WOOD .. Treble	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 4
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 100th peal each for the Kent County Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Naylor, mother of the 4th and 5th ringers. A Festival of Britain peal.



## SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire.

*MICHAEL A. PERRIN .. Treble	†JOHN S. WALTON .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
†WILLIAM J. CROSS .. 3	*DENNIS W. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Calling C.C. collection Nos. 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	†ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4
GERALD FROST .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
*WILLIAM S. MAY .. 3	*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*ALBERT NEWMAN .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. 4
*HILARY HAZELL .. 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
*WILLIAM WOODYATT .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	FRANK T. LONG .. 4
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HENRY CLAYTON .. 5
J. HARRY COOK .. 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, Junr.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

At 78, New Road,

## A PEAL OF 5089 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Canterbury, Original and Plain Bob and 1,489 Grandsire, with 19 callings and 39 changes of method.

N. DAVID LANE .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
GIBSON JACKSON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 1-2	BETTY SPICE .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*EDWIN BARNETT .. 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* 550th peal.

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scription this week-end, without fail, to Mr. J.  
E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood,  
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We have news this week  
of Mr. and Mrs. Philip  
Gray from 461, St. Kilda  
Road, Melbourne. They participated in a quar-  
ter of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Cathedral,  
Melbourne, which Mr. Gray believes is the first  
quarter rung by the regular Sunday service band  
there for some years.

Mr. William R. Parker and his son, Geoffrey,  
have now rung 25 peals together.

In a report of a wedding at Shillington, a  
Bedfordshire newspaper records: 'A double  
peal was rung on the bells'!

Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, has now rung  
peals from Doubles to Maximus in tower and  
'in hand.'

The 12 bells of St. Mary's, Cheltenham, are  
being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears  
and Stainbank. Ringing is consequently in  
abeyance.

Mr. F. C. Arnold has now rung each bell to  
a peal at Bunwell, Norfolk. This feat was com-  
pleted on July 7th and was his 25th peal. Mr.  
F. Philippo has taken part in every one of his  
peals.

Two Shropshire towers are to be broadcast  
in the Midland Region programme. They are  
St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, on August 5th, and  
Much Wenlock, on August 12th, both at 7.45  
p.m.

Kent tourists leave to-morrow for a week's  
tour in Somerset, organised by Messrs. A. P.  
Cannon and T. E. Sone. Peal attempts will be  
made in Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Nor-  
wich, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire.

The ringer of the second in the peal of  
Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's-within-the Walls,  
Chester, on July 5th, was Mr. Albert J. Hughes  
and not A. Arthur Hughes, as submitted to us.  
Mr. Hughes, who lives at Bangor, travels 62  
miles to Chester for a practice, there being no  
local ringing at Bangor this year.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Breedon-on-the-Hill, near  
Derby, are having two new  
trebles and the fifth recast  
and all rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John  
Taylor and Co. The fifth, writes Mr. Herbert  
G. Fretwell, dates from about 1300 and is one  
of the old conventual bells. This ring of six  
should sound well from the Hill about 450 feet  
above sea level. Visitors will be welcome. The  
church is well above the village so no annoy-  
ance is caused to the inhabitants who, by the  
way, will be critical of the striking.

Mr. Peter Newing has 'circled the tower' of  
St. Alphege's, Canterbury.

The peal rung at Edenbridge, Kent, on July  
14th, was in honour of Mr. Richard J. Jenner's  
88th birthday. He has been in the choir for  
80 years and a ringer for 68 years. The band  
were entertained to tea by Mr. Jenner after the  
peal.

On July 15th, Mr. W. H. Male, of Warwick,  
tapped on his chime of bells a peal of Grand-  
sire Triples (Holt's Original) in 2 hours 53  
minutes without the aid of figures or any other  
means as a guide. This performance was wit-  
nessed by Mr. T. Male.

A shrimp tea was provided at the annual  
meeting of the Middlesex, Guildford and Ox-  
ford Guilds, held this year at Egham. About  
60 ringers attended and ringing took place at  
St. Peter's, Staines, Egham and Old Windsor.  
Anyone boating between Staines and Windsor  
at the time must have had their fill of the  
beauty of 'bells across the water.'

A foreword to the July issue of 'The Belfry',  
the Maidstone District quarterly magazine, is  
written by Mr. W. M. Rowe, editor of 'The  
Ringing Towers,' the Australian publication.  
The issue is full of interest, a special feature  
being an article on St. George's, Wrotham,  
church and tower.

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# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

MR. F. SHARPE NEW DEPUTY MASTER — RISING COSTS PRESENT PROBLEMS — NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO COST MORE — CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL: A DONATION OF £100

THE 1951 Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford on July 21st proved to be another popular function. Proceedings started with the service in the Cathedral, at which, as in previous years, singing was led by a choir collected from ringers and their churches.

The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service and the address was given by Canon G. Dixon, chairman of the Central Bucks Branch. The Bishop of Dorchester pronounced the Benediction.

The Master presided over the business meeting, supported by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the hon. librarian (Miss Marie R. Cross). The Master accorded a welcome to the representative gathering from all branches.

The Deputy Master announced that at the General Committee in March, when nominations were put forward, the only nomination was that of Mr. Wigg and he automatically remained as Master. (Applause.)

The Master, in his report, wrote that with regard to the general working of the Guild during 1950 he thought they could look back on a year of steady progress in many districts, of outstanding advance in others and in some at least a 'holding of our own.' He had been able to visit meetings at 12 out of the 15 branches and to attend dedications of Burford and Caversfield.

The secretary's report stated that the year went along much as other years with their triumphs and disappointments. Triumphs were in various forms: peal ringing, bands being found at towers where previously ringing had practically died out, restorations and many youngsters becoming members and showing signs of promise.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £502 7s. 11d., of which £439 17s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £32 17s. 6d. was contributed by Parochial Church Councils.

## NEW DEPUTY MASTER

The Master said he had a sad duty to perform to tell them that Capt. Poyntz, who had been Deputy Master for many years, was leaving the diocese in the autumn. He had found the proverbial sailor's home—a cottage by the sea—where he could keep a boat. He was not seeking re-election.

Capt. Poyntz thanked the members for their friendship and co-operation during the six years he had been Deputy Master. (Applause.)

Mr. Kinch proposed and Mr. A. R. Pink seconded the election of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as Deputy Master.—Carried unanimously.

Thanking the members for his election, Mr. Sharpe said he felt that the Deputy Mastership should be a training ground for the office of Master and that the Master should be in Holy Orders. He would be pleased to hold the office until a suitable young clerical ringer appeared in the Guild.

The other officers, Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Hibbert (gen. secretary) and Miss M. R. Cross (hon. librarian) were re-elected. Elected to the Committee were Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Cauldwell, H. Seer, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holfield, W. Dixon, C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nichols.

Reference was made by the Master to the passing of Mr. J. W. Wilkins whom he described as a Christian man, a loyal servant of the Church and one who had taught more beginners in the Guild than any other person. The company stood as a mark of respect.

Arising from the recommendations from the General Committee, Oxford was selected for the 1952 Festival and notice was given by the

Rev. St. G. Edwards that at the next annual meeting Oxford be selected as the permanent meeting place of the Festival.

## HUGHENDEN BELLS

A grant for the restoration of Hughenden bells was considered. The position was explained by Mr. F. D. Boreham who said that an estimate for the restoration of the bells was obtained amounting to £1,400. Mr. Sharpe was called in and it was felt that the three mediæval bells should not be disposed of. The tenor was to be preserved entirely. A new estimate was obtained which would provide for a heavier tenor and this amounted to £2,000. All the towers in the Guild had been circularised and a fortnight ago the ringers held a fete which raised over £200. About half the money had been raised. Hughenden tower was an ever-open door. The ringing was of a high standard and London was rung there by the band.

Proposing a grant of £50, Mr. Fowler said he looked on Hughenden as the finest school for bell-ringing in the Guild. Mr. F. Sharpe seconded and this was agreed to.

## A LADY VICE-PRESIDENT

A recommendation from the General Committee that Miss Stella Davis should be made a vice-president was received with acclamation. Submitting the proposition, Mr. Hibbert said Miss Davis had been a loyal member of the Oxford Guild for 40 years. Mr. Cullum, seconding, said Miss Davis was one of the first lady members he remembered in the Diocese.

Miss Davis: Thank you very much for the honour of this high office.

## COMPOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

Mr. A. D. Barker moved an alteration to Rule 7 for non-resident life-members raising the subscription from 5s. to 10s. He said the Guild was in a serious position financially and had not enough money to pay for the reports that had been printed and circulated. He felt that even with the increased subscription people would still join the Oxford Guild. The College Youths' subscription was 15s. (Mr. A. A. Hughes: And they are making more members than ever before.) In the general fund to-day there was only £10 7s. 8d. and from that he had to pay £96 for reports. £30 for the general secretary, the Deputy Master's expenses and the expenses of the four Central Council representatives. He had, however, received subscriptions from some of the branches.

Seconding, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood suggested that the report should be in a cheaper form and the peals deleted.

Capt. Poyntz supported this view stating that all peals were published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. Diserens spoke against this resolution contending that if they charged outsiders 10s. for ringing one or two peals they would not only lose the services of a useful following, but would lose income.

Mr. Alan Pink held the same view. Peals in the Diocese he said would be rung for other Guilds and Associations.

Mr. A. D. Barker replied to criticism and said that when the Guild subscription was 1s. the life composition was 3s. 6d.; when the subscription was raised to 2s. 6d. it was raised to 5s. It cost more than that to print the peal in the report.

Mrs. Rance felt that the increase would fall very hard on the housewife who would have to meet the cost out of her housekeeping allowance.

Mr. Hibbert: The Oxford Guild is well worth 10s. to belong to.

The resolution was carried but there was a substantial measure of opposition.

## PEAL BOOKING FEE

Another contentious resolution in the form of a new rule was submitted by the hon. treasurer: 'A fee of 6d. per ringer shall be paid by all members taking part in a peal for the Guild towards the cost of printing the annual report.'

He said the report was the only record of Guild peals. The charge of 6d. per ringer was made in other Guilds and would bring them in 18s. a page.

Mr. Alan Pink commented that the charge would affect him as much as any other ringer. He thought the charge for printing the Guild report was excessive: the report of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance cost only £64. He suggested that the peals should not be set out but tabulated. The peals printed in the report were not a full record because the footnotes were cut out. There were other economies that could be introduced in the Guild report. He did not think it was necessary to print the Guild Rules and Branch Rules each year. He felt that the report should be examined by the Committee and curtailed where necessary before asking peal ringers to meet this extra charge. A direct result would be the loss of members and quality of peals rung.

The Rev. C. P. Sherwood thought Mr. Pink had put forward some very enlightening proposals in order to help budget their accounts. He proposed that a small committee be formed, including Mr. Pink, to consider their finances.

The Rev. St. G. Edwards: That is also my proposal.

Miss Cross: I have been on three small committees to go into matters and in each one the recommendations have not been accepted. She suggested that a rider be added 'with power to act.'

Upon the Master's suggestion the meeting accepted that a sub-committee of the officers of the Guild and Mr. Pink be formed to meet as soon as possible and prepare a workable scheme to put the finances of the Guild on a sound basis and submit the same to the General Committee for approval.

## CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. A. D. Barker reported that he had £34 9s. in hand for the Fund. He proposed that £100 be voted from the Restoration Fund to the Coleridge Memorial Fund. There was £50 promised from the Central Council. Even with the £100 they would not have enough in hand for the work.

M. A. E. Locke thought it was a dangerous precedent to take money from the Restoration Fund.

The Secretary: The Memorial is in the form of the Restoration of Bells.

The Rev. St. G. Edwards asked for a short report on what happened at the meeting on March 10th. He did not think the report in 'The Ringing World' was correct.

The secretary read out the minutes of the meeting and Mr. Edwards then asked if it was necessary to have two memorial tablets to Canon Coleridge.

The Master said it was proposed to place the second tablet in the ringing chamber indicating that the restoration of certain bells was a memorial to Canon Coleridge.

Mr. Barker gave an assurance that the £100 would be spent entirely on the restoration of the bells.

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. A. Pink called the attention of the meeting that the Diocesan Church Bell Ringers' Committee was empowered to consider and make grants for recasting and rehanging of bells.

The meeting confirmed the election of 192 new members during the year.

Mr. Diserens called attention to the dissolution of the Bradfield Branch. The meeting gave its approval to the dissolution.

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**Oxford Guild Festival—Cont.****THE LUNCHEON**

The luncheon followed in Christ Church Dining hall, the Master presiding. After the loyal toast the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for kindly allowing the service to be held in the Cathedral and to the governing body of Christ Church in allowing the luncheon to be held in the Dining Hall. He thanked Dr. Armstrong for kindly playing for the service and the choir drawn from several parishes which had been arranged by Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Nichols. He also felt most grateful to Canon Dixon for his address.

The vote of thanks was acknowledged by the Bishop of Dorchester who said they were delighted that they who came from all parts of their great diocese should share with them in their holy and material things.

Bishop Buxton, formerly Bishop of Gibraltar, proposed the toast of 'The Master of the Guild.' Replying, the Master said the Oxford Guild was a very fine brotherhood.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by the new Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe). They had with them, he said, two of the leading bellfounders—Mr. Hughes and Mr. Michael Howard—sitting on either side of Mr. Richard White.

Mr. Hughes, in his reply, recalled visiting the Oxford Guild 48 years ago. He came down on the Friday night to Kidlington and started for a peal at 6 a.m. the following day, which was lost, and afterwards walked to Oxford for the Festival. The Oxford Festival was unique in the whole country with its wonderful service in the Cathedral and the joy and privilege of luncheon in that wonderful hall.

Mr. Michael Howard also replied.

Mr. W. Hibbert, proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said without 'The Ringing World' as a link they could say goodbye to change ringing in the country.

Mr. T. W. White, in acknowledging the toast, said the Editorial Committee was making every endeavour to avoid increasing the cost of the paper and had introduced a number of economies. There would be no problem if every reader was a postal subscriber.

**A PEAL WITH MEMORIES AT BERKELEY**

The Barnetts, who have played such a prominent part in the history of the Kent County Association, originated from the West Country. The late Edwin Barnett, sen., was married at Berkeley Church, Gloucestershire. His son, the present Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, fulfilled a cherished ambition on July 11th, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Berkeley. This was the first opportunity to attempt a peal at this place of happy memories of his youth.

The arrangements for the peal were made by Mr. John Thomas who, with two Monmouthshire veterans, Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. George Large, listened to the ringing. Incidentally, the two trebles at this church were added by the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a war memorial after the first war.

**'THE NINE TAILORS'**

In response to an Editorial query as to the number of ringers who owed their introduction to change-ringing to reading Miss Dorothy Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors,' Miss Cecily C. Roberts, of Bedales, Petersfield, Hants, claims such a distinction. She adds: 'This is sent, not as "a letter to the Editor," but in the hope that you may have an opportunity (if there are enough of us) to convey to Miss Sayers, on our behalf, very real gratitude.'

We are asked to state that correspondence relating to 'The Ringing World' intended for the Editorial Committee should be addressed to the Convener of the Committee, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, 122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3, and not to Mr. G. W. Fletcher. All Editorial communications, reports, letters and notices should, as heretofore, be sent to the Editor.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD****Meeting at Yardley**

Owing to the large number of weddings that were due to take place at the picturesque and ancient Parish Church of Yardley on July 7th, it was necessary to depart considerably from the usual style of the Guild's quarterly meetings. The church being fully occupied with weddings until 5 p.m., it was decided to hold the meeting in the afternoon, followed by tea, and then ringing for the rest of the evening. This change proved to be highly successful.

The 'Ring o' Bells' is a well-appointed, modern hotel, having a sign which is of special interest to ringers, depicting swinging bells, complete with wheels and stays, ropes and ringers.

Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker presided over the short business meeting. He referred to the passing of two members, which had occurred since the previous meeting—Thomas H. Reeves and John Gilson, of Erdington. They all realised, he said, the great loss that the Guild had sustained by the death of Tom Reeves. Not only was he hon. secretary of the Guild for 20 years, but he had been a good husband and father. Had he lived a little longer Tom would have been proud of the twin grandchildren that were born shortly after his death. John Gilson had been a member of the Guild for many years and, although only a tenor ringer, had conscientiously given his services Sunday by Sunday at Erdington Parish Church. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to the memory of the two ringers.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Enid Roberts, Kings Norton; Miss Joan Ashton, Edgbaston; Messrs. J. Chown, Yardley; Clive Smith and Derek Preece, Little Aston. The following tower elections (as life members) were duly ratified:—Messrs Ernest Rowe, Broseley; James Rich, Marhamchurch; Alick Cutler, Harlesden; Roger O. Fry, Bath; Philip W. Weeks, Colerne; John T. Dunwoody, Ireland; and L. Michael Callow, Meriden.

Perry Barr was chosen for the next meeting which will be held on October 6th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. H. J. and A. H. Fitter, who had made such excellent arrangements for a splendid tea which, due to their efforts, was provided without charge.

Welcome visitors included eleven members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild who had met one short at Birmingham Cathedral for a peal during the afternoon.

Full use was made of the very fine octave, methods being rung to suit all tastes and capabilities, from rounds to Spliced Surprise, and a very good touch of Stedman Triples by a complete band of ladies.

**NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES****SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

The new rates, which became operative with subscriptions due on July 6th, are as follows:—

Quarterly Subscription, 6s.

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**OBITUARY****MR. E. G. MORRAD**

The Exercise has lost another old and faithful member by the death of Mr. Edward George Morrad, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, which took place at All Saints' Hospital, Chatham, on July 12th, at the advanced age of 84 years. Had he lived a few more days Mr. and Mrs. Morrad would have celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their wedding on July 26th.

The funeral service was held in Milton Parish Church, where George had been a member for the past 36 years, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Johnson. In addition to his colleagues at Milton, ringers from Gravesend and Northfleet attended at the church and graveside at Gravesend Cemetery.

After the funeral the bells at Milton were rung half-muffled by his colleagues from Milton, Gravesend and Northfleet as a token of their respect.

Mr. Morrad began ringing at his birthplace at Shorne, Kent, at an early age, and also helped at Cobham, a neighbouring village. Early in the 1914-18 war he moved to Milton and joined the local tower where he had been ringing for 36 years, until a few months ago, when, owing to his infirmity, he was unable to ascend the tower. His last appearance among his fellow-ringers was at a Kent quarterly meeting at his home tower at Milton on April 21st.

He was a most reliable ringer and during his career at Milton was most regular in attendance. Altogether he rang nearly 100 peals ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, all of which were rung in Kent for that Association or for the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was a member.

Thus passes from our midst one who was respected and liked by all with whom he came in contact. F. M. M.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
Rochester and District**

After a lapse of just over 30 years the Rochester District held its quarterly meeting at Rodmersham on July 7th and 60 members and friends enjoyed a very fine afternoon and evening in the heart of the countryside.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when all present attended the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Cassidy. The Lesson was read by Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the Association, and the address was given by the Rev. V. F. Hall, Vicar of Bobbing. The collection taken for Association Funds was £1 11s. 6d. After the service a very nice tea was served in the Village Hall by the lady friends of the local ringers.

The chair at the business meeting was occupied by the Vicar who, in his opening remarks, welcomed the District ringers to Rodmersham and expressed a wish that they would not wait another 30 years before they came again. Five new members were elected.

At the close of the business meeting the chairman presented Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila Mary Hole with a wedding present, subscribed for by most of the towers in the district, comprising a canteen of cutlery and a coffee percolator and teapot and a cheque for £2 10s.

Mr. Dobbie has been a District Representative on the General Committee of the Association for a number of years and has done a very great deal of work with the younger ringers in the District. He thanked all members for their very pleasing gift, and also for their expressions of goodwill. The marriage is to take place at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, on Saturday, August 11th, at 1 p.m.



## A TOUR OF THE SHIRES

A SUCCESSFUL tour, organised by Mr. T. J. Lock, of the Middlesex Association, took place during the first week of July. Headquarters were at Worcester and peals were rung in Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. Local arrangements were made most ably by Messrs. T. W. Lewis and John Thomas with helpful co-operation by other ringers in the district. The party comprised ringers from many parts of the country, most of whom had met on tours of former years. Fifteen peals were rung out of 24 attempts.

The tragedy of the week was an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Kidderminster. All went well for half the peal when suddenly a face appeared in the doorway. This was the more disconcerting as all knew that George Fearn, with characteristic skill in such matters, had locked the bottom door and left the key in the lock. Alas, the face and the Stedman Cinques could not be reconciled and when the bells had been set up twelve violent ringers turned on a defenceless youth. Daniel in the lions' den could not have displayed greater composure and at last the lions' anger melted and the unfortunate young man, who turned out to be a local learner, was given an opportunity for a few rounds. Apparently he had wriggled George's key out of the lock and inserted his own. He had only desired to see what good-looking chaps we all were. He said he was joining the Forces the next day and it speaks well for the visiting ringers that all forbore from the obvious remark—at least, out loud!

Many incidents occur in a week of this kind that become indelible memories. One remembers Dudley with its large belfry windows open to the alternate odours of hons and fish and chips. The church stands on a hill and cars going by tend to backfire. One such incident sounded like a pistol shot and immediately afterwards two men went by carrying what looked like a coffin!

The visits to the Black Country were in the earlier part of the week and the party were particularly happy to record a good peal of Superlative at Lye. These light bells with a tenor of 3½ cwt. were a tricky proposition and high praise was due to Tom Lewis for his handling of the treble. Three of the band, Bill Beeson, Tom Cullingworth and Harry Parkes, have now rung peals on the heaviest and lightest eights. Tom Cullingworth and Harry Parkes rang 7-8 together at Sherborne last year and have now rung 7-8 together at Lye. It must be recorded that the experts who had not been in the peal at Lye made a shocking exhibition of themselves after the peal. They stepped forward boldly to ring three leads of Bristol in order to 'grab' the tower—they never even managed to ring rounds!

Careful consideration was given from time to time during the week to the matrimonial prospects of certain young male members of the party (two in number—let there be no guessing as to their identity). It must be said that for the most part they stood up well to the inquisition but at last the boastful spirit in one of them predominated and he was wont to hint darkly that he was a bit of a gay dog really, despite his earlier protests of innocence. The other one, of a more mathematical turn of mind, took refuge in an attempt to prove that there can be smoke without fire. The writer remains unconvinced.

Activities at the end of the week were in the southern part of the county and over the border into Gloucestershire. On Thursday a peal of Ashted was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green and the ladies of the party and the odd men out were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Thursday evening provided the thrill of the week as permission had been obtained for a short ring at Pershore Abbey. The visitors stood at what was once the crossing of this historic Abbey Church and gazed at the ringing cage high above. There may have been a cer-

tain amount of trepidation but at least all commenced the long ascent and all but the most portly arrived at the cage in due course. Most ringers will have heard of the Pershore cage which was provided in the last century by Sir Gilbert Scott to replace the ringing floor which he had removed to expose the beauties of the lantern. One could forgive the cage a lot if it were slightly larger. Several of the ropes fall in a straight line and are evidently intended for half-starved ringers as one has to press back on the open bars of the cage, there being about six inches between rope and cage. The bells, which are alleged to have been rehung in 1936, go like the proverbial houses. Some of the party were afterwards privileged to visit the bell-chamber. The frame, a massive wooden affair, would be far too big for the average church tower but seems lost in the midst of a vast space. The sixth is somewhat more than loose on its headstock. A light touch on the wheel and the bell flaps gently in the breeze. The bells are of beautiful tone, six of them being Rudhall bells, including the tenor, which emits a deep, soft, purring sound.

Gloucestershire on Friday provided two successes and two failures. The failures were both Bristol. This lovely method was completely wasted at one of the towers where one had the impression that at some time someone had taken any eight bells and put them in the tower. Any relationship to each other was entirely accidental. However, they went very well.

On Saturday it had been hoped to commemorate the Holt's Original bicentenary but alas, after 2½ hours' good ringing a shift occurred. As the peal reports show, the conducting was widely shared. The highlight in this respect was the peal of Cambridge rung silent and non-conducted in the presence of an umpire in accordance with the best traditions of the Exercise. One of the participants hoped this type of peal would not become too common as everyone looked so miserable. All adopted an expression of studied gloom so that the umpire could not accuse anyone of giving signals.

The party began to break up on Saturday and on Sunday morning several ringers called at Stratford-on-Avon Parish Church on their way back to London. The new and glorious ring of ten is a worthy addition to a fine church, eloquent of all that is best in the English tradition.

All are grateful to Mr. Lock for his hard work and agree that his job was well and truly done. It was also a great joy to meet local ringers and in some cases to take part in peals with them. We also think of the steeplekeepers, often at work and, therefore, unable to meet us, who left everything ready for us, and the incumbents who so readily gave permission for our ringing.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### SALISBURY BRANCH

A very good meeting was held at Wilton on July 14th, when some 40 ringers were present from the Salisbury Branch, North Dorset, Somerset and Hampshire. The Guild service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Drury, who pointed out pillars and ancient glass which had been brought from far distant places to beautify the church, and showed how ringers, gathering together from far and wide, brought their varied gifts into the church, to the glory of God.

At the business meeting Mr. Frank Harris' resignation as Ringing Master was received with regret and the Branch recorded its thanks for the good work he had done, and its good wishes to him as he leaves to take up a new appointment. Mr. H. Abrahams, of Amesbury, was elected Ringing Master in his stead. The members were very glad to have amongst

### CACOPHONOUS LIFE

#### St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Outing

By GILBERT THURLOW

July 7th, a lovely day, a leisurely start at noon, a full motor coach which soon became a dining car, what could be more pleasant? Also the knowledge that we were going to add to other people's enjoyment by providing sweet music in the background.

Rarely, I think, has a ringers' outing added so much to other noises already going on—and this time without a word of complaint from the crowds so far as I know. At our first stop, Stowmarket, we found ourselves ringing Superlative, etc., on the fine eight (tenor 24 cwt.), in the middle of, instead of at the end of, a wedding. However, the happy couple expressed no concern, nor did anyone else.

So, on to Ipswich, where, at St. Margaret's (eight, tenor 14 cwt.), Cambridge, etc., added to the many other noises, good and bad, at a vast fete going on in Christ Church Park close by. What the band (brass) thought, I do not know; anyway we didn't make so sad a noise as the model aeroplanes (power driven) did.

Then to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where, lo and behold, massed choirs were rehearsing music for a choral festival. I really did wonder what difference the bells would make here, but the choirs stood it manfully; even when Stedman broke down in the middle of the treble solo in 'Blessed be the God and Father' (Wesley) it failed to break the determination of the boy-singing it. Again nobody seemed to mind in the least. Oh that the widely varying sounds which make the cacophonous life of this warlike world would all fit in so well together!

A good tea at Limmer and Pipe's, where Charlie Sedgley welcomed us in a charming speech. Waiting for the bus afterwards took longer than usual as some waited in one place, some in another, and the bus for a while in a third. However, this gave an opportunity for three pairs of thumbs to ring 96 Plain and Little Bob on a street corner.

Then on to Grundisburgh, where the Pipe family and others were awaiting us, and a very pleasant time was spent with the delightful ten there. Roderick Pipe (aged nine) called 2½ courses Bob Triples in expert fashion. By way of a change the writer explored, together with Cecil Pipe, the historic house called 'Basts' next the church. A very pleasant gentleman appeared, told us all about the colour problem in South Africa, and invited us to explore the outside of the house. He gave us his name in Zulu, and when we turned to go we asked: 'And what is your name in English?' 'Worthington,' he replied, 'you'll remember that if you're not teetotalers.' 'We are not teetotalers,' we replied in chorus. 'Oh,' said Mr. Worthington, 'goodbye, and glad to have met you.' On the way home we stopped at a place marked 'Buck's Head: Pull up for a Coffee'!

them again Mr. G. K. Norton, formerly captain of Salisbury St. Thomas', who was no longer able to take an active part in ringing owing to ill-health.

The bells at Wilton and at South Newton were kept going during the afternoon and evening to standard methods. During the evening teams from Wilton, Salisbury St. Thomas' and Tisbury went to Barford St. Martin for a competition comprising 120 Grandire Doubles. Wilton were judged winners with 18 marks out of 20, St. Thomas' a close second with 14 marks. Tisbury deserve special credit for their attempt as they included four who had been learning less than 18 months. These qualified for certificates of proficiency from the Guild. This competition was a new venture in the Branch and it is hoped it may become an annual feature and encourage learners in change-ringing.



# RINGERS' OUTINGS IN MANY COUNTIES

## DAVENTRY BRANCH

For their annual outing this year the members of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild visited the towers of Bourton-on-the-Water, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. Welland and Upton-on-Severn on June 30th. An early start was made, the day was fine and warm, and the drive, enlivened by handbell ringing, was through beautiful countryside which included the Cotswolds, Forest of Dean and the Wye Valley. Lunch was served at Gloucester and members were able to visit the Cathedral during the short stay there.

At How Caple the party was royally entertained to tea by the members of the How Caple and Sollers Hope Mothers' Union, after which selections on handbells were given by Messrs. W. Collins, F. Hancock, G. Hancock, E. Orland and S. Osborne. Mr. L. Townsend played the piano for singing. The drive home was through the Vale of Evesham and Stratford-on-Avon and a successful day concluded at about 11.30 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. F. W. H.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

What is now the traditional course of Grand-sire on handbells in the Lych Gate set the Hornchurch ringers off to a grand day in the Thames Valley.

Due to the belated arrival of the coach, Maidenhead was reached slightly behind schedule, but Mr. George Martin was patiently waiting. Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were safely brought round on this musical eight. Coffee and light refreshments were served at the Crown Hotel.

Wallingford, Hagbourne, Blewbury, Goring and Old Windsor were all reached on time and ringing enjoyed very much at all these towers.

Better surroundings for lunch than Castle Priory at Wallingford cannot be imagined: while the light eight at Goring entertained the 'last coppers' for tea at the Swan, Streatley.

A most enjoyable day was brought to a close at Old Windsor when Grandsire Caters and 'Nellie Dean' made a very harmonious conclusion.

Thank you, everybody, we had a lovely day.

## SPALDING

Ringers of Spalding Parish Church, joined by friends from neighbouring towers, visited Oxfordshire for their annual outing on July 14th.

The outing was, as usual, a very strenuous one. Departure time of 6 a.m. was adhered to and Aynhoe was reached at 9 a.m. Here the party was met by the Vicar, and the bells rung for the first time in many months. Adderbury, with its fine eight, was the next call, followed by Bloxham, where ringing on the heavy eight is permitted for ten minute periods only, owing to a crack in the tower wall. A diversion was caused here by the request to ring the third bell for a few minutes at noon as a dinner bell—a custom which has survived the centuries and which, incidentally, reminded the visitors of their early breakfast!

After lunch at Chipping Norton, ringing took place there and at Shipton-under-Wychwood, followed by tea at Witney and ringing on the beautiful eight there. Woodstock was the last tower and after a look at Blenheim Palace, and much-needed refreshment, the coach was turned homewards, Spalding being reached at one a.m.

Ringing which ranged from rounds to Superlative and Cambridge, was of quite a good standard. M. T. J. Newington organised the outing as usual, and Mr. A. D. Mills produced an attractive souvenir programme

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

At 7.30 a.m. on Monday, July 2nd, a party of some 60 ringers and friends set out from Brentwood in two coaches for their 21st annual outing.

At 8.45 the party arrived at Braughing, Herts, where they were welcomed by the Rector. Soon the bells were going to Stedman Triples, followed by Double Norwich and Grandsire and finishing with a course of Cambridge.

St. Mary's, Baldock (tenor 26 cwt.), bells were rung to good touches including Superlative, but London was lost. At St. Neots, the visitors were received by the Rector, who conducted the non-ringers round the beautiful church. Ringing here included Kent, Stedman and Grandsire and a course of Yorkshire, after which we adjourned for lunch, which had been arranged near by.

St. Mary's, Huntingdon, provided the only hitch of the day; no one knew where to find the key of the belfry. The Master made some hurried visits to several houses, all in vain, until he found Mr. Measures, who very kindly came to our assistance.

After everyone had had a pull, we had a 16-mile run into Cambridge and at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Mr. Dennis met the party. There is a really grand eight here (tenor 32 cwt.) and everyone enjoyed ringing on them, the methods being Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

After tea we turned homewards, passing the site of the Royal Show, where final preparations were being made for the opening by H.M. The Queen on the following day, and arrived at Bishops Stortford, where Mr. Pound-Turner was waiting to receive us. Here we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal and were about to start for Cambridge Royal when a message arrived; the speakers at a meeting in progress in the hall just below the tower were finding difficulty in making themselves heard. Ringing was then confined to handbells.

Brentwood was reached something after 11 o'clock after a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of all are due to the Master, Mr. J. Stich, and the secretary, Mr. A. Pryke, and all others who helped in this successful outing.

H. T.

## HUNTS DISTRICT

A programme of visits to eight towers was arranged for the Hunts District on July 7th. The party left Huntingdon at 8.30 a.m. by motor coach and picked up other members at St. Neots and Great Staughton.

Raunds was reached 15 minutes before time but this fine eight was soon being rung in various methods. Ringstead (6) was the next stop followed by lunch at the Swan Hotel, Thrapston.

The first tower in the afternoon was just across the river at Islip, after which came Woodford and the musical six at Great Addington.

Tea was served at Kettering after which ringing took place at the Parish Church until 6.30. Towers visited in the evening were the delightful six at Isham and the heavy eight at Wellingborough. Huntingdon was reached at 10.30 p.m.

## NORTON SUBCOURSE

On July 7th a party of 23 ringers and their friends held their annual outing to the Sudbury area. Towers visited were Clare, Cavendish, Monks Eleigh, Preston, Lavenham and All Saints' and St. Gregory's, Sudbury. The ringers thank all incumbents and all steeplekeepers for having everything ready. They also extend very hearty thanks to Mr. A. A. Fitch for his co-operation in making the day such a pleasant one. G. W. W.

## FROM TAMWORTH TO LINCOLN

Warm, sunny weather favoured ringers from Tamworth and Lichfield Cathedral for their trip to Lincoln.

After calling at Barwell, where Mr. T. C. Belton completed the complement of ringers, the party made for Melton Mowbray, where Mr. William Smith, of the local band, welcomed the ringers to St. Mary's with its ring of ten.

Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung for an hour prior to a most excellent meal served by 'Anne of Cleveleys'.

A charming ride through the Vale of Belvoir and on past Grantham's fine tower and spire, brought the towers of Lincoln Cathedral into view. A notoriously steep hill was anxiously negotiated before halting at the west end of the Cathedral, where Mr. John A. Freeman escorted the ringers through the Cathedral's own Ringers' Chapel up into the belfry. This fine, clear ring of 12 was soon put to good use and the visitors' book, presented by the Universities, Guild on the occasion of their Lincoln tour, was both admired and added to. The vista from the roof was an experience not easily forgotten.

An hour's ringing was terminated by evensong at which the writer had the joy of listening to the finest of English Cathedral music.

At 6 p.m. the homeward journey was started but the steep hills proved too much for the handbell enthusiasts when halfway through a course of Double Norwich.

One of Leicestershire's six-bells towers was the only evening belfry and at All Saints', Somerby, the handy ring of six, recently augmented, and rung from the entrance to the chancel of the 13th century church, was a contrast to the slow ringing on the 10 and 12. Touches of London and Cambridge Minor, Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, catered for everyone, including three members of the Somerby band.

During the later stages of the journey Mr. G. Oliver, of Lichfield, spoke on behalf of his ringers in appreciation of the success of the outing, and the Vicar of Tamworth expressed the hope that more of the united outings would be arranged especially in view of efficient arrangements carried out by Mr. G. Pears, of Tamworth, and the spirit of the party, which had made the event a happy one.

## DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Eastbourne was the objective for the annual outing of Dartford and District on July 7th. St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was the first call and here Mr. Collinson had the bells in readiness for the party. Before leaving, some of the party sampled the famous 'waters'.

After lunch at the Drive Hotel, Eastbourne, the non-ringing members left the party. At Christ Church Mr. Percy met the ringers who enjoyed ringing on this light Taylor eight and also had the privilege of ringing for a wedding. Then followed a visit to the fine old eight at St. Mary's. Tea was served at the Drive Hotel and press interviews and photographs taken—such is our notoriety!

An enjoyable break on the homeward journey was the ringing at Lamberhurst, with Mr. Relfe waiting to welcome the company. Wrotham provided a disappointment, the key being not available. However, one ringer who may have been in 'The Wrong', but being definitely 'At Home', made an unorthodox entry to the ringing platform. Only the young and agile were able to follow his example and their efforts were limited to rounds and call changes. Apart from this all who took part were unanimous in voting it a very good outing. Special thanks were due to Mr. Rollinson for arranging the ringing at Eastbourne K. G. R.



## MONKEN HADLEY

About 32 members and friends of the Monken Hadley Guild of Bell Ringers went for their annual outing on July 7th. The venue was Eastbourne and an early start was made from Barnet on a beautiful morning. There was consternation when three of the members from Northaw failed to show up at the appointed time, and after waiting for some little time, it was reluctantly decided to start without them.

Arriving at East Grinstead at 10 a.m., the party made for St. Swithin's Church, where an excellent ring of eight were soon swinging, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and some rounds for the beginners. After a drive through the beautiful Ashdown Forest, Eastbourne was reached at 12.15 p.m., when it was joyfully discovered that the absentees had 'caught up on us,' their trouble had been that their bus from Northaw had broken down, but they had followed on by rail, and were found waiting in the car park for the coach. By this time everyone was ready for lunch and a walk along the sea front.

Non-ringing members disported themselves on the beach, while the ringers made for All Saints' Church. There was a little difficulty here as, owing to a garden fete, our visit seemed to have been overlooked, but a key was eventually located, and the fine ring of eight was rung to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and rounds, and at 3 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal. The party then went to Christ Church—a delightful ring of eight, a little light, perhaps, but the 'go' left nothing to be desired. Probably the best ringing of the day was found here and everyone had a pull, the bells being lowered at 4.30 p.m.

After a very nice 'high tea,' a start back was made at 5.45 p.m.. Crawley was reached at 7.45 p.m. and the fine old church of St. John-the-Baptist visited. Ringing was enjoyed by all until 8.45 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Summing up, it can truly be said that 'a good time was had by all.' Special thanks are due to the organisers, Mr. T. Pink (tower secretary) and Mr. C. Ward (captain).

M. S.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLN

Branston ringers held their annual outing on July 7th. The first tower visited was Rippingale (6), tenor 12 cwt., the ringing being of a good standard with the exception of Spliced and Treble Bob, which would not go.

After the party had partaken of an excellent lunch at Bourne, the Parish Church (6), tenor 15 cwt., was visited. Ringing was limited owing to a wedding and also because Coventry ringers were shortly expected. Spliced ringing was also elusive at the next tower visited, Deeping St. Nicholas' (6), tenor 6½ cwt.

Some of the best ringing of the day occurred at Market Deeping (6), tenor 6 cwt.. Here a touch of Stedman was rung at the request of the Vicar, whose local band refused to ring 'the trash,' a sentiment echoed by the writer. A fish and chip supper was then disposed of.

The party then called at St. James', Deeping, where four blows were struck and the ringing was stopped by the Rector because a garden party was in progress.

At Crowland Abbey the ringing was enjoyed on this fine six (tenor 12 cwt.). The long draught of rope (92 feet) proved no embarrassment as the ringers were used to a long draught at their own tower. St. James', Deeping (6), tenor 19½ cwt., was then revisited and good ringing was enjoyed on this fine ring of bells, second only in Lincolnshire to Brant-Broughton (tenor 24 cwt.).

Then, after refuelling at the local, the party arrived home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. Methods rung were: Stedman Doubles, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Norfolk, London, York, Plain, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob Doubles.

J. E. C.

## HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A better day could not have been chosen for the meeting held at Brighouse on June 30th. The service was ably conducted by the Rev. D. Moxon, recently inducted as Vicar. Some 36 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea. The Rev. J. Spivey took the chair at the business meeting in the absence of the president, who was on other urgent business. Ripponden was selected for the next meeting to be held on September 1st.

The local company which, although sadly depleted, made such excellent arrangements, were thanked. Nothing more ambitious than Stedman Triples was rung and the striking still leaves much to be desired. An encouraging feature was the number of young people present and the problem seems to be getting enough experienced men with the gift of teaching. However, the meetings held every two months are certainly well worth the effort put into them.

A. W. B.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing on July 7th, starting at 8 a.m. The following towers were visited: Saffron Walden, Essex; Baldock, Norton, Stevenage and Hitchin. Herts. Lunch was enjoyed at Letchworth and tea at Hitchin.

Handbells were brought into use at the evening's convivial at Haverhill. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

We wish to thank all the incumbents and local ringers for the help they gave towards making this outing a great and enjoyable success.

S. H. S.

## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

## Tour of Derbyshire and North Staffs

This year the annual ringing trip of the Manchester University Guild was held in the Peak District. Setting out from Manchester on June 25th, the cycling party rang at 21 towers whilst even the slower walking party managed 12. Accommodation was provided by Youth Hostels.

The cyclists' first stop was at Macclesfield where, with the help of two local ringers, the eight at St. Peter's were rung to Minor and Triples. Next on the list was Burbage (one mile from Buxton) where they were joined by the 'walkers' (who had ridden the 25 miles from Manchester on Dunlopillo-cushioned seats!). Handbells, which had attracted the amused attention of passers-by as they dangled at the back of the cycles, were rung for a short while before the time scheduled for arrival. Once more with the help of two local ringers, the very nice, easy-going six bells were rung to Plain Bob, Sandal, Kingston, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford.

The next day on to Castleton, in the pouring rain, the walkers managing to get lost on the way. Here were rung Bob Minor and Triples. (The latter because the band found it easier to strike than Grandsire.)

On the following day, in fine weather, the whole party proceeded to Hope, a very nice eight. This was the walkers' only tower on that day, but the cyclists managed another two, ringing rounds and doubles at Hathersage (6) and turning in a very good light six at Eyam, the plague village.

On Thursday the programme consisted of two glorious eights at Bakewell and Yowlgreave (the heaviest ring met, tenor 26 cwt.). The cyclists again managed one ring more than the walkers, the very, very light six at Wormhill proving very difficult to handle as they would insist on revolving twice at every stroke!

On Friday the party had gained by the arrival of S. Richardson, from Cumberland. The cyclists, therefore, managed to find adequate

bands at Ashover, Matlock (where yet another member joined the party) and Crich. The walkers had a lazy (?) day with no ringing at all, and only did 17-18 miles. That night still another addition was made to the party, a tiny shrew attaching itself very fondly to one of the members. This creature was only dislodged at bed time after having spent about an hour somewhere within the ringer's shirt.

Saturday saw the party at the Church of St. Mary, Wirksworth, the old Saxon and Norman building echoing with both Major and Triples (again with the help of two local ringers). Later we went on to Brassington (6) and the cyclists finished the day ringing at St. Oswald's, Ashbourne—well called the 'Pride of the Peak.'

On Sunday, at Ilam, only four of the five bells being ringable, the cyclists rang Bob Minimus for morning service. Just before lunch they were joined by the walkers and the rest of the day was spent in sunbathing—with dire results! Here one of the 13 members managed to drop a large stone upon his fingers and when next seen he was wearing a sling. The next day he departed homewards for an examination (not of the finger).

Only three days remained and these were spent in ringing at Leek, the only ten-bell tower on the trip, Kingsley, a lovely six. Cheadle, with its two churches, a six and an eight, and its fine welcome (thank you, Mr. Hall) and, finally, at Alton.

The Guild should have rung at Silverdale, but owing to the unfortunate non-arrival of the cyclists, the villagers were spared.

On the whole the trip was a success and the new Ringing Master, Mr. Parry, and the secretary, Miss Jackson, certainly found out many things to help them in their coming year of office.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the journey so enjoyable, especially to the incumbents and ringers of the parishes which we visited, and the wardens of the hostels, who not only fed us well, but put up with our handbells without a complaint.

## WINCHESTER &amp; PORTSMOUTH

Singled out for congratulations at the Winchester District meeting at Stockbridge on July 14th was Miss B. Edmonds who, after about four hours' private tuition on a tied bell, demonstrated that she could satisfactorily ring her bell in rounds.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar of Stockbridge, tea was served in the garden of Grosvenor Cottage, by permission of Dr. and Mrs. Loveless.

The chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) presided and thanked Stockbridge friends for their welcome and also introduced the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley. Miss B. Edmonds and Mr. P. Corfield (St. Maurice's, Winchester) were elected ringing members and eight new honorary members were elected.

It was decided that the next two practice meetings should be held at King's Somborne and Cheriton, with Barton Stacey as an alternative should either of these towers be unavailable.

The secretary (Mr. J. A. C. King) called attention to the request made at the annual meeting of the Guild for the names of ringers killed by enemy action during the 1939-45 war to be forwarded to the general secretary, and also announced that Guild certificates would shortly be available.

Thanks to Mr. Loveless and the ladies were voiced by Mr. S. B. Canev, local captain, who recalled that it was 45 years ago that he learnt to ring.

The remaining few items on the agenda were quickly disposed of and after members had seen a local fisherman successfully catch a trout, the chairman declared the meeting closed. Ringing was continued at Stockbridge and Leckford.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note, can anybody give the answer in taking up bell-ringing!

Some years ago a small body of youths in this parish formed a Rover Scouts Crew, the 'motto' being 'Service,' several services being undertaken and bell-ringing one of them. Hence my reason for still being a ringer to-day.

—Yours truly,

F. A. GREEN.

Freshwater, I.W.

## 'BELLRINGERS' GUIDE'

Dear Sir,—To avoid any more waste of space in your correspondence columns, I append an extract from the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report, as presented and passed at Eastbourne on Whit Tuesday, 1950:—

'Lastly, the current year has witnessed the appearance of a perfectly monumental work in Mr. R. H. Dove's "Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain." The incalculable degree of perseverance and industry required to ascertain and tabulate such a mass of detailed information about 5,489 peals of bells in Great Britain and Ireland is matched by the skill and ingenuity displayed in such a neat and attractive form of publication.'—Youth faithfully,

GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

Hon. Sec., Central Council.

The White House,  
Caister-on-Sea

## 'BELFRYMANSHIP'

Sir,—May I intrude upon your columns to express my surprise at and thorough disagreement with, the somewhat naive attitude taken by Mr. A. V. Davis toward the subtle wit and scintillating humour displayed in Mr. Rodney B. Meadows' articles on 'Belfrymanship.'

Although I have done some little writing for our local Press, had my effusions displayed one-tenth of the ability shown in 'Belfrymanship' by Rodney Meadows, it would take far more than the wrath of Mr. Davis or that of the most pompous, purple-faced Civic Nonentity to make me disclaim anything, either now or in ten years' time.

As one who has often played the role of the 'One meeting the many' as tower-keeper of a church with a very popular ring of bells, I found 'Counter Coachtourship' most instructive and now look forward to a lesson in 'Counter Pealgrabbership' or 'The Preservation of Peace in the "Green Man"' which could be sub-titled 'How to evade the shot gun threat.'

Congratulations, Rodney, and more, please.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Tower-keeper, St. Chad's,  
Birmingham.

## THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

Dear Sir,—With regard to 'Belfrymanship'—surely Mr. A. V. Davis lacks a sense of humour if he is unable to see the funny side of the two articles by Mr. Meadows which, by the way, must be based to some extent on fact!

Of course we all try to do our best but at the same time we must try to see the funny side of ourselves—even our great statesmen have to come under the hammer, as it were, when some funny gentleman climbs upon the stage and proceeds to take the 'mike' out of all and sundry.

To Mr. Davis I would say 'Try to look on the brighter side of life,' and to Mr. Meadows, 'Carry on with the good work and let's all have a good laugh.'—Sincerely yours,

WILFRED W. PING

Ashford, Kent.

## 'THE LECTURE'

Dear Sir,—Most ringers take especial interest in one particular aspect of our Art, and to those of us who are mainly concerned in its propagation your leading article in issue No. 2,102 of 'The Ringing World' comes as a great encouragement.

As one whose principal interest lies in the spreading of knowledge in—(a) the rudiments of its practice and (b) the theory of method structure, I would place the importance of lectures on a par with that of articles suitably written.

In view of the interest aroused by your publication of a summary of one of my recent lectures, and of certain queries apparently arising, may I be permitted to make note of the following:—

(1). The references quoted from that excellent work 'Bells of All Nations' are by kind permission of its author—our old friend Ernest Morris, and this is gratefully acknowledged.

(2). The full text of the lecture occupies about 75 minutes in delivery—including demonstrations with models, with handbell soundings off-stage, and the team demonstrations on-stage. A further 10 or 15 minutes may be allowed for questions, which should be encouraged.

(3). A piano and/or gramophone recordings of bells are useful for illustration. A cardboard model of a bell of size equivalent to one of about five cwt. with half-wheel in proportion, is handy and very useful to illustrate bell motion.

(4). The lecture referred to the three principal British bell-founder firms. (It is believed all will loan slides to illustrate talks.)

(5). The lecture as given included references to the origin and development of the art of bell-tuning. Your phrase (page 441, column 3, mid-way) 'calling attention to the three notes' should read 'calling attention to the five more readily distinguishable tones of a bell-sound.'

(6). Your reference (same column, at bottom) to a diagram, speaks of a 'card-like arrangement of squares.' This should read 'grid-like' etc. And the diagram is not the one given in your summary and showing Maximus, but one which illustrated Minimus, conforming with the descriptive matter accompanying.

(7). Your reference to listening tests (same column, third paragraph) says, 'Useful to test yourselves on this very point of dissemination.' The last word should be, of course, 'discrimination,' to give correct meaning.

(8). I included some slides showing grid-patterns of typical methods ranging from simple to complex, and these prove among the most interesting to the average audience.

(9). References are made also to the Central Council and its work, and to our journal, 'The Ringing World.'

(10). The importance of local references cannot be over-estimated. The number of bells in the rings of the principal and other churches with some idea of size and weights, and notes, may be given. Also, by way of contrast, a note or two on some of the largest bells ever cast, both Bourdons and ringing bells, always proves interesting.

A touch of humour here and there may be helpful, though this needs careful introduction in a subject of this calibre. One's experience in talks on ringing is that the layman finds the subject so surprisingly interesting that, with a bright, clear delivery, the subject 'carries itself.'—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey, Hants.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on July 7th. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Mullin 1, F. Barracough 2, F. R. Williams 3, A. Cairns 4, W. Pye 5, J. Crawshaw 6, A. Ward (first quarter) 7, R. Longden (cond.) 8, R. Benson 9, S. Livesey 10.

## CLERGY AND INITIALS

Dear Sir,—In these days, when we see complaints about the deterioration of courtesy in most branches of life, may I suggest one improvement that, judging by your columns, a large number of us might readily adopt. I refer to the growing use of the solecism 'Rev. Smith,' when referring to the clergy, instead of giving our clerical friends their more dignified and much more correct form of address 'Rev. John Smith' or, in the absence of their Christian names, 'Rev. M. Smith.' 'Reverend' itself is not a form of address as 'Canon,' 'Dr.' and many others are. It requires some such addition as I have indicated to make it conform to respectful usage and good manners. To omit the Christian name or 'Mr.' in such cases is the equivalent of adopting such erroneous forms as 'Right Honourable Churchill,' 'Venerable Jones' (which I have actually heard at a ringers' meeting), or that hoary standby of our humorous writers, 'Sir Robinson.'

I am far from suggesting that ringers are more prone to this solecism than other people. Due to American influence, it is extremely prevalent to-day, but not among churchpeople as a rule, and certainly it is rare in other Church literature—an example I, for one, should like to see our writers—and to hear our speakers—follow on all occasions.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton, near Bristol.

## STEDMAN CATERS AT NORTHAMPTON

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Caters recorded as being rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, June 9th, cannot be accepted by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild as it did not comply fully with the rules of the Guild. With apologies to all the band,—Yours sincerely,

REGINALD C. NOON.

Hon. Secretary.

## PLYMOUTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, as the author of a book entitled 'The Rings of Church Bells in the City of Plymouth,' be granted a little of your space to make known to the ringing fraternity, the following.

The completed manuscript was sent to Mr. W. H. Viggers who very kindly scrutinised and corrected it for me. Owing to the present high cost of having such a work printed, and also to an illness which requires many months' treatment, it will not be possible, at least for the time being, to present this work in a permanent form.

However, in order that the research done by myself over a period of 12 months may not be wasted, I will supply, for the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, any information such as weights, chronological and ordinary history, founders, inscriptions, etc., of the following rings in the city:—(1) St. Andrew's (10) 35 cwt.; (2) Emmanuel (8) 21 cwt.; (3) Stoke Damerel (6) 15 cwt.; (4) St. Budeaux (6) 12 cwt.; (5) St. Mary's, Tamerton Foliot (6) 11 cwt.; (6) St. Edward's, Egg Buckland (6) 9 cwt.

The three rings which were lost during the war were:—(1) Charles (10) 24 cwt.; (2) East Stonehouse (8) 12 cwt.; (3) H.M. Dockyard (8) 9 cwt.

Any information, with the exception of inscriptions, is available for these rings.—Yours sincerely,

F. STUART WORTH.

Didworthy Chest Hospital,  
South Brent, Devon.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 5th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (first quarter) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, W. Andrews 4, S. Smith 5, L. Mills 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Pryke 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. W. Barr 2, C. M. Smith 3, E. Claridge 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, D. Preece 6. Rung for the patronal festival.



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HAS ANYONE a set of about 30 Handbells, consisting of 2½ octaves in the chromatic scale that they would sell to a band of young ringers at Wolverton, Hants, for tune ringing? If so, would they please send particulars and price to D. Cane, The Laurels, Headley, Newbury, Berks. 9224

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ernest J. Rowe is now 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, London, N.15. 9219

## PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Mr. E. J. Rowe, having returned to London, secretarial notices should be addressed to Mr. G. Bagley, The Garage, Ironbridge, Salop. 9218

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The monthly practices at Chelmsford Cathedral will not be held during July and August 9239

ST. ANNE'S, STAMFORD HILL.—A practice will be held at this tower at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31st. A discussion will take place with the object of re-forming the local band. All friends, old and new, are invited to attend.—E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, London, N.15. 9225

RINGER, ALL NUMBERS, would be pleased to join party on ringing tour during period August 23rd—30th or September 2nd—12th, 1951. Would organisers please notify any vacancies and particulars to Box 9245, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 9245

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9247

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## MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Taxal, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 9208

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of War Memorial Tablet, All Saints', Hereford, by the Bishop of Hereford, July 28th, 5.30. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) 2.30—4.15; All Saints' (8) after service. No arrangements for tea. 9169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Bye-meeting at Brabourne, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9176

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, July 28th, Sunbury (8), 3—5 p.m.; Hampton (8) 6—8 p.m. Cafes in Hampton.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee meeting, Saturday, July 28th, 2.15 p.m., St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich. Tea 4.30. General meeting 5. Agenda: Service Book; Finance. Bells available: St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles. 2.15—4.15 and 6.30; St. Peter Mancroft and St. John Sepulchre 6.30. 9156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer, July 28th. Bells, both towers, 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4 p.m. 9161

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks, S. Bucks and W. Hertford Joint.—Saturday, July 28th, Ellesborough, 3. Wendover, tea, 5 Ringing 6. 9204

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley (8) on Saturday, July 28th. 2.30 p.m. 9195

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea obtainable.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9229

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. 9235

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. John's (6), August 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Broadway Cafe, corner Cumberland Street. St. James' (10) after tea. 9232

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 1st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 9223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), August 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than August 2nd, to Mr. B. W. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 9214

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, August 4th. Bells from 3. Meeting 6.30. Nominations for Branch President required. Cafes nearby for teas.—F. Pritchard. 9233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stewkley, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 9230

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, August 4th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton (note change), August 4th. Names for tea, most important, before July 31st, to Mr. L. Townsend, 2, East Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9227

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon, August 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 9212

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea, probably, for those who notify by August 1st, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9236

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, CAPEL, SURREY.—Rededication of bells, Sunday, August 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, at King's Head, for those who notify, not later than August 3rd, F. Tullitt, Bakers Cottage, Capel, Surrey. All ringers welcome. 9222

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival ringing day on August Bank Holiday. Towers open: Finchley 10.30—12.30; Barnet 2—4.30; Hadley 2—4; Southgate 7—9; Service, Barnet, 4.30. Various cafes and gardens open for teas. 9237

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting on Monday, August 6th, at Whiston (8) 2 till 4 and Rotherham Parish Church (10) after tea in Church Institute, Rotherham. Names to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 9228

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea, 10.30 to 1; Lylington 2.30 to 5; Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst 6.30 to 9. Names for tea, by August 2nd, to A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9226

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thornhill, Dewsbury, August 11th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, 5s. each, must notify, not later than August 4th, Mr. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shaf-ton, near Barnsley. 9242

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ash-over, August 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by August 8th, to Mr. E. Hopkinson, Rectory View, Ashover. No name, no tea.—D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3—5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon, during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be at Douglas Church, Parbold, on Saturday, August 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at a moderate charge will be provided for those sending their names not later than August 8th, to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan. 9240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour, August 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, before August 6th, to Mr. N. T. Longland, Oasby, Grantham. Please don't forget card for tea, as catering is so difficult.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9241

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, August 11th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 9231



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### OUR PAPER

THE newly-appointed Editorial or 'Ringing World' Committee makes its bow to the Exercise under circumstances which could hardly be described as happy. To them, as to most readers, last year's 'Ringing World' balance sheet proved to be somewhat of a shock, and, as the figures disclosed, had it not been for the sale of copies of the 'History of the College Youths,' the balance would have been on the wrong side.

What promised to be a valuable asset now threatens to become a serious liability, the change having been brought about by the general rise in costs. Printing wages have been considerably increased, and paper, which at one time cost approximately £12 10s. per ton, is now £66 per ton. These heavy increases have added considerably to the cost of the production of the paper.

The new committee is, therefore, confronted with a tough problem, but it will tackle its job vigorously and fearlessly, and it may be that some of its actions may not prove to be too popular.

Certainly the Central Council would not be in a sufficiently strong financial position to subsidise the paper indefinitely. It must stand on its own feet and pay its way. It is not necessary that it should make a large profit, but it **must** be self-supporting.

The committee are exploring every avenue where economies might be effected, and it may well be that some of the traditional refinements may have to be cut—even a modified form of peal report, for instance. We are well aware that such a move would not be well received by the Exercise and this will not be resorted to unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

A small increase in the charges for advertising space seems to be inevitable, and we hope that if this course is adopted it will be received with sympathy and understanding.

We feel that until every possible economy has been effected we should not be justified in asking the Exercise to accept a smaller paper or an increase in the price. These possibilities, however, still hang over us and we note there is no abatement in the general trend of rising costs.

Under the able Editorship of Mr. T. White the circulation has risen substantially, and it may prove sufficient to save a reduction in size or increase in price if the circula-

tion can be built up still further, so that the cost of the preparation of the paper can be spread over a greater number of copies. Of particular value is the postal subscriber. From each of these copies there is a net return of 3.7d., against 2.Id. received through the newsagents.

Mr. White has generously offered to accept a reduced salary for his services, and the committee are sincerely grateful to him and in return have promised to lighten his duties.

Prominent and well-known ringers will be invited to provide articles for the front page, which will give different viewpoints and provide a freshness of outlook. The views they will express will be their own and will not be an expression of the Central Council's opinion.

Finally, the committee appeals to all who realise the value of our paper to do everything possible to increase the circulation, and to explain the difficulties which are being encountered. We also appeal to all those postal subscribers who have not yet sent the difference covering the increase in postal rates to do so at once.

To those who have generously sent donations to help in the present difficulties the committee expresses its most grateful appreciation.

J. F. S.

### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

A RATHER unusual, almost unique, compliment was paid to 'our journal' at a Crewe Branch meeting of the Chester Guild at Sandbach, and above all other places, in the Market Tavern, better known as 'The Ringer's Arms,' where the ringers were partaking of refreshment (liquid and licensed).

A lady waiting on the party mentioned the fact that years ago, I don't know how many, she was given a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and was so interested in it, especially the front page article, that she asked if and where she might be supplied with it; on being told where, the lady said she had taken it ever since.

Incidentally, she is not a ringer yet, but she has interested six more ladies and is trying to get another, after which they hope to get the local band to teach them.

There is invariably a moral to most stories. The moral to this is, 'Don't keep your "Ringing World" to yourself, pass it on.'

W. F. S.



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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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*FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 5	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 11
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Birthday peals for Mr. G. Kenward and the conductor.

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ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 10
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HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. .. Tenor

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## TEN BELL PEALS

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On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 6
*FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 8
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 9
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Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\*First peal of Royal. †25th peal of Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. Treble	*HERBERT LEWIN .. .. 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. 2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. 9
WILLIAM THORNEY, JUN. .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

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On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.	
*JENNIFER MARIS ATKINS .. Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 3	JOHN W. WARD .. .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN .. Treble	GORDON D. ELVIN .. .. 5
SHEILA BARKER .. .. 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 6
GEORGE H. MOORE .. .. 3	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 7
DAVID F. HALL .. .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

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RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

250th peal on the bells.

## BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
Thurstans' Four-part.	
GEORGE MARTIN .. Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 5
WALTER LEE .. 2	PERCY NEWTON .. 6
WALTER HUNT .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 4	VICTOR EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*E. WILLIAM TAYLOR .. Treble	*MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 5
RONALD D. EDGE .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 6
A. ROBIN GUY .. 3	HARRY L. MARTIN .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANK HARRINGTON .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE .. 5
FRANK ROPER .. 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. 6
HENRY PRATT .. 3	STANLEY BONES .. 7
JOHN WARNER .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung at the conclusion of the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2	*†ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. 7
DAVID SMITH .. 4	†HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

## HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 2	*AMOS NEAL .. 6
*JAMES H. MUSSON .. 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal of Major in the method.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING .. 2	JAMES G. PRIOR .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
*BASIL W. WHITE .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

## MARK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 19 cwt.	
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5		
BEN COMER .. 2	*FREDERICK G. SANDY .. 6		
*GWILYN G. SALMON .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK .. 7		
*RONALD H. GARDINER .. 4	EDWARD C. WICKHAM .. Tenor		

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Triples.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5152 KENT &amp; OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST C. STAFF .. 5		
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 6		
ERNEST A. HEAD .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7		
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	ERNEST WHITING .. Tenor		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

A compliment to the conductor on his 65th birthday.

## EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
KATHLEEN M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5		
RICHARD D. DIVALL .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6		
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7		
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* 25th peal for the Guild. This peal was rung at the request of the Guild's President, the Rev. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., on St. Swithun's Day.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5		
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6		
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7		
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	W. H. CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

First peal in the method as conductor. A welcome to Rev. A. H. Procter, V.C., who was inducted to the benefice of Claybrooke-with-Wibtoft the previous evening.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON .. Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 5
ERNEST WALLACE .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER .. 7
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method. Ernest Wallace has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
ERNEST A. THORPE .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.



## HASELBECH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. Treble	*ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	WILFRED W. RING .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,472 each of Painswick, Yorkshire and Superlative, and 736 Cambridge, with 138 changes of method. Method arrangement by A. G. Driver.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE .. Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 5
*MOLLY AMBLER .. 2	ALFRED SMITH .. 6
*GORDON BENFIELD .. 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
WILLIAM BARTON .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced on the bells and for the Association by a resident West Riding band. In memoriam Samuel Ward, of Pudsey.

## \*FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

BERT W. MAY .. Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. A. J. KNIGHT.

The conductor's 25th peal of Major.

## MARK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

JACK DREW .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5
REGINALD BEALE .. 2	FREDERICK WELCH .. 6
A. CHARLES BAKER .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Beale.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*ELISE BRENTNALL .. Treble	*SYLVIA CAIN .. 5
ANNE WORTH .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
JAMES A. MILNER .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 7
FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ST. MELLONS, GLAM.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLONS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. MONK .. Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. 4
JACK R. WORRALL .. 2	WILLIAM DARE .. 5
FREDK. J. BAILEY .. 3	*REGINALD H. ADDIS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. ADDIS.

\* First peal of Kent. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Kent on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal. A compliment to Jack R. Worrall on his receiving the degree of B.A. (with Honours).

## TILNEY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* 50th peal for Ely Diocesan Association.

## ALBURY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 4
JANET S. BAILEY .. 2	TONY PRICE .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

## CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

GEORGE HANCOCK .. Treble	DERRECK DAVIES .. 4
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 2	WILLIAM SWAIN .. 5
FLORENCE M. PRICE .. 3	JOHN W. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Florence M. Price, who is assistant secretary to the Association.

## HEVER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Single and Wavertree, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eleven methods by all except conductor and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Cook of the local band.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*JACK A. PROCTOR .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 2	BARRY HOLLAND .. 5
*JOHN S. WOODHOUSE .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

\* First peal.



**SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, four callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*ERIC C. T. PIZZEY .. .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 4
†OLIVE M. GREEN .. .. 2	†GEORGE T. ROBSON .. .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 3	FREDERICK SHEPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single and Double Court, College, Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Single Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER .. .. Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS .. .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

A 60th birthday compliment to C. V. Ebberson.

**HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK WILLIAMSON .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 4
*TONY OWEN .. .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal in more than four methods.

**HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK POUNDS .. .. Treble	*ELLEN PARKER .. .. 4
*VERA DRAPER .. .. 2	*CUTHBERT ACKERS .. .. 5
WILFRED CORE .. .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. A Festival of Britain peal.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., July 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DISLEY DELIGHT MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

DAPHNE J. HARE .. .. Treble	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. .. 4
ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. 5
JOAN ASHTON .. .. 3	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan Smith and Christopher Woodhead.

**BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonards, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk. April Day. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew Northrepps Pleasure and Antelope. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	†JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 3
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 2	†EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 4

EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in 21 methods. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.



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### CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.  
\*DONALD L. MILLS (11) .. Treble | WALTER PERRY .. .. 4  
\*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 2 | SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5  
OWEN C. BALLARD .. 3 | LESLIE D. MILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

\* First peal.

### WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH J. WILLOWS .. Treble | HARRY HALL .. .. 4  
\*RONALD CHAFER .. .. 2 | PHILIP BARNES .. .. 5  
JACK BRAY .. .. 3 | GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

### BRACEBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and 360 each of April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor approx. 9 cwt.

RAYMOND WADE .. .. Treble | WILLIAM OLDMAN .. .. 3  
CECIL WADE .. .. 2 | BERNARD WADE .. .. 4

ARTHUR WADE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

### BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT S. PALMER .. Treble | FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 4  
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2 | GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 5  
\*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. 3 | \*ROLAND ECCLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

### HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*NORMA ROBERT .. .. Treble | \*ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4  
\*ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2 | †FRANK BIRKETT .. .. 5  
JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 3 | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. Rung in honour of the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. H. V. Turner, Vicar of Hawkshead, as Bishop of Penrith.

### PUCKLECHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

\*WILFRED E. TAYLOR .. Treble | †MERVYN WILTSHIRE .. 4  
\*JEAN E. SHELLARD .. 2 | P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE 5  
\*GERALD J. VIRGO .. 3 | RONALD J. COX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire on bells since rehung in 1929.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,  
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

#### A PEAL OF 5200 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 43 extents and a touch of 40 changes. Tenor size 8 in C.  
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

The conductor's 200th peal.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., June 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,  
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Wilson, a local ringer, to Miss B. Newcombe.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,  
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

#### A PEAL OF 5060 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents and a touch of 20 changes. Tenor size 11 in G.  
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 3-4  
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A 60th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Burtonshaw, mother of the conductor.

#### SALFORD, LANCASHIRE. THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,  
IN SACRED TRINITY BELFRY,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.  
\*J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 1-2 | ROGER LEIGH .. .. 3-4  
\*DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal of Bob Minor on handbells.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROLAND PARK .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged for Roland Park from Darlington.

### LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor size 12.  
TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. .. 3-4  
\*HOWARD N. GREGORY .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: MICHAEL A. YORK.

\* First peal.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

C.C.C. No. 11. Tenor size 15 in C.  
ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 7-8

\*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'



## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ..	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ..	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ..	3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS .. 9-10

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

## SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours,

AT THE CORNER HOUSE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*REGINALD BEALE ..	1-2	*JACK W. DREW ..	3-4
REGINALD C. BEALE ..	5-6		

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\*25th peal together. First peal 'in hand' as conductor and 50th peal. A memorial peal to Albert H. Drayton, who died July 17th, 1949.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	†MRS. T. H. FRANCIS ..	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' †First peal 'in hand' and in the method. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

## KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

IN THE PRIEST'S ROOM OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	1-2	†CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ..	5-6
†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	3-4	BRYAN F. SIMS ..	7-8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

\*First peal of Major. †25th peal.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

JACK BRAY ..	1-2	C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3-4
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\*PHILIP BARNES .. 5-6

Conducted by PHILIP BARNES.

First peal as conductor and first peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman and twenty each of Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings), in three methods.

Tenor size 14 in D.

ROLAND PARK ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	3-4
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IRENE PARK .. 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN ..	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3-4
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LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

Witnesses: PAUL I. ALTON, JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, JOHN E. CLAYDEN.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN ..	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3-4
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\*PAUL I. ALTON .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: JOHN E. CLAYDEN.

\*First peal.

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Please send your quarterly or half-yearly sub-  
scription this week-end, without fail, to Mr. J.  
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The Society of Roving  
Ringers are on tour this  
week and next in East An-  
glia. They are spending to-morrow (Saturday)  
at Norwich.

With a peal at Quex Park, Mr. F. P. Wright  
has rung peals from Minor to Maximus.

Two peals were rung at Quex Park on July  
15th.

Wednesday practices at St. Matthew's, Upper  
Clapton, cancelled until further notice.

Mr. C. A. Bassett 'completed the circle' of  
Lamberhurst tower on May 26th.

Narrow escape! On Friday, July 20th, the  
Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards was reading 'The  
Ringing World' under an ancient pine tree  
when an enormous branch, weighing several  
cwt., suddenly detached itself from the tree and  
fell within five feet of his head.

Mrs. Irene Park, who has eleven peals to  
her credit, rang her first peal in the British Isles  
on July 20th at Bournemouth. All her peals  
are 'in hand,' previous successful attempts be-  
ing nine in Venezuela and two in the United  
States.

The Ringing Society of the Wyggeston Gram-  
mar School for Boys, Leicester, has had a suc-  
cessful week's ringing. Two of its members,  
Howard N. Gregory and Paul I. Alton, have  
scored their first peals and a peal of St. Simon's  
Doubles was also rung.

'Philip and Joan Gray are settling down well  
in Melbourne, Australia,' writes a correspondent,  
'and ringing with the Cathedral band. They are  
also holding regular handbell practices. Among  
their new acquisitions is a motor-cycle with side-  
car. They send their best wishes to all ringing  
friends.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Universities Associa-  
tion assemble at Wills Hall,  
Bristol, this evening for  
their annual ringing week. Forty-one members,  
representing ten universities, are attending. Six-  
teen peal attempts are in the programme, in-  
cluding St. Mary Redcliffe on the last day of  
the week.

We regret to hear that Mr. Tom Groom-  
bridge, sen., is in St. Mark's Hospital, Maiden-  
head.

We are asked to make a correction in the  
peal rung at Heydour, Lincs, on June 23rd.  
The last 720 consisted of Oxford Bob and Plain  
Bob and not Spliced Single Court and Plain Bob.

Sturry, Kent, a village badly bombed during  
the war, held its Festival of Britain Day on  
July 14th. Among the attractions during the  
day was an open invitation to the villagers to  
see the belfry and the bells in action. Over 70  
people paid a visit to the tower during the after-  
noon and evening.

The first peal of Loughborough Bob Major  
was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild at  
St. Mary's, Liscard, on May 18th, 1929, con-  
ducted by Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. The con-  
ductor of the peal at Tarporley on July 7th  
withdrew the claim after we had gone to press  
last week.

Last week we indicated the difficulties of  
ringing in the cage at Pershore Abbey. This  
week we have received the report of a quarter  
on these bells—1,694 Grandsire Triples in 1  
hour 16 minutes, by F. C. Lyne 1, F. G. Kin-  
chin 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, T.  
H. Blunt 5, W. Butler (conductor) 6, F. C.  
Price 7, F. T. Blagrove 8. 'It is a pity,'  
writes the conductor, 'that the pleasure ob-  
tained by listening to this fine old ring should be  
marred by the bad running of the bells.'

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# THE LADIES' GUILD

## Concern Over Lack of Support

THE annual general meeting of the Guild was held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Forty-six members attended from the following districts:—Central, Lincoln, Midland, West Midland, Yorkshire, North Western and South Eastern.

The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry were available to visitors who made good use of them. A short service was conducted by the Rector, Archdeacon Lyon, who gave a warm welcome to the members.

After tea in Fearon Hall, at which 95 ringers were present, the president, Mrs. Fletcher, thanked the Rector for his kind welcome and use of the bells, and also Mr. P. Taylor, for making the Foundry available for inspection and for giving visitors an opportunity to try their skill on the 'light end' of the Foundry bells. She also thanked Mrs. Jill Staniforth for making all the arrangements for the meeting.

## NEW HONORARY SECRETARY

At the business meeting which followed, with the president in the chair, one new member was elected. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher was re-elected president, and Miss D. Colgate, of Sevenoaks, Kent, was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer.

The president reported: In presenting this report I have to act in two capacities. First, in the position of president of the Guild, which I have had the honour to hold for the past three years, and secondly, as hon. secretary and treasurer, which I was compelled to take over owing to the resignation of Miss Snowden. As you all know, this office I held for 36 years, since the formation of the Guild in 1912.

At the end of the Second World War in 1945, I had great hopes that the Guild would soon get back into its stride, and that there would be increased membership, but in this I have been disappointed. Although new Districts have been formed, some of the older ones have ceased, or almost ceased, to function, and I regret to have to report that since 1948 the membership has decreased by about 100. I am taking this figure from the accounts and reckoning the membership by the number of subscriptions received to December 31st, 1950. This drop in membership is very serious and in view of the increasing number of women and girls who are taking up ringing, it would seem either that the Guild is not wanted any longer or that the members are not pulling their weight. It is so easy to pay one's annual subscription and then sit back quite satisfied and take no further interest in the work of the Guild. It should not be left to the Guild officers to do all the work. The least one can do is to support the meetings.

## EXPERIENCE IN A SOUTHERN COUNTY

I should like to give you the experience of one of our original members. She took up residence in a southern county and endeavoured to form a District. After struggling for some time she got a very good number of members, but after one or two meetings she was told that the County Association furnished all their requirements and that they saw no good in the Guild and got nothing out of it. What would be the position of the ringing Exercise now if everyone in the past had thought like that? I have always been told that it's what you put into an organisation that counts—not what you get out of it.

The majority of the present members of the Guild know nothing of its early work. It was not an easy task to convince clergy and laymen alike that the presence of women in the belfry was desirable, and I think there are still a few diehards who have no time for us. A ringer recently remarked to one of our members 'There are few decent strikers among the ladies.'

## 40TH BIRTHDAY

The Guild has occupied an honoured position in the Exercise and has been represented on the Central Council for 37 years. Next year is the 40th anniversary of its formation. It has not reached this age without an enormous amount of hard work. Are we going to celebrate this birthday by a very special effort on everybody's part to increase our membership and attempt to revive our dormant Districts, or shall we say 'The Guild has served its purpose and should be given a decent burial.' If we say 'No' to the latter, then we have got to put our backs into it.

In conclusion I want to express our grateful thanks to all the District Secretaries for their hard work, which I am sure is greatly appreciated by the members who attend the meetings they arrange.

Several District secretaries reported on their work, some being satisfied with the interest shown by their members and others stressing the small attendance at meetings.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £7 8s. 8½d., with a balance in hand of £75 15s. 7½d.

Regarding reports which should have been issued before the meeting, the president said that owing to the resignation of the secretary and the failure of some District secretaries to send their list of members, this had not been possible. However, the matter would now be dealt with and the report published before the end of the year.

## LONDON THE NEXT MEETING PLACE

Three places were proposed for the next meeting, viz., Reading, Canterbury and London. In proposing London, Miss Steel said that as the Guild was formed in London in 1912, she considered that the 40th anniversary meeting should be held there. On being put to the vote, London was carried.

It was decided to obtain a new die for badges and have a supply made as soon as possible.

A suggestion was made that an anniversary dinner be held to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Guild, and after considerable discussion it was proposed to hold a dinner at Leicester on Saturday, October 25th, 1952.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of August 4th, 1911  
THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Dear Sir,—If reports of the Council meetings are to be officially recognised in 'The Bell News' . . . let us have them more up-to-date and more exact and then, perhaps, the old paper, which has served us a good purpose in the past, will continue to prosper. But at the same time I still adhere to the original motion, that the Central Council shall give equal recognition to 'The Ringing World,' which paper, I think, under the present management, would send a representative capable of supplying a report that would not require dissecting by the president. . . —Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. DAWE.

Sussex County Association.

[At the Central Council meeting, Sir Arthur Heywood, the president, had said: 'I tell you frankly I don't care one atom . . . whether the report of this meeting goes in ('The Ringing World') or not, I am not going to do that work twice over. I have done it for 21 years and it takes a tremendous amount of time.']

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Margate on July 14th. A chance of a day at the seaside brought many ringers and friends to the town, most of them being there nearly all day.

Ringing started early in the afternoon and continued until the service which was held in the church and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Odom, who also gave an interesting talk. Tea followed in the schoolroom, a company of 110 sitting down to an excellent meal prepared by the local ringers and their wives, the latter also waiting at table.

At the usual business meeting, six new practising members were elected, with one new honorary member. Herne was selected from three towers proposed for the next by-meeting. Further ringing was held after tea. Twenty-two towers in the District were represented. The thanks of all present to expressed to the Vicar, organist and the surliced choir. The ladies were also thanked for waiting on the members' needs at tea.

## A JOINT MEETING AT LLANGOLLEN

### N. Wales Association & Chester Guild

On Saturday, July 21st, members of the North Wales Association and Chester Guild (Chester Branch) met at Llangollen for a joint meeting. Some 30 members travelled from far and near to this attractive town situated in a lovely valley in the county of Denbighshire, celebrated for exquisite scenery around, with woods, streams, rocks, cliffs and gorse-clad mountains as described by George Borrow in 'Wild Wales,' and now also famous for its international Eistedfodd. We would also include a lovely 14th century bridge (reputed to be one of the Seven Wonders of Wales) and a beautiful ring of eight bells by Taylors, with a 17 cwt. tenor, which has recently been completely rehanging by the same firm.

Among those present were Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, Mr. J. Evans, Rhyl, and Mr. G. Griffiths, Llandudno. Other towers represented were Buckley, Wrexham, Mold and St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester. It was regretted that Miss M. Jones, Llandudno, was unable to attend owing to the serious illness of her father. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m. and learners and experts alike were given the opportunity of showing their skill. Methods ranged from call-changes to Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob. The 'go' was pronounced excellent and a credit to those responsible for the rehanging.

A short service was conducted by the Rev.

L. M. Daniel who, on behalf of the Vicar (Canon Alcuin Jones), cordially welcomed the members to St. Collen's, and said how much the efforts of bell-ringers were appreciated, the sound of which was sadly missed during the restoration. To the great crowds visiting this popular resort on a Sunday, the bells ringing must convey a message and a reminder of the Sabbath.

Tea was partaken at the 'Bull' and, greatly refreshed, the energetic ones returned to the tower for further ringing, while others strolled along the riverside, and also visited Plas Newydd, a black and white mansion, home (1779-1829) of the celebrated 'Ladies of Llangollen' (two eccentric Irish noblewomen who affected male attire and entertained contemporary celebrities, including Wellington, Wordsworth, De Quincey and Scott).

At 7 o'clock the bells were taken over by the Much Wenlock band, enjoying a day's outing, after calling at Gresford and Wrexham.

So came to an end a very enjoyable meeting, but due to the sultry atmosphere, ringing was inclined to make one feel uncomfortable and a well-known ringer was heard to remark that he had never felt so hot in his life. It is hoped that when he turns the 40cwt. tenor at Shrewsbury next Saturday to a peal of Maximus, it will be much cooler.

We are grateful to Mr. A. Bailey, the local captain, for having everything ready, and who is asked to convey our thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.



## MALMESBURY HAS NOW AN OCTAVE

### Dedication Service

The ring of five at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, has been restored and augmented to eight and was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Swindon (the Ven. L. C. Cornwell) on July 14th. The bells are in a tower adjoining the Abbey churchyard, which was part of St. Paul's Church, the latter being demolished about 80 years ago. The old five are of various dates, the treble being the oldest, coming from the Bristol foundry about 1500. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston carried out the restoration and the three new bells blend very well with the old five.

The Mayor and Town Clerk of Malmesbury were present at the service of dedication, the first part of which was held in the Abbey. For the dedicatory prayers the congregation, headed by the choir, moved in procession to the foot of the tower. Immediately after the Blessing the bells rang out in rounds, Queens and a beautifully struck touch of Stedman Triples, the ringers being Miss M. R. Cross 1, W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 2, C. J. Gardner 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. J. Berry 5, N. J. Goodman 6, J. Pinfold 7, W. B. Kynaston 8. The bells were then thrown open to visiting ringers and the writer did not hear any criticism either of the tone or 'go' of the bells; everybody seemed very pleased.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are:—

Treble.—Malmesburienses Illustres. Aldhelmus—Sanctus. Episcopus. Abbas Athelstan—Rex Anglorum Gulielmus Malmesburiae—Historicus Thomas Hobbes—Philosophus. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Second.—Gloria Christi—Rex. Arthur Beaghen, Vicar, Charles Bradshaw, Major Clarence Ingram, churchwardens. Victor G. H. Hemus, Ringing Master. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Third.—Commemoratio Gratia. All who by gifts and willing service extended the peal to

8 bells. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 4 cwt. 2 qr.

Fourth.—Sancte Georgei ora pro nobis. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Fifth.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo 1610. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Sixth.—A.R. 1739. Recast Llewellyn and James, Bristol. George Windsor Tucker, B.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Bart., John Garlick Lyne, churchwardens. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Seventh.—Anno Do Mi Ni 1640. Laboramus et oremus. Recast A.D. 1910. Charles C. D. McMillan, M.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Bart., Henry Farrent, churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Tenor.—F sharp. Will Cor. John Harvey and Thos. Kaynes and Rob Huckings, churchwardens 1703. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Recast A.D. 1910. Charles D. H. McMillan, M.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Henry Farrent, churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. 11 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and after further ringing an informal gathering was held in the King's Arms with the Vicar (the Rev. A. Beaghen) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. G. Jefferies) and secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore), of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The Vicar thanked all those who had helped in the big job of restoring the bells, especially the captain of the tower (Mr. V. G. Hemus). Mr. Jefferies presented the Vicar with a cheque for £10 from the Belfry Repair Fund and Mr. Michael Howard responded on behalf of the bellfounders.

Humorous interludes were provided by the 'Queen of Malmesbury' and the 'Bishop of Swindon.' In addition to ringers from Gloucestershire and Wiltshire there were visitors from Birmingham, Caerleon (Mon.), Duston (Northants), Great Malvern and Oxford.

W. B. K.

## 'FLAT SIXTH' AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

On Sunday, July 1st, the new bell—a 'flat sixth'—recently installed, was dedicated during Evensong by the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann. A large number of ringers were present including Mr. J. G. Jefferies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. F. Skidmore, general secretary.

The dedication took place underneath the tower and was preceded by a few remarks by the Vicar on the purpose of the bell. He explained how this bell would complete a new ring of eight but above all it was installed in memory of one who devoted 43 years of his life to this church. Ralph Thompson Morgan was organist and choirmaster from 1906 to 1949 and his geniality and gentlemanly manner were things which will long be remembered. They thanked God for his life and for what he had taught them. The new bell would always be in use inasmuch as it was to be used for service call and sanctus.

The bell was then struck five times by the Vicar and pulled up immediately by the Ringing Master, Mr. Hansford. After the Blessing, while the congregation was still kneeling, the new bell was rung 43 times—one blow for each year of Mr. Morgan's life at Redcliffe—and after service in the new ring to a variety of methods.

### Death of Mr. C. Holmes

Mr. Charles Holmes, of Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire, who died on July 20th, aged 80, had a long connection with Holy Trinity band, being a member for over 45 years. The last occasion on which he rang was in 1943 to celebrate the victory at El Alamein. The conductor at Barrow-on-Soar is his only grandson.

On July 23rd, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung to his memory by the following band: C. Lovett 1, G. J. Lowe 2, F. K. Thompson 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, K. E. Lovett (conductor) 5, J. Chambers 6.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on July 21st, from 20 to 30 ringers attending. The church is a large one with a central tower and an unusual truncated spire which contains a fine ring of eight bells. The bells were restored during 1950 and have a tenor weighing 21 cwt. 4 lb.

Ringling preceded the Association's service which was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. G. A. Beechey, who gave a short talk and a few words of welcome.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, at which it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting would be held at Backwell in October, with practice meetings at Winford and Easton-in-Gordano in August and September respectively. The Ringing Master thanked the organist for his services and the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells.

A return was then made to the tower and a wide variety of methods ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge Major were rung.

### CORPORATE COMMUNION

The bi-annual Corporate Communion was held at St. Michael's Church, Clapton-in-Gordano, on Sunday, July 22nd. The church boasts of some very old pews and also a 13th century tower screen which originally belonged to Clapton Court. The six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised in peal soon after 7 a.m. and ringing continued until the service, the celebrant being the Rev. D. H. Tongue who afterwards entertained 18 ringers to breakfast at the Rectory.

Ringling under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight, was continued until the morning service.

M. J. H.

## THE MOST WESTERLY EIGHT IN ENGLAND

### Madron, Cornwall

The most westerly ring of eight in England is now at Madron, some two miles west of Penzance. The old six had done long service and the wooden frame had frequently been patched. When the Rev. H. M. W. Hocking was appointed to Madron after the war, during which he had served as a Naval Chaplain, he at once agreed that a restoration must take place.

The final scheme decided upon was completely to rehang the bells in a new frame and fittings and to increase the ring to eight. A new treble was offered by the White family in memory of their father, who had been organist of the church, and a new second by the Diocesan Guild of ringers in memory of the late Dr. J. Symons. The two old trebles (now Numbers 3 and 4) have been recast. Details of the two new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. 'In memory of John Kemp White, 1867-1947, Choirmaster and Organist. His Children's Gift.'

Second.—4 cwt. 'The Gift of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers. In Memory of John Symons, M.R.C.S., A Past President and Master.'

The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb., in A, and was cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgwater, 1761.

The work was dedicated recently by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (Ven. H. Boreham), and a big crowd gathered for the occasion. There were some 160 ringers present from all parts of Cornwall, as well as from Plymouth and all testified as to the excellence of the work as it had been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor

and Co., who spared no trouble to see that this rather awkward job should not be below their usual high standard of workmanship. Consideration has also been given to the tower and the louvres suitably bricked.

Mr. Arnold White, the local captain, has spared no pains to see to various details in connection with the ringing loft, and other matters which needed attention. Altogether nearly £1,000 was raised in a little over a year, apart from the gift of the two trebles, when the final scheme for tower and bells had been decided upon, and the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Reed and C. E. Venning) are to be congratulated upon their enthusiasm in raising this large sum in the face of other parochial commitments.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

#### Festival Meeting

A Festival meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held in Norwich on June 30th. Some 60 members attended from all the branches of the Association, including Mr. G. Kilby, of Ruislip. The bells of St. John's, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's were rung in the afternoon and evening with St. Peter's, Mancroft, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Stowmarket company was welcomed at St. Peter's in the evening.

The service was held in St. George's, conducted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Blyth, the branch chairman. Tea was served in St. Clement's Hall by the ladies of St. George's.

The next meeting will be held at Scottow on September 22nd.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CALLING THE ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—The following may be of some interest to those who want to call the 'Original.' I shall quote a little story of my own experience which happened in 1906, whilst at school. I became friendly with the late Mr. Harry Barton at a District meeting at Lyminge, who taught me the way to learn the calling of this peal. I went ahead and some time later we met again when he asked me if I knew it. I said 'Yes, Uncle Harry.' 'Then repeat it,' he said. Away I went in parrot fashion 5, 3, 4, 5, etc., when all of a sudden he said, 'Stop! Who killed Cock Robin?' 'I,' said the sparrow. I wondered whatever he meant at the moment, when, to my surprise, he said, 'Now, Louis, carry on where you left off. I could not, and Uncle said, 'Go home and learn it and then when you think you know it I will come and ring it with you.' I made three attempts before I did it. The gentleman was right. Learn it piecemeal and never have to think back to pick it up again if you lose the sequence.—Yours sincerely,

L. HEAD.

Maidstone.

## SUNDAY RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—Following my recent holiday in Scotland, I would like to help any other ringers on their first visit there to avoid the disappointment I experienced.

Having arrived in Edinburgh too late on a Saturday night to discover ringing times. I got to a tower shortly after ringing for Sunday morning service commenced. Following errors, the bells were twice called into rounds, but were not stood until service time. I was informed that the rule in Scotland is for ringing to be continuous for the whole period and even if the band meets short, they would not stop for anyone to make them up. At least two of the band favour an alteration in this method, but in the meantime it is advisable either to write in advance or arrive at the tower in good time before ringing commences.

I do not know if, in fact, these conditions do apply generally in Scottish towers, at the same evening I called at St. Mary's Cathedral, where the band had met short and although ringing had started, the bells were stood and I was invited to join in. This is how visitors are welcomed in my home tower, which is possibly why the different morning reception seemed so noticeable.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) N. WALL.

Doncaster, Yorks.

## 60 Years' Service at Sittingbourne

Mr. H. E. Simpson celebrated on July 20th his sixty years of service to the church and tower of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne. For many years he has been an official of the church and captain of the ringers and he marked the occasion by presenting to the church a new St. George's flag incorporating the Diocesan Arms.

In company with the Vicar, Mr. Simpson climbed to the top of the tower and hoisted the flag in the morning, and in the evening the local band, headed by Mr. Simpson, met, and touches of 630 and 210 Grandsire Triples were rung in good style.

After the ringing, the Vicar churchwardens, family friends and the ringers were entertained by the captain at his house. Following a very fine repast, the Vicar proposed a toast to 'Our Host,' thanked him for his generosity in entertaining the company and congratulated him on his long and faithful service to church and tower. Incorporated in the floral decoration of the table were the words: 'We thank our God.'

In reply, Mr. Simpson read extracts from his 'ringing book,' telling most of those present when they rang their first quarter peals, etc. Reminiscences and handbell ringing brought a grand day and memorable evening to a close.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO COPT OAK

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band who rang 125 methods in a peal at Bigby, Lincs, on July 25th, 1939, I should like to offer our hearty congratulations to the band who rang 126 methods at Copt Oak. It is a wonderful achievement. We have watched their progress with interest and know full well how much time and practice has to be put in.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEARN.

Kirkton Lindsey, Lincs.

## 126 MINOR METHODS PEAL

Extent No. 3 in the peal of 126 Minor Methods rung at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, on June 30th, which had not previously been rung to a peal. The figures were supplied by Mr. J. Bray and Mr. G. Fearn.

In the extent were the following methods:—Kent Little Court, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Copt Oak, Wainfleet, Spilsby, Charnwood, Gedney, Gumby, Surfleet and Spalding.

	1st Pt.	2nd & 3rd Pts.
	23456	Gedney
	56342	Gumby
	42635	Gumby
	35624	Kent L.C.
S	63524	Kent L.C.
	56432	Kent L.C.
	45263	Kent L.C.
	24356	Kent L.C.
	32645	Kent L.C.
S	63254	Pinchbeck
	42563	Copt Oak
	35642	Wainfleet
	26435	Wainfleet
	54326	Wainfleet
S	62354	Kent L.C.
	36425	Kent L.C.
	43562	Kent L.C.
	54236	Kent L.C.
S	52463	Spilsby
	63542	Charnwood
	42356	

## PLAIN COURSE OF COPT OAK

123456  
213465  
231645  
326154  
321645  
236154  
326514  
325641  
236514  
263541  
625341  
652314  
563241  
562314  
652134  
561243  
562134  
651243  
615423  
165432  
164523

Charnwood is the 6ths place.

## STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS

The task of removing the five bells and the old oak bell frame from the tower of Stoke Goldington Church has now been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor became cracked again where it had been previously welded and is to be recast and made heavier than the now approximate 11½ cwt. A new treble is to be added making what should be a fine ring of six.

The present treble by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, was added in 1707 and is believed to be the only bell by him still being rung in Buckinghamshire. The other four bells were cast by Robert Atton, of Buckingham, in 1625. The wooden frame will be replaced by a cast iron one. A portion of the old frame with the date 1625 incised thereon is being preserved.

Before the bells are rehung there is some work to be done in the tower, such as making a new floor and repairing stonework. There is a good band of changers in the village and the bells have been rung regularly for services over a number of years.

The public responded splendidly to the appeal for funds and, although only a small village, the task of raising £800 was accomplished in less than two years. One or two grants have been promised which we hope will cover the complete cost of rehanging. Thanks must be extended to the Rector, church council and ringers for their efforts and to all donors.

A. A.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## Branch Meeting at Dartmouth

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartmouth on July 21st, when visitors attended from Clapham (London), Buckland Newton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Paignton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth, as well as the president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

The bells at St. Saviour's Church were utilised during the afternoon, the ringing including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, this being followed by a short service in church which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. D. Watkins).

After tea at the Criterion Restaurant, the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot (branch chairman).

Sixteen non-resident members were elected and it was reported that an extra meeting would be held at West Teignmouth in September, and that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Harberton on October 25th, both subject to the necessary permission being obtained. The question of an outing in August was left to the Branch Committee to arrange.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to those who had made arrangements for the meeting, and further ringing took place at St. Petrock's and St. Clement's Churches in the evening. Some of the visitors were impressed with the spacious belfry at St. Saviour's, there being always a vase of fresh flowers on a table in the centre of the belfry.

## A LAVENHAM WEDDING

Miss Olive Blanche Lambert, who is finance secretary of the Lavenham company, and Mr. Frederick Day, conductor of the Preston St. Mary company, were married at SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, on July 14th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Preb. M. Fountain Page), who conveyed to the bridal pair some well-spoken words of advice in very apt ringing terms.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Harry Lambert, was attired in blue

crepe-de-chine with brown accessories. She was attended by a maid of honour, and Mr. Frederick Hunt, of Preston, a fellow-ringer of the bridegroom, was best man.

As the couple left the church the bells were rung and fired. The reception was held at the Corpus Christi Guildhall and the honeymoon spent at Bournemouth. Mr. and Mrs. F. Day are to live in Lavenham and their fellow-ringers wish them every happiness and lots of good pulling together.

S. H. S.



## A PAGE OF RINGERS' OUTINGS

### EASTBOURNE RINGERS

Eastbourne Parish Church ringers, with their Vicar (Canon L. E. Meredith) and friends from other local towers, had a delightful outing to the Isle of Wight on July 14th.

Coaches departed at 7.30 a.m., non-stop for Portsmouth, where the party crowded on to the ferry. The sea was like a millpond so no casualties were sustained during what can be a hazardous crossing. Coaches were waiting at Ryde and proceeded direct to Newport, where the rather rough eight were rung for an hour.

An excellent lunch was taken at Week's Restaurant during which time a message was received that the next tower (Carisbrooke) was unobtainable owing to a funeral. Some quick thinking and the kind assistance of Mr. Upton, of Newport, enabled contact to be made with the churchwarden at Godshill and, permission was obtained to ring there. The party was quite thrilled with the bells and scenery of Godshill and after this unexpected pleasure the coaches moved off to Ryde, where the fine eight at All Saints' were rung, preceding a good tea, the ringing being cut short by a broken rope during a touch of Double Norwich!

On the return ferry, to the obvious pleasure of many fellow-passengers, handbells were rung, and it was here noticed that even bell-ringers can exhibit shyness at times! The Arundel eight were given good exercise and some very good ringing was produced, particularly a touch of Kent Treble Bob. After suitable refreshment the coaches departed for home; a short stop was called for at Falmer. P. H. R.

### GRAPPENHALL BRANCH

A very full day was arranged for the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on July 15th for their annual outing which consisted of a motor tour in Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

Leaving Runcorn at 8.30 a.m. the first call was at the 12th century Church of St. James the Great, Audley. Then followed visits to St. Giles', Cheadle, and St. Oswald's, Ashbourne, where the visitors were surprised to find the ropes were hanging at the foot of the chancel steps.

After lunch the party visited the old Church of St. Mary, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and then Matlock, with its steep climb to the Parish Church. Tea at the Central Cafe was most welcome.

Moving on to Chesterfield the coaches stopped at the church with the crooked spire where the ringers had their last touch of ringing. Time was called for the return home, which was reached at midnight. Everyone had enjoyed the outing and gave their thanks to Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath, for the way he arranged the tour.

### WELLINGTON, SOMERSET

A visit to North-East Devon was the objective of the ringers of Wellington Parish Church for their annual outing on July 21st.

A start was made at 8 a.m. and the first stop was South Molton where Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on the noble bells of St. Mary Magdalene's. Then followed the delightful eight at Chittlehampton, Branton and then Ilfracombe. After a fine lunch, the light ring was sampled at Holy Trinity Parish Church and the rest of the afternoon was spent by the seaside. In the early evening a visit was paid to Ilfracombe's other ring of eight, SS. Philip and James'. Promptly at 6.15 the homeward journey was commenced and the last tower of the day, Combe Martin, was reached at 7 p.m. Here methods ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Major. A somewhat tired but happy party reached Wellington at 11 p.m.

The ringers were very pleased to have the company of the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. D. Grinther) and tender thanks to the various incumbents for the use of their bells.

### ST. LAWRENCE'S IPSWICH

On June 23rd, St. Lawrence's ringers, joined by those from St. Clement's, St. Margaret's and Rushmere, making up a party of 14, and accompanied by their wives and friends, had their annual outing which took the form of a half-day tour of the Suffolk and Essex borders.

Travelling via Stoke-by-Nayland through very pretty country, the first call was at Bures (8). Here the heavy ring was made good use of and many comments were made on the excellent state of the ringing chamber, one of the best met with for years. The bells, now recently augmented from a good ring of six, are well worth a visit.

After much twisting through very narrow roads, at times with both wheels touching the grass verges, and consulting maps, Halstead was reached a little late. However, some local ringers were there to meet the party and had the bells ready for use and also took part in some of the ringing. These are not a very musical eight, being of rather harsh quality.

Tea over, a short run brought the party to Greenstead Green Church. The 'go' of the bells is excellent but the order of ropes gives one much to consider at first. They hang in the order of 1-4-3-2-6 with the 5th hanging in one corner behind the clock case and can only be seen by 2 and 6. Also the noise is very great and would be just a good place for a band of deaf ringers to try a peal.

At Stisted (6), not far away, was found a very fair ring and ringing from below in the porch made a welcome change. The last call for ringing was at Bockley (8) where the visitors were met by the locals and some good ringing took place. Owing to the short time allowed at each tower only touches could be arranged but the ringing was of a very good standard for such mixed bands.

Leaving for home at 9 p.m., via Coggeshall, and Colchester, Ipswich was reached at 11 p.m.

### LYME REGIS

In perfect summer weather Lyme Regis ringers and their friends spent a highly enjoyable day on July 21st touring some of the Somerset country, mounting many beautiful towers and handling fine-toned bells.

A 7.30 a.m. start brought the party to Queen Camel's famous six and the heavy metal was turned in to Cambridge Minor quite creditably.

Then on to Ditcheat where a well-struck course of London Major was rolled off as the final touch before 'elevenses' at the 'Green Tree.' Evercreech, the only ten-bell tower of the day provided some Caters and Royal, and Wells was reached in time for lunch—also other refreshment. Non-ringers found much of interest here while the heavy eight at St. Cuthbert's were being put in action. A good course of Cambridge was rung, but not without effort.

Leaving Wells about 3.30 p.m., Curry Rivell was next on the programme and the good-going eight were found most attractive, lending themselves to good striking. Then back to Langport for a greatly welcome and splendid tea at the Langport Arms Hotel.

Thus fortified, the time-table was adhered to and a very pleasant hour was spent at Drayton where a respectable course of Bristol came round. Martock was the last tower of the evening and the bells provided some good music. Here some of the party left the coach on their independent homeward journeys and a tired, but thoroughly satisfied, party reached Lyme Regis without incident about 10.30 p.m.

Thanks are expressed here to all the representatives of the various towers who helped so much with their welcome and preparations.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lyme, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

### WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD

On July 14th the ringers of Christ Church, Wanstead, and St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, accompanied by their friends, a party of 75, toured the Chilterns, making calls at Tring, Wendover and Penn.

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tring, well situated opposite an extensive park, provided much interest for both ringers and their friends. Short touches of Grandsire Triples and call changes for the learners were rung on the fine ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt.) which graces a massive 14th century tower. Worthy of note is an elaborate monument erected in the north wall to a former Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Gore (died 1707), and his wife.

The next stage of the journey was to the picturesque church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Wendover, passing through charming country. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on a well-going six (tenor 14 cwt.). Inside the church are the Bradshaw Memorials, one very curious brass design to the memory of William Bradshaw (1537) and his wife.

Penn was reached via Great Missenden and Amersham. A hearty welcome was given to all by the Vicar and his wife, the Misses Margaret and Barbara Mathieson and members of the church, who had prepared the most appetising tea in the school room opposite the church. At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. J. Chalk, on behalf of the party, thanked all who had prepared and served such a fine tea and to all who had made it possible for such a successful outing, mentioning the Parochial Church Councils of Wanstead and Woodford, Mr. B. Petley (Wanstead) and Mr. Morss (Woodford). Messrs. Pritchard (Woodford) and Solley (Wanstead) added their thanks and appreciation. The Vicar of Penn expressed his delight in meeting so many ringers of all ages and their friends and the debt he owed to the Mathieson family, former Woodford residents.

During the evening touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on a tuneless six in the ancient and interesting church of Holy Trinity.

In turn members of the party were conveyed to 'Penn Haven,' the residence of Mr. J. Mathieson and family, where the beauties of their garden were much enjoyed. Thanks are extended to those in the respective towers for willing co-operation.

### RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW'S, IPSWICH

The ringers of the above, accompanied by ringing friends from St. Clement's, St. Margaret's and St. Matthew's Churches, had their annual outing on July 14th. They were also accompanied by the Vicar, treasurer and churchwarden. The party of 29 were picked up in town and Rushmere was left at 8 a.m.

The first call for ringing was at Blythburgh (6) which was reached well before time so that after ringing the photographers got busy with the group. Morning tea had been arranged here and proved very acceptable.

Our next stop was Lowestoft, the most easterly town in England. The Church of St. Margaret is well out of the town so the sea front could not be visited. The ring of eight was soon in use.

After dinner, Somerleyton (6) was visited but the bells are hardly in keeping with the beautiful surroundings, the church standing in a park. The next stop was Gorleston-on-Sea (8), where the non-ringing ladies were able to visit the shops.

Passing through Great Yarmouth (Southdown) we arrived at the remote church at Halvergate (6), where the bells were soon in use and proved a very good ring. The last stop was at Blofield with its heavy ring of six. A note in the belfry said the tenor is 19½ cwt. but is nearer 18 cwt. The ringing proved almost too much for the young ladies of 14 and 15 years and a lad pupil. The 'go' was not of the best.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—19

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

In 1888 Mr. Fussell states that on March 21st he received a letter from the Rev. Custance re instructorship to Hereford Guild, and later records visiting him—describing the journey in detail. This was on Saturday (31st) and he 'staid at the Rectory till Tuesday morning (Colwall). On Easter Sunday rang some Grand-sire Doubles, 5.30 till 7 a.m. Staid to service. All the ringers had breakfast together at the Rectory. Rang again 11 a.m. and staid to service. After dinner walked to Great Malvern and saw the Priory Church—went up in the ringing room but bells only chimed.'

Next morning he walked to Great Malvern and then went by train to Worcester and attended a meeting of Worcester Association in Chapter House and was made a member. Rang course of Cinques at Cathedral and Stedman at All Saints—met S. Reeves, W. Rock, Small and others. Returning to Colwall he rang some Doubles and 'Saw the Rector and received his instructions re board, etc.' He was thence forth official instructor to the Hereford Guild and his diary is now given up to accounts of visits to almost every tower in the shire, where he gave advice and instruction in the Art. He first went to Bewdley where he met the Vicar and Mr. Palmer, local secretary, and gave the locals their first lesson (April 3rd). 'Eight bells, good tone, tenor 19 cwt.; go rather badly.' Next day he walked to Kidderminster and back, 'the road was very dark coming home. Rang St. Mary's eight bells, some bad Triples, and tried 120 Stedman Doubles on back six.'

It is not possible here to mention the names of places he visited, although many of the incidents that happened are most interesting. Thus in April he 'went to Chaddesley Corbett, 4½ miles out of Kidderminster, saw the curate, had tea with him, copied inscriptions off the bells, attempted Holt's 10-part, Groves calling, but he missed a bob after 1st part end; one of our band failed to come so a local stood in, a novice, who did not do well. Left at ten, after having some ale in a pub opposite and reached Kidderminster at 10.50 in an old cart drawn by a shaky horse. Walked to Bewdley and got to bed 11.40. Dull showery day.'

Two days later he went to Bromsgrove and 'rang a good peal of Stedman Caters in 3 hours 94 minutes. Went to a public house till 10 p.m. Morris (one of the band formerly, but dismissed) came in half drunk. Slept at W. James' house. Sunday morning, rang at St. John's, Bromsgrove, and after dinner walked to Hanbury, via Stoke, where we rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on a light six. Hanbury Church stands on a hill and has a good eight. Rang two hours for Holt's Original but owing to my calling a bob late, broke down.' He stayed at Bromsgrove that night and walked back to Bewdley next day through Kidderminster (12 miles).

On one occasion he says 'lost my little dog, Jack, and had to hunt about for him; finding him in a pub with a man who would have kept him had I not called in accidentally with a ringer named Higgins to have a glass and Jack at once ran up to me.'

### BRIDGNORTH

Among 'Notes on Bridgnorth' Mr. Fussell writes: 'The congregation at St. Mary's is gradually getting less each year owing to the Vicar being so high church: the choir, in procession, sing round the church and carry a banner, in fact, altar lighted up with numerous tapering candles. He spends much money on flowers and decorations, and yet the bells are allowed to be in a dangerous and almost un-

ringable condition. He rings a little but knows nothing of change-ringing. Being vain, he would like to have a heavier peal of eight in his tower than that of St. Leonard's. An eccentric old parishioner (I hear from my landlady) who has no children, has made a provision in his will for new bells to be given to St. Mary's. Since my last visit a very large piece of metal has been broken out of the tenor lip through the clapper coming out.

'Overtown's blackbird, over two years old, is a novelty; he is able to whistle the eight notes down and generally ten notes up in imitation of Queen's change. When just fledged, one of the boys brought it home and it was reared. It learnt to mock the bells through hearing them so much.'

### 'BUSKING' WITH HANDBELLS

Later he went to Ross and district and on one occasion he writes about the old Ross ringers, of which Mr. Andrews was a member, 'before he enlisted 23 years ago. From what I heard (he writes) I found it was the custom in the winter, when work was scarce, to go out "busking" with their handbells. On the road to Hereford, near Holme Lacey, they called on Sir R. Cockburn, who at once rushed out at Osborne, of their band, and threatened to murder the villain with a large stick for having stolen one of his favourite white rabbits. Another party of handbell ringers, some time previous, had walked off with one of his favourite breed and he thought it was the same band again.'

'Just before starting on this tour from Osborne's house, his wife, who was upstairs, called out to her husband to put the sheep's head in the pot for dinner. He at once put it in as it came from the butcher's, with wool on, eyes in, and snout intact, much to the laughter of Humphrey, Bird, Andrews and Young. Ten years ago they "busked" along to where old Humphrey was sure of 5s. and some cider. After some tunes had been rung, the old man who resided at the place came to the door in a long, old-fashioned, queer-coloured cow gown which amused Andrews so much he could not conceal his laughter. They came away without the 5s. and old Humphrey very much put out.'

On one occasion at Ross Carnival, Mr. Fussell speaks of the illuminations, torchlight procession, etc., and says: 'I took the character of a Red Indian. After riding round the town on horseback without stirrups, I felt thoroughly stiff and tired in my thighs for days after.'

### A DISAPPOINTMENT

On August 4th he left Ross by 6.50 train in full Volunteer uniform for Oxford, where he arrived at midday, met by Washbrook. With G. Hounslow they rode to Dorchester together on a tandem tricycle. Washbrook on his bicycle. Then Mr. Fussell goes on, 'here I expected to attempt a peal for which I had specially come, but the Rev. Robinson, finding enough there to ring Cambridge, at once made his own band stand in "for practice," as he said, for three peals to be attempted and which they rang on the Monday following. Although I ring Cambridge well and was unable to meet a band for a peal in that method, he very nearly allowed me to leave the tower while they started for a peal. After having a glass at the house opposite, Hounslow and I started back to Oxford, the sound of the bells ringing as we rode away not being at all agreeable to two disappointed men.'

'This fruitless journey was due to bad arrangements. While listening a band of Salvationists started singing and shouting service

in the village, near the churchyard, making the ringing, mingled with their sounds, most discordant. We had a spill going down a little hill, getting pitched over. I was glad to find Hounslow unhurt; my trousers and pants about the seat were almost in rags, split and torn down the legs in a remarkable way; handle of the machine bent; wheel nearly doubled; five miles from Oxford—the rest of the journey was done slowly and we got home at 10.30.

'Sunday, laid in bed while the housekeeper at Hounslow's sewed up my trousers. Had dinner with Washbrook and wife, rang at Christ Church for 3 o'clock service, to which the Foresters' and Oddfellows' Clubs came in procession.' Mr. Fussell then went to camp for the week at Blenheim Park.

While at Hertford he reports one occasion he walked to Belmont and chimed a new ring of eight (tenor about 20 cwt.) at the Catholic Convent. 'Bells hung by Taylor and Co., dead stocks and extra semitone second. The priests who chimed relieved each other (3). Apparatus worked hard. Central tower, beautifully-finished church; very courteous men; staid to service.'

In all these visits to so many places, Mr. Fussell interviewed the various clergy, drew up rules for the ringers, gave out books and diagrams, besides staying for several days or even weeks at different centres, teaching new beginners or encouraging the older ones. A typical entry of one of these visits is: 'Fine day, up at nine, walked to Madley Church, a large and very handsome building; six bells, good tone, tenor about 18 cwt. Saw Vicar, a nice old chatty gentleman, very poor; saw Mr. Pritchard of "Red Lion"; got back at two; rang at Eaton Bishop 7 to 9 p.m.'

### SALARY DIFFICULTIES

In all these 'comings and goings' Mr. Fussell writes: 'Providence has assisted me on several occasions, owing to my letters passing through various hands when applying for my salary. I often had to wait until the cheque came some time after being due. At Burwarton it so happened that I had not enough money to settle with my landlady, but the very night before, 5s. came to hand very unexpectedly at Ditton Priors. This enabled me to pay my way and left me with 2s. 2d. to get to Bridgnorth. At Hereford a similar bountiful providence enabled me to push along without inconvenience. The Vicar of Eaton Bishop very kindly paid my expenses while in his parish—this was unexpected. Fortunately, I never make a worry of these difficulties and up to the present time I am thankful to say God has given all I could wish for or reasonably expect.'

### GILES MANSFIELD

Mr. Fussell writes: 'The privilege of having seen this veteran ringer is one I shall remember. This Easter he will have been in his bedroom four years; age about 96. He seemed to be in excellent health and spirits and chatted very intelligently on ringing matters. Mentioned Snowden and his visit to Stroud some years ago—also the Vicar of Stroud, who, in "Church Bells," asked for alms to assist Mansfield. Mansfield has now outlived both Snowden and the Vicar! He spoke of his peals at Painswick and Stroud. While I was ringing in a peal nearby at the latter part of the evening, I thought of the old chap lying on his bed and eagerly listening to the bells and very probably thinking of the days when he was young and strong and able to enjoy his pull. He told me he was quite prepared to go and he believed there would be better music in Heaven than that of bells—I wonder how many ringers in England, when the last "go" shall be called, will be prepared and ready to obey.'

At the end of his 1888 diary Mr. Fussell gives a list of 'Guild Instructions' and lessons given in each tower, number of bells, tenor weight, day of arrival and departure, number of lessons, captain's name, number of members present, adding: 'Engaged 38 weeks or 266 days; 28 disengaged evenings and 38 Sundays; 200 lessons given.'

(To be continued)



## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Devizes Branch

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on July 7th. Ringing at the Church of St. Nicholas commenced at 3 p.m., and at 4.30 members assembled in the church for the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards the visitors, who were guests of the local ringers, and their friends, enjoyed an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed with the Branch Chairman, Mr. W. C. West, in the chair. He announced that the Branch was well represented at the Guild's annual festival and also mentioned the great loss the Branch had suffered in the death of Mr. Hart, of Westbury, who was the founder and first chairman of this Branch. A letter was received from Mr. Weeks stating that Bromham bells were now in working order and had been rung for the first time at the induction of the new Rector of Bromham.

The sum of £5 was voted to the Guild's General Fund to help with the cost of producing the annual report; a collection at tea was also given for this purpose.

The next three meetings were fixed for Upavon, Bromham and Westbury.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks: ringing then continued with methods up to Cambridge Major.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Wellingborough Branch

After a lapse of 13 years, the Wellingborough Branch visited Castle Ashby for their quarterly meeting on July 14th.

The Guild service was attended by ringers and friends from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wilby, Easton Mauduit, Finedon, Cogenhoe, Kingsthorpe, Earls Barton, Rothwell, Ecton, Mears Ashby, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Irchester, Yardley Hastings, Northampton, Stanwick and Raunds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. E. Brown). A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. Tea was arranged on the lawn of the Falcon Hotel.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rector, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley. It was decided to visit Ecton for the October meeting. Four new ringing members were elected: Robin Turner (Wellingborough) and Tony Murton, John Wigglesworth and Robert Wykes, all of Wilby.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and caterers was proposed by Mr. W. G. Callis. Mr. A. Bigley, seconding, mentioned the work of Mr. C. W. Partridge (Wilby) and Mr. H. Wooding (Yardley Hastings) and thanked them.

Mr. Brown, replying, said he hoped it would not be long before the next meeting at Castle Ashby.

## BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Hoylandswaine and members were present from Barnsley, Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Lindley, Sandal, Shelley and South Kirkby. Cups of tea were provided in the Parish Room.

The president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, was in the chair for the business meeting. The best thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. E. Brookes for making the arrangements. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Thornhill, Dewsbury, on August 11th.

Further ringing followed, good use being made of the bells.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Sayer 1, W. Seager 2, L. Woodward 3, E. Newbury 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Bridges 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

## ARELEY KINGS,

**WORCS.**—On July 4th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles:

R. Rowley 1, G. Bowen 2, C. E. Lucas 3, Miss D. Hicks 4, A. W. Glazard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Miss D. Hicks.

**BARNWOOD, GLOS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch (first of Triples) 1, W. Jones 2, T. Newman 3, R. Daniels (first of Triples) 4, G. Case 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Lerner 8.

**BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. W. Euston 7, Dr. W. R. Winterton 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew-the-Great on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hurst 1, H. L. Martin 2, W. J. Ridgman (first as cond.) 3, R. D. Edge (first in method) 4, P. Border 5, T. R. Dennis 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, H. F. Brown 8. Rung for Confirmation.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On July 12th, at St. Alphege's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Stockbridge 1, Miss J. N. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, R. W. Pepper 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, J. S. Rye (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all the band.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—On July 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Airey (13) 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, G. F. Newton 4, D. R. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On June 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Miss J. Bishop (first quarter) 3, A. Woodley 4, J. Gordon 5, B. Brown 6, H. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8.

**EATON, LEICS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, H. Shipman 2, N. Cooke (first on six bells) 3, F. Williams 4, P. Turner 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6.

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Everett (first away from tenor) 1, Miss D. Turk 2, Miss R. Dunkeld (first in two methods) 3, A. Waddington (cond.) 4, P. Newing (Littlebourne) 5, Miss D. Rowley 6.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Hope 1, R. Wenban 2, Miss J. Morse 3, G. Freebrey 4, Miss E. Morse 5, J. Keyte 6, W. Godwin (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On July 15th at All Saints', 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss D. Lidbetter 1, J. Phillips 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, R. Mackerill 4, W. S. Langdon 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, D. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, H. Belcher 9, H. M. Page 10. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Lidbetter.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, C. C. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. Wenban (first in the method) 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, D. W. Beard 2, D. J. Salisbury 3, F. V. Gant 4, A. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, W. J. Carter 8. First in method 1 and 3.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whitehead 1, H. Clegg 2, F. Livesey 3, D. B. Cater 4, A. Jaine (cond.) 5, S. Whitehead 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. L. Sykes.—Also on July 12th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: G. Slocombe 1, D. B. Carter 2, F. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, A. Jaine (cond.) 5, S. Whitehead 6. For the engagements of G. Slocombe to Miss Eileen Butters, D. B. Carter to Miss Mary Addy; the 21st birthday of D. B. Carter and the birthday of the conductor.—Also on July 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S. Barron 1, A. Ashton 2, A. Smith 3, J. Pearson 4, H. Wild 5, S. Longbottom 6, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 7, E. Jenkins 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

## MADRON, CORN-

**WALL.**—On July 16th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples:

Arnold White 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, Miss E. Symons 5, G. W. Taysom 6, G. J. Werrell 7, R. Woolridge 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 7 and 8. Half-muffled in memory of Canon H. R. Jennings, at one time secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and 1922-1941 Vicar of this parish. First quarter on the restored and augmented ring.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Paul's Cathedral on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Williams (first quarter) 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Joan Gray 3, J. Spencer 4, H. Ross 5, G. Weston (first quarter) 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, C. Williams (first quarter) 8. Rung at the conclusion of the mission to the Diocese of Melbourne, led by Canon Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John A. Somers (first quarter) 1, D. M. Seville 2, G. R. Fairnie 3, H. Barlow 4, J. T. Walmsley 5, V. Sykes 6, P. H. Toccock (cond.) 7, T. B. Hartley 8.

**OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.**—1,260 Bob Major: E. T. Carvell 1, W. O. Wharton 2, L. L. Gray 3, A. Gorringer 4, A. J. Webster 5, E. J. Gilbert 6, E. F. Bennett 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—On July 15th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, G. W. Morris 4, E. J. Morris 5, M. F. Oxshett 6, J. Bennett 7, J. W. Ward 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, C. A. Hughes 10.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On July 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. W. Keys 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss A. Bowers 3, N. J. Smith 4, R. Wilson 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On July 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Llewellyn-Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Ruth Paton 3, Margaret Paton 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung 'silent'. Witness, Janet Eason. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5 and for that of Paul Cross and Mrs. I. P. Cross, of Hong-Kong.

**RAMSGATE, KENT.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hilton 1, Wm. Bottrill 2, E. T. Ellender 3, L. Everest 4, S. J. Gee 5, Wm. Fairbeard 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, W. P. Cleaver 8. First in method 1 and 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burvill 1, T. W. Edwards 2, S. J. Gee 3, Wm. Fairbeard 4, L. Everest 5, Wm. Bottrill (cond.) 6, A. E. Jarman 7, J. A. Hilton 8. For Ramsgate's 'Festival of Light', also for Festival of Britain.

**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hooton 1, M. Underwood 2, P. Leigh-Lancaster 3, T. Fryer 4, G. Guess (cond.) 5, H. Eaton 6. First quarter for 3 and 4.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On July 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. N. C. Emery 1, R. G. Bell 2, Miss P. A. Martin (first on ten) 3, W. G. Paul 4, A. W. Dix 5, C. N. Leman 6, F. H. Crook 7, S. H. Hoare 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, R. B. King 10. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

**WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.**—On July 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, P. Amos 2, A. Goodman 3, A. Armstrong 4, V. Adams 5, H. Wooding (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. M. B. Francis, of Ravenstone and Weston Underwood.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On July 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Taylor 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, S. Howard 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Tooke 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. F. Phillippo 3, C. H. Moore 4, T. E. Spight 5, E. G. Shorting 6, R. W. Curson 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 2 and 3. Rung for the children's festival service.



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## MISCELLANEOUS

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Mr. E. J. Rowe, having returned to London, secretarial notices should be addressed to Mr. G. Bagley, The Garage, Ironbridge, Salop. 9218

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—There will be no practices at St. John's during August. Practices recommence Monday, September 3rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 9253

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. 9235

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), August 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 9214

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 4th, Douglas Church, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Please note date of meeting brought forward from August 11th. 9265

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Joint meeting with Wigan Branch, August 4th, Douglas Church, Parbold, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9266

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, August 4th, 3 p.m. 9236

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival ringing day on August Bank Holiday. Towers open: Finchley 10.30—12.30; Barnet 2—4.30; Hadley 2—4; Southgate 7—9; Service, Barnet, 4.30. Various cafes and gardens open for teas. 9237

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea, 10.30 to 1; Lyminster 2.30 to 5; Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst 6.30 to 9. 9246

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9260

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, before Wednesday, August 8th. Mr. J. H. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 9263

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, August 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by August 8th, to Mr. E. Hopkinson, Rectory View, Ashover. No name, no tea.—D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9244

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, Saturday, August 11th, at 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, August 8th, to Miss Armstrong, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth. 9256

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Marham, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9258

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3—5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Castle Eaton (6), August 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 9249

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, August 11th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby. Bus from Preston 1.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour, August 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, before August 6th, to Mr. N. T. Longland, Oasby, Grantham. Please don't forget card for tea, as catering is so difficult.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9241

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North & East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 11th at 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 9257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Bradfield Branches.—Monthly practice, Goring, Saturday, August 11th. Bells 6—9. 9246

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — August meeting at Wem (8 bells) on 11th. (High Ercall out of order.) Tea, Kynastons Cafe 5.30 All ringers welcome. 9264

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, August 11th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 9231

SUFFOLK GUILD (N. and N.E. Districts) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Bures, August 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by August 9th, to L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 9216

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 8th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 9254

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, August 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Village Hall 5. Names, by August 7th, to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 9268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Stockbury (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, August 15th. This will be the first time that the Association has visited Stockbury and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to visit the very lovely old church and village.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, August 18th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 9259

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, Maxey, August 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by August 13th. G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9123

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**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—Ringers' Sunday, August 19th. Bells all day. Service 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by Thursday previous, E. Leggett, The Dell. All ringers and friends welcome. 9255

**QUARTER PEALS**

**HOOLE, CHESHIRE.**—On July 13th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lee 1, Betty Griffiths 2, B. Harris 3, Shirley Golding 4, J. Bootland (first as cond.) 5, D. N. Peers 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 8th, 1,440 Bob Royal: Miss J. Creak (first quarter Royal) 1, Miss S. Harris 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Mrs. O. Rogers 5, G. Dodds 6, E. Dodds 7, T. Davies 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, D. Charnley 10.

**RUGBY.**—At St. Andrew's on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Norfolk, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire): C. Underwood 1, J. Stewart 2, D. J. Pittow 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

**ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.**—At the Cathedral on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Lewis 1, T. Griffiths 2, M. Jenkins 3, C. H. Hawkins 4, G. Thomas 5, D. Curtis 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, L. Curtis 8. Rung for the Festival Week at St. David's, also a welcome to the Duchess of Kent.

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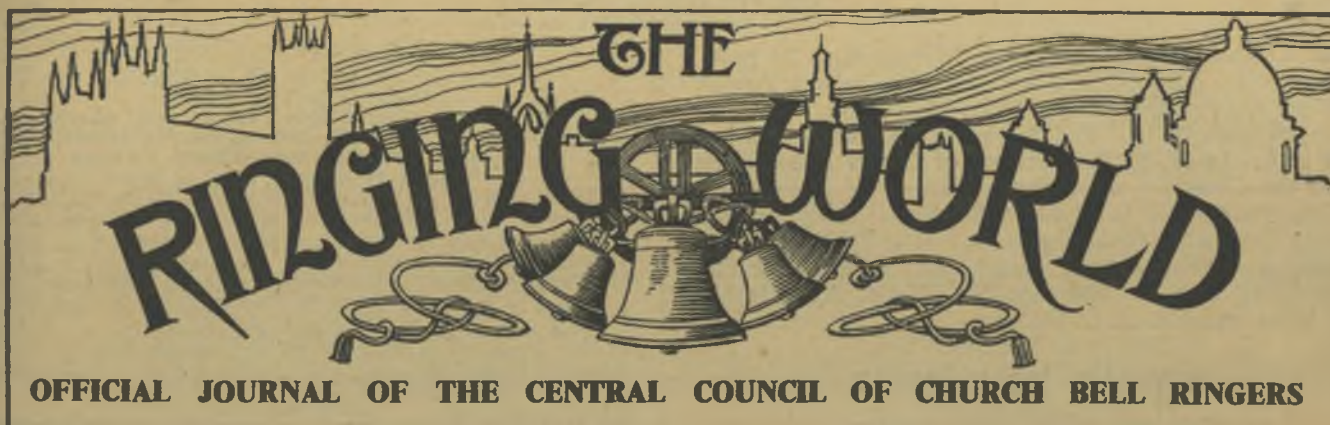
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## PEAL RINGING IN 1950

THE statistically minded will find something to contemplate in the Peal Analysis table for 1950, which is published in this issue. Only once in the annals of peal ringing has the total of 2,723 peals been exceeded, and this was in 1949 when special rejoicings added materially to the total. And there is no diminution in the cult of peal ringing; this present year shows the zest for the pastime fully maintained. Comparative figures since the end of the war are as follows: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; 1948, 2,639; 1949, 2,906; and 1950, 2,723.

Of the 2,361 peals on tower bells the following comparative figures are of interest:—

	1950	1949	1948
Maximus ... ..	31	47	17
Cinques ... ..	50	43	43
Royal ... ..	86	109	92
Caters ... ..	89	99	82
Major ... ..	938	1,052	957
Triples ... ..	297	335	346
Minor and Doubles ...	870	839	821

The most pronounced change is in five and six bell ringing. Perhaps the chances of success are higher, but, nevertheless, it is a branch of the Exercise with increased popularity.

Of Maximus ringing there are two main schools—at Leicester and Birmingham—and of the 31 peals rung during the year 24 were in Surprise methods. From both centres a spirit of enterprise is noted, and Leicester reached Spliced Surprise in four methods. The College Youths had three peals of Cambridge Maximus. There was an advance of seven in the number of peals of Cinques, with St. Martin's Guild scoring 17 and the Archdeacons of Stafford 8. No fewer than 22 Guilds or Associations scored twelve-bell peals, which in itself is an encouraging feature.

While ten-bell peals did not reach the heights of 1949, a record of 175 peals makes good reading. Thirty-four Associations scored peals, as against 32 in the previous year. The success of the Archdeacons of Stafford with 16 ten-bell peals will be noted; they outpaced Leicester. Peals of Surprise Royal were rung in 14 different methods and totalled 51. Cambridge (24) and Yorkshire (8) were the two most popular Surprise Royal methods.

More than half the peals of Major were in Surprise methods, the total being 499, against 561 in 1949. The

order of popularity of Surprise methods with the comparative figures of last year were: Cambridge 101 (133), Yorkshire 82 (88), London 56 (53), Bristol 53 (62), Superlative 47 (69). The drop in Superlative is difficult to explain. In 1948 it was second to Cambridge and now it is fifth. The Oxford Diocesan Guild gained notoriety by their Spliced Surprise Major ringing, reaching by stages 22 methods. During the year there were 25 peals of Spliced Surprise Major against 38 in the previous year. These were distributed among 14 societies. In all, 52 different Surprise Major methods were rung. Double Norwich Court Bob Major still holds its popularity with 116 peals, of which 17 were rung for the Lancashire Association and 12 for the Kent County Association. Plain Bob Major had 185 and Kent Treble Bob 83. Nevertheless, these figures are a substantial drop on 1949, when Plain Bob had 197 peals, Double Norwich 133 and Kent Treble Bob 98.

While there was a decrease in the number of peals of Triples, Stedman with 120 was an increase on 110 in 1949. For the Oxford Diocesan Guild 15 peals were rung and 10 each for the Midland Counties and Southwell Diocesan Guild. Peals of Grandsire Triples numbered 157, an appreciable drop from 190 and 199 in 1948. Is it a sign of an advance or does it indicate a falling off of first peals on a working bell?

Minor and Doubles peals were more numerous than at any period in ringing history with a total of 870. Leading Guilds in five and six bell ringing were Lincoln Diocesan 80, Bath and Wells 55, Leicester Diocesan 54, Kent County 52, Chester Diocesan 46 and Peterborough Diocesan 41.

Handbell peals numbered 362, against 382 in 1949 and 274 in 1948. While Bournemouth and Leicester were the two main centres, peals were rung for 36 different Guilds and Associations, and the Midland Counties with 30 peals and the North Staffordshire Association with 23 peals are likely to be enthusiastic centres in the future.

Leicester Diocesan Guild for the second year in succession head the list as the most prolific Guild with 194 peals against 267 in the previous year. The order of the leading associations is as follows: 2 Kent County 165 (168); 3 Yorkshire 142 (150); 4 Chester Diocesan 141 (143); 5 Lincoln Diocesan 138 (126); 6 Lancashire 129 (161); 7 Winchester and Portsmouth 121 (148); 8 Oxford Diocesan 112 (94); 9 Bath and Wells 87 (73); 9 Sussex County 87 (87); 11 St. Martin's Guild 82 (62); 12 Norwich Diocesan 79 (94).



The Ancient Society of College Youths rang 20 peals, against six by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. Oxford University Society pipped Cambridge University with 14 peals to 11. For two years Cambridge has had the lead. In all 52 Associations or Guilds in affiliation with the Central Council rang peals.

The Exercise is indebted to the Peals Analysis Committee for their painstaking work. It is no light undertaking to maintain these records, year in and year out. Associated with the convener, Mr. Walter Ayre, is Mr. H. Miles and Mr. G. L. Grover.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 7
*PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. .. 10
HERBERT LOWMAN .. .. 5	GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. .. 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 6	CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Cinques.

### SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JILL BRITTAIN .. .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 9
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 4	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS .. 10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 11
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

This peal was rung at the request of the Mayor and Corporation for the Saffron Walden Festival Week.

### SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

#### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Adapted from C.C.C. No. 12. Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

*BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. Treble	*CHARLES W. LEE .. .. 7
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	*BRIAN HARMS .. .. 8
*A. EDWARD REEVES .. 3	†WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 9
*WILLIAM H. TYLER .. .. 4	*FREDK. G. BEDDOW .. 10
*THOMAS PRICE .. .. 5	†JOHN N. LINDEN .. .. 11
*JOHN F. BUTLER .. .. 6	†PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

\* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. Rung on the day previous to the dedication of the decoration of the church by Dr. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	*FRANK REED .. .. 7
ERNEST A. THORPE .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	†TERENCE THORNER .. 9
*GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5	†JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of New Cambridge Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*ELSIE WALKER .. .. Treble	*LEONARD HILL .. .. 6
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE .. 2	*RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 7
*JOAN CARTER .. .. 3	†DEREK OGDEN .. .. 8
†BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. 4	JAMES CARTER .. .. 9
*JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 5	*CHARLES L. CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. A Festival peal.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
*FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 8
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 5	*LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to G. E. Fearn.

### RAMSGATE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET,

#### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. Treble	†ARTHUR J. SMITH .. .. 6
†JOHN A. HILTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. 7
*WILFRED S. PALIN .. .. 3	†HARRY WOOD .. .. 8
NELLIE BRIDGES .. .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. 9
THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5	LESLIE E. EVEREST .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.

### SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

#### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN SILK .. .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. .. 6
*T. HERBERT SLATER .. 2	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 7
JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 3	FRED TERRY .. .. 8
HORACE S. MORLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 5	CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside,' also 50th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*EWART H. EDGE .. .. Treble	*RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW .. .. 2	ARTHUR PEAKE .. .. 6
*MARGARET RIGBY .. .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
*CATHARINE M. TRIST .. 4	†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal of London Surprise Major on the bells and for the Association in which resident members have taken part. A birthday compliment to Anne Sherratt, of Stoke.



BETCHWORTH, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND RUTLAND  
SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON .. .. Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN .. .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 3	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. .. 4	DENIS N. LAYTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. Peal contains 2,560 changes of each method, with 99 changes of method.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part variation.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	*ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 3	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. .. 7
FRANK HICKS .. .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* 50th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge on bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*MRS. G. WHATMORE .. Treble	†DEREK W. KNOWLES .. 5
GEORGE PAGE .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 6
†DENNIS WHATMORE .. 3	SAM BIRCH .. .. 7
†CHARLES R. GODFREY .. 4	FRED HOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grand-sire Triples 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. G. R. Garnham, B.A., and Mrs. Garnham.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. Treble	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5
*EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 2	GEORGE NAYLOR .. .. 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 7
JOHN BURLS .. .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal of Surprise.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DONALD COOMBS .. .. Treble	*GORDON BLOWER .. .. 5
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 2	ERNEST J. BLOWER .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	GERALD FROST .. .. 7
FRANK C. MAY .. .. 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN MCKEE .. .. Treble	†JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
*THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. 50th peal by the fifth ringer. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. T. Horrridge.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ISLA G. RICHMOND .. Treble	†WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 5
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 6
ERNEST BROWN .. .. 3	A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. 7
†GORDON CRAINE .. .. 4	*DERICK W. LONGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE J. BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A farewell peal to Derick Longman, who is joining H.M. Forces.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 22, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
GERALD FROST .. .. 2	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 6
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	†DONALD COOMBS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † Now circled the tower to a peal.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HATFIELD .. Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 5
FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 2	†CHARLES STOCKLEY .. 6
*JOANNA CHASE .. .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 7
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 4	†WILLIAM BAGGETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. A farewell peal to Joanna Chase, who is leaving to work in the Overseas Mission. A Festival of Britain peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

DAPHNE LUKE .. .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED .. .. 5
THOMAS E. DAVIS .. .. 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 6
SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

Rung to commemorate the inauguration of the new parish of Christ the Saviour, and the appointment thereto of the Rev. Prebendary W. H. Aglionby, M.C., M.A., as parish priest.



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GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.  
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On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FRED ORRIS .. .. Treble	*GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 2	*GORDON F. CLARKE .. 6
*ROY DUESBURY .. 3	*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JACK G. BROTHWELL .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 2	ARNOLD HILL .. 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
*PHILIP COOTE .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Surprise. Rung on the eve of St. James's Day. A Festival of Britain peal.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	BASIL WHITE .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. Treble	† WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 5
*ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
† HUGH F. ROBERTS .. 3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* 50th peal. † First touch in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Treble	BRYAN S. COKE .. 5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
† EVELYN STEEL .. 3	RONALD J. SHARP .. 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

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

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 6
*C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	*ROWLAND BENISTON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in method. First peal in method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon T. W. Walters, who was minister at this church from 1913 to 1937.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. Treble	EDWARD J. FRY .. 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 6
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 3	WILFRED F. WEBB .. 7
*WALTER STARR .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Major.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID S. VOSS .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	REGINALD H. ADDIS .. 6
THOMAS YEOMANS .. 3	WILLIAM DARE .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Coles, wife of the ringer of the 5th, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Heather I. Dare, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS MARSHALL .. 6
JAMES L. WEBB .. 3	RONALD KENRICK .. 7
JACK ASHCROFT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Santus, donor of the treble bell.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEOFFREY N. PRYOR .. Treble	† M. JACK PRYOR .. 5
*A. JAMES HUTT .. 2	ROBERT BLOND .. 6
DOUGLAS JORDAN .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
A. R. T. GREENHOUGH .. 4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Napper.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5152 BURSLEM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

NORMAN R. NICHOLLS .. Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE .. 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	*EWART H. EDGE .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
ERIC NIXON .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* 25th peal (Corrigan's Collection, No. 50). The first peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 34 lb.

*CLEMENT GLENN .. Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS .. 5
*MRS. J. W. NIBLETT .. 2	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
*FREDK. A. SALTER .. 3	*WALTER NICHOLS .. 7
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Spliced Major, also by the Guild. 245 changes of method.



## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	†LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	†ALICK CUTLER .. 6
†MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	†HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7
†ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	†CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

## WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

TONY OWEN .. .. Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. 5
VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
SAM MOORE .. .. Treble	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	EDWARD MOORE .. .. 5
RALPH HARRIS .. .. 3	*KEN ROLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal.

## WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 4
ANNIE POTTER .. .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	ROBERT EASTHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

A wedding compliment to Mr. James William Hampson Lowe (a ringer at the above church) and Miss Mona Green; also to Mr. Roy V. Collier and Miss Dora Hope at Walkden.

## WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROLAND REED .. .. Treble	JACK CRUMP .. .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	JOHN E. FOX .. .. 5
Cecil V. EBBERSON .. .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5060 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
RONALD F. COLLIS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK WATSON .. 4
GEORGE A. CHARLTON .. 2	*WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. .. 3	DAVID BISHOP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WOOD.

\* First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred E. Warwick, who had been a ringer and chorister at this church for over 23 years.



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CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being eight 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*JEANNE PILKINGTON .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 4
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
ROGER B. MORRIS .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in five methods.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLAN COLCOMBE .. Treble	HENRY JOHNSON .. 4
*LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	ARTHUR H. OAKLEY .. 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG .. 3	†REGINALD POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A farewell to the Rev. D. Ellingford, B.A., on his leaving the parish.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
PETER MARRIOTT .. 3	HENRY C. ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to welcome the newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. A. R. Meakin; also a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

REWE, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILFRED PANTER .. Treble	†FRED WREFORD .. 4
†REG WOODLEY .. 2	†ERNEST ROWE .. 5
BRIAN PIDGEON .. 3	JACK L. GLANVILL .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. Treble	GEORGE PICKERING .. 4
†EILEEN M. BURTON .. 2	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5
FREDERICK WATSON .. 3	ALBERT COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WINIFRED M. BURTON.

\* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

WILLIAM M. STEPNEY .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 4
*EVELYN M. CAPON .. 2	C. JOHN PIPER .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS .. 3	ERNEST E. BREED .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday of Mrs. D. Kitchenside and Miss M. Kitchenside (wife and daughter of ringer of 4th). Also for the engagement of Mr. A. W. Kitchenside (son of ringer of 4th) to Miss E. Farr, of Chertsey.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 4
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2	*BRIAN SEDON .. 5
MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. 3	ROLAND ECCLES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the local Festival week.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 240 each of Stedman, 480 each of St. Simon, St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Northrepps, Place Bob, April Day and Canterbury. and 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Treble	CHAS. E. COOPER .. 3
JAMES WEBB .. 2	J. HARRY COOK .. 4
R. CYRIL TYLER .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

First peal in ten methods by all. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris; also to Mr. Thomas Cook, father of the ringer of the 4th, and for his 87th birthday on the same day.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 5
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

The conductor's 25th peal of Minor

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. 4
†DAVID MARSHALL .. 2	R. ALLAN HICKTON .. 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 3	*MAURICE BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the fifth ringer's first peal. Mr. J. Bailey has now 'circled' Spondon tower.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH .. 4
*ROY M. BOYER .. 2	HERBERT SUTTON .. 5
†BRIAN J. BOYER .. 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

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



**HANDBELL PEALS**

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

IN ST. GILES' BELFERY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 19 in F.

*ERIC NIXON .. .. .	1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. ..	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3-4	RONALD BARLOW .. .. .	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'in hand.'

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two each of Grandsire with Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire with St. Dunstan's, and 26 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 13 in E.

F. KEVIN THOMPSON ..	1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. ..	3-4
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\*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* 25th peal. Rung for the Feast of the Dedication of this church.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S BELFERY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 18 in G.

*RONALD BARLOW .. ..	1-2	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. ..	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3-4	O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. ..	7-8

\*ERIC NIXON .. .. . 9-10

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT..

\* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' for the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFERY,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*TERENCE A. THORNER ..	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. ..	5-6
ALFRED MALLARD .. ..	3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. ..	7-8
		JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. .	9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters away from the tenors.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

ALBERT H. WARD .. ..	1-2	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. ..	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. ..	3-4	FREDK. A. SALTER .. ..	7-8

FRANK BRADLEY .. .. . 9-10

Composed by HARRY C. WALTERS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WESTMINSTER.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 3 Hours.*

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, ROCHESTER ROW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 19 in E.

R. F. B. SPEED (Cantab.) ..	1-2	H. POYNER (Birm.) .. ..	5-6
E. J. LINDLEY (Cantab.) ..	3-4	B. D. THRELFALL (Cantab.)	7-8

\*J. HILL (Lond.) .. .. . 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal on ten handbells. First peal on the bells since their restoration by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S BELFERY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor size 10 in A.

*O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. ..	1-2	RONALD BARLOW .. ..	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3-4	*ERIC NIXON .. .. .	7-8

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of 'Ilkeston.'

**John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.** — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Page 1, Blanche Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, E. A. Marsh, R.N. 4, G. Verrill 5, A. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.** — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, C. Norton 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, W. Cavill (cond.) 4, F. Cave 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Isgrove.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.** — On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allen 1, G. Williams 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, W. Pettigrew 4, H. Dickens (first quarter Triples 'inside') 5, A. Short 6, J. L. Gray 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.** — On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Layton (first quarter in method) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, P. R. Layton 3, J. Fernley 4, H. N. Pittow 5, A. J. Adams 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**BARKWAY, HERTS.** — On July 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. F. Linwood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Allgood 3, A. H. Bysouth 4, A. Bradford 5, W. J. Houghton 6, C. A. Bysouth 7, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8. Rung for Festival of Britain Week.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.** — On July 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Howard 1, H. Wingrove 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, J. W. Harrison 5, A. C. Bridges (first in the method) 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**BEARSTED, KENT.** — On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. White 1, G. F. Cantrill 2, A. Bodiam 3, E. F. Harnett 4, M. White 5, J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitehead.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.** — On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. An 80th birthday compliment to A. Clarke.

**CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTH.** — On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. K. King (13, first quarter) 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, J. E. Morgan (15, first 'inside') 3, Miss Y. C. Porter (first 'inside') 4, W. H. Harris 5, J. L. Smith 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Simms 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving shortly to join the R.A.F. at Cardington.

**COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.** — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: T. Bagley 1, G. C. Bagley 2, Dorothy E. Cooper 3, H. S. Tranter 4, R. Evans 5, P. Barber 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung after a special service to commemorate the 97th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

**DEPTFORD, LONDON.** — At St. John's Church on July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, F. W. Richardson 2, R. G. Long 3, T. A. Easterby 4, J. E. Warner, sen. 5, H. W. Clark 6, J. Warner, jun. (first as cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung for the 96th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.** — On July 22nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Oliver 1, E. Gower 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. J. Creer 4, G. Beeny 5, R. C. Hide 6, F. H. Dallaway 7, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 8.

**EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, NR. OLDHAM.** — On July 29th, 36 Plain Bob Minor, 1,224 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Ogden 1, J. Butterworth 2, R. H. Byram 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, H. Byram (cond.) 6. Rung by three fathers (on the 'light end') and three sons, and conducted by the youngest member of the band. A gesture of welcome to the Rev. Esmond E. C. Smith on his first Sunday as Vicar of this parish, and for the patronal festival.

**HATHEROP, GLOS.** — On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Hope 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, Miss E. Morse 3, R. Wenban 4, Miss J. Morse 5, W. Godwin 6.

**HECKINGTON, Lincs.** — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wray (first quarter on eight) 2, A. R. Pocklington (first quarter) 3, S. Jessop 4, H. Harper 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. Jackson 7, A. Dixon 8. An 84th birthday compliment for J. H. Clarke, a ringer at this tower for over 60 years.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 21st, at St. John's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, C. C. Mayne 2, F. Blondell 3, H. W. Impey 4, F. Corke 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. R. Mayne 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10. Rung for the wedding of the curate, the Rev. J. S. Waller, which took place the same day at Twyford, Hants.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.** — On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Derek Smithers (first quarter) 1, J. J. Mawby 2, W. Perkins 3, A. Bigley 4, B. J. Lewis 5, A. P. Tyler 6, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 7, G. Shortland 8. A compliment to Mr. W. Perkins on his 83rd birthday.

**LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.** — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Pell (first quarter) 1, N. D. Smith 2, C. Pell 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5.

**LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.** — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper (first quarter) 3, E. Orland 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Cunningham and Mr. A. H. Gravely.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.** — On July 22nd, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Man-nering (cond.) 1, F. Wright 2, Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip 3, W. A. J. Knight 4, L. Honess (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, L. Head 6, F. Leason 7, R. Rich 8, T. Grice 9, W. R. Manser 10. To celebrate the 70th birthday of Luther Honess.

**MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.** — On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Boulton 1, G. Freebrey 2, Miss E. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, W. Godwin (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, G. Burge 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

## ANALYSIS OF

Compiled

## ASSOCIATION

	MAXIMUS		CINQUES		ROYAL		FLYING	
	Cambridge	Yorkshire	Other Surprise	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Plain Bob
An. Soc. College Yths.	3	---	4	1	---	1	---	2
Bath and Wells Dio.	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Bedfordshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Cambridge Univ. Gld	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chester Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Coventry Dio. Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cumberland & West.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Derby Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Devonshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dudley and District	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Durham & Newcastle	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
East Grinstead Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ely Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Essex Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gloucester & Bristol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guildford Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hereford Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hertford County	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Irish Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kent County	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ladies Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lancashire Assoc.	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Leicester Dio. Guild	2	1	6	---	---	---	---	---
Lincoln Dio. Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Llandaff & Monmouth	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
London County Assn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Middlesex County	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Midland Counties	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Norwich Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Staffs Assn	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Wales Assn	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oxford Dio. Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oxford University Soc.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peterborough Dio.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
National Police Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. David's Dio. Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. Martin's Guild	1	4	---	17	---	2	2	---
Salisbury Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shropshire Assoc.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Scottish Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Soc. R. Cum. Yonths	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Southwell Dio. Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Stafford Archdeaconry	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Suffolk Guild	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Surrey Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sussex Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swansea and Brecon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Truro Diocesan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Universities Assoc.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Win. and Portsmouth	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Worcester & Districts	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Unattached	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	10	410	2	5	45	4	1	524
	8	2	2	2	8	9	1	519
	1	55	32	1	1	1	1	1

\* Other Surprise Maximus peals: — Leicester Diocesan Guild (2 methods) (one each). † Other Surprise Royal peals: — Bedford, Bolton, Camdon, Devon, Eastbourne, Radlett, St. Martin's, York; Yorkshire Association: Bradford, Double Dublin, Leam.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.** — On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Isabel Dearing 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, H. Allen 3, I. Miller 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. First quarter in three methods by all. Birthday compliments to Mr. E. H. Eveleigh and Mr. T. Miller.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.** — On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob

Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, N. B. D. 2, A. Tyers 3, I. T. Read 4, E. Field (cond.) 5, R. J. Walden 6. Compliment to Miss Betty Allen member of the local band on occasion of her marriage to Sp. Brooke.

**RAINHAM, KENT.** — On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. P. Walker 1, F. J. Chas. J. Hale 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.)



## S RUNG ON TOWER BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1950

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	MAJOR										TRIPLES										TOTAL, Tower Bells	TOTAL, Handbells	GRAND TOTAL
	Yorkshire	Lincolnshire	Aldenharn	Ashford	Belgrave	Berkshire	Dublin	Jersey	Pudsey	Rochester	Tainworth	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham	Walsingham			
1																					1	—	20
2																					85	2	87
3																					23	2	25
4																					6	5	11
5																					128	13	141
6																					26	3	29
7																					3	—	3
8																					51	17	68
9																					24	—	24
10																					1	—	1
11																					21	2	23
12																					10	—	10
13																					35	3	57
14																					31	72	1
15																					20	43	10
16																					6	34	34
17																					31	1	32
18																					24	52	4
19																					11	10	21
20																					159	6	165
21																					3	—	3
22																					127	2	129
23																					138	56	194
24																					80	124	14
25																					10	—	10
26																					22	—	22
27																					15	—	15
28																					55	4	59
29																					45	30	75
30																					77	2	79
31																					41	23	64
32																					4	—	4
33																					111	1	112
34																					11	3	14
35																					52	—	52
36																					1	—	1
37																					70	12	82
38																					39	17	56
39																					12	—	12
40																					2	—	2
41																					5	1	6
42																					32	9	41
43																					58	6	64
44																					17	46	63
45																					22	—	22
46																					81	6	87
47																					1	—	1
48																					13	—	13
49																					6	4	10
50																					49	72	121
51																					3	—	3
52																					132	10	142
53																					23	6	28

London, Kent, Superlative, Spliced Surprise (3 methods), Spliced Surprise (4 methods); St. Martin's Guild: Pontefract, Pudsey, Solihull, Spliced Surprise (5 methods); Middlesex County: New Cambridge; St. Martin's Guild: Painswick, Pudsey, Lindsey, Solihull; Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Wembley; Yorkshire Association: Birstall, Chiltern, Guildford, Lincoln; Chester Diocesan: Kendal; Kent County: Belvedere, Boveney, Cranbourne, Derby; Middlesex County: North Staffs Association: Ipswich; St. Martin's Guild: Dorney, Hallam, Hitchin, Somerset; Surrey Association: Cornwall; Worcester and Districts: Hindon, Reverse Dublin; Oxford Diocesan: Lindum; Bedfordshire Association: Maulden (one each).

Jarrett S. B. Edwards 6, W. (tenor covering). Rung for national festival.

**CORNWALL.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. L. Lidger 1, Miss P. M. Ham 2, H. C. Spencer 3, H. A. F. Burley 5, A. Carveth Wade (cond.) 7, E. Sanders 8. Rung in the method for 2.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Petty 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. A birthday compliment to B. Petty.

**ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, P. Croft 2, A. Harris 3, E. Winters 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-

muffled in memoriam Jack North, ringer at this church.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. Carpenter (first quarter of Triples) 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Payne 6, H. Humphreys 7, E. F. Payne 8. Rung for the feast of the dedication.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On July 15th,

1,320 London Scholars' Pleasure: Joan M. Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, F. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of London Scholars' Pleasure for 1 and 2.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Hartley 1, E. Hynard (cond.) 2, E. Leggett 3, A. Cansdale 4, J. Edwards 5, B. Cansdale 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6.



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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still a few readers who have neglected to renew their subscriptions. They, and new subscribers, should write without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

Among the disappointments in the attempt to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Holt's Original on July 7th was one at Ormskirk by the Lancashire Association. Their attempt was to ring the Original silent but it broke down about half way. The band, which hopes to try again shortly, consisted of Miss J. Preston 1, J. Spice 2, E. Humphriss 3, T. R. Butler 4, T. W. Hesketh 5, F. Varty 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. Guilbert 8.

Mr. H. T. Bonshor has 'circled' Great Dalby, Leicestershire, tower.

We regret to learn that Mr. Francis S. Wilson, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset, was admitted to Poole General Hospital last week suffering from a severe hæmorrhage. He had to be rushed to hospital for a blood transfusion.

Hereford Cathedral Society, now in its eighth year, is affiliated to the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Three of the members have rung peals for the Guild and the Society rings for Sunday services at the Cathedral and All Saints' Church.

At the age of 69 years, Mr. Walter Starr, of Swainwick, near Bath, revisited the village of his boyhood, Bitton, to ring his first peal of Major. The 'grandfather' of the band, Walter was quite prepared to carry on for another couple of hours, but his hot and thirsty colleagues were happy to adjourn to a cooler place for a sociable evening.

Only once before, in February, 1906, has a peal of Stedman Triples been rung on the bells of St. Saviour's, Oxtou. There are three survivors of the band, viz., Messrs. G. R. Newton (the conductor), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and T. W. Hammond. It was the late H. W. Wilde's first peal of Stedman Triples.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

At a Degree Ceremony held in the University of Manchester on July 13th, the degree of B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) was conferred upon the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association.

Latest effect of the spiral of inflation is a proposal to the Norwich Diocesan Association to increase the annual subscription from 2s 6d. to 5s. for those over 16.

The peal at Snodland, Kent, on July 28th, by Rochester Cathedral band was rung for the Village Festival week of Britain. It was also a birthday peal for Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, wife of the treble ringer and mother of the 3rd and 4th ringers. Also for the wedding of the Bishop of Rochester's son at Rochester Cathedral that afternoon.

Many visitors to the N.W. Devon-N. Cornwall area will remember the church of Pancrasweek, with a hard-going ring of five, the subject of some comment in a leading article of this paper about two years ago. Despite intense heat and the ever-present fear of broken ropes (or worse!) the first quarter on the bells was rung on July 29th. It is to be hoped that the Birmingham friend who stood in at short notice is not under the impression that these bells are the best the district can offer!

Miss Bessie Carter, John W. Griffiths, A. Edward Reeves, Thomas Price, John F. Butler, Brian Harms, William A. Farmer, Frederick G. Beddow, John N. Linden and Percy Swindley all completed Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus with the peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on July 28th. The conductor, Mr. W. A. Farmer, also completes the same as conductor. The tenorman, Percy Swindley, rang the second half with the rope untucked, but it did not make any difference to the capable way in which he struck the bell.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—As the arranger and conductor of the peal at Exeter Cathedral on July 7th, I feel bound to protest against your editorial on the subject which appeared in the issue of July 27th.

Although I myself consider that a peal—and a good one—was rung, this letter is not a complaint or argument against Central Council rulings and I am, of course, willing to accept their decision on the matter.

In any case I prefer to leave such controversy to more experienced and knowledgeable persons on ringing matters.

My protest lies in the fact that your editorial implies that we did not behave in an honourable manner, that we did not 'play the game.' I resent, sir, such an implication as this.

Surely the very fact that an honest account of what occurred during the 'peal' was sent to you for publication for everyone to see is, in itself, ample proof of our integrity.

We commenced the peal with the intention of using an extra man if it was found to be necessary (this has, I believe, been done before), we did use him, and we published the fact when we claimed it as a peal.

I, personally, am not bemoaning the fact that our efforts have been rejected although it is, naturally, a great disappointment, but our actions, sir, do not deserve an editorial which refers to questions of honour.—Yours faithfully,  
FRANK L. HARRIS.

Britford, Salisbury.

NOTE.—We have never questioned Mr. Harris's personal integrity; on the contrary, we admire the frank way he explained the details of the performance. If Mr. Harris did not know the Decisions governing a true peal there were other members of the band who did. It was the submission of the performance as a peal which was contrary to the 'Rules of the Game.' For the maintenance of the Decisions of the Council, the Exercise is mainly dependent on the conductors.—Ed.

## BARRON BELL TRUST

Dear Sir.—Following comments at the Central Council meeting with reference to the Barron Bell Trust, the following information may be of interest to members.

Early this year I wrote the Charity Commissioners regarding the Trust and they informed me that the Trust was still in being and that Mr. C. M. Walsend, 53, Bridge Street, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex, is the secretary to the trustees. I have written that gentleman and he will pass to the trustees any correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL

Andover, Hants.

## SUPERLATIVE PEAL AT BROADCLYST

Dear Sir,—Upon rechecking the peal of Superlative rung at Broadclyst, Devon, on June 16th, composed by Nolan Golden and conducted by myself, it has been found that by the incorrect interpretation of a call, 448 extra changes were unintentionally rung. This makes the peal one of 5,568 changes instead of 5,120 as published.—Yours truly,

G. S. MORRIS

Lyme Regis, Dorset.

**TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.**—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bray 1, F. J. Pillar 2, A. L. Bennett 3, H. G. Lewis 4, C. F. Austin 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, J. E. Lilley 7, W. J. Harvey 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Austin, also a compliment to the conductor on the birth of a grandson.

## TRANSIT OF GREAT PAUL

Dear Sir,—I understand the photograph of Great Paul reproduced in 'The Ringing World' was taken at Little Brickhill, Bucks. The bell also stayed for one or two nights near 'The Woodman', at the entrance to Highgate Woods, near London, and it was here that I saw it. I am nearly 77 and I well remember, as a small boy, being lifted up by my father so that I might touch the bell.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. NORTON.

Alderton, Towcester.

Dear Sir.—My father was gardener at St. James' House, Fulham. The house kept the altar linen, surplices, etc., in order, for many of the City churches, including St. Paul's. A van collected and delivered them and I was often perched up with the driver.

I well remember meeting 'Great Paul' as she was being worked round a corner near St. Paul's Cathedral and saw the heavy timber underneath the tower ready for her. I have often spoken of it.—Yours truly,

EDWARD H. ADAMS.

Warwick.

Dear Sir.—Whether it was merely by accident or by announcement in the Press, I cannot say, but a fair crowd had gathered in Verulam Road, St. Albans, opposite the then Head Post Office, midway between Dagnall Street and The George Tap to see the transit of Great Paul.

I, like many older people, put my little hand on the outer side of the bell. At that time I knew nothing about bells or ringing and was almost too young to appreciate anything but its mere size.

As far as my memory goes it was on a Friday and the local press held their issue back a trifle to give an acknowledgement of the safe passage of such a memorable bell.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED BARNES.

Reddish, Stockport.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to your paragraph in Belfry Gossip regarding the Original, I regret that we were unable to make an attempt on the 200th anniversary as we had a meeting that day. Having called the peal 42 times (eight times round the circle and once non-conducted), I still have no short cut to memorising the composition. On several occasions I have given my arrangement to would-be conductors and I know of two who used it and called the peal successfully.

I call this peal by arranging the bells before in this order:—

5345444	3D	3D	7D	4D
4	4D	5D	5D	7D
3	3D	7D		
5	7D	7D	5D	
74	5D	7D		
577	3D	3D	4D	
44	7D	5D		
755	4D			
3	4D	4D		
37	7D			
34	3D			
5	7D			
3	4D			
73	5D			
74	7D	7D		
43	3D	3D		
53	5D			
57	4D	4D	7D	
53	5D	5D		
34	4D			
37	3D	3D		
75	3D	3D		
737	7D	7D		
74	4D	3D		
35	—	—	5	

D means doubles.

A shift is soon noticed by either the bell you want to call before being in the hunt or 2 or 6 coming before at a double.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

# SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

## Annual Festival at Sketty

The 23rd annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church, Sketty, Swansea, on July 14th. The weather was excellent and the attendance was accordingly very good.

The annual service was held at St. Paul's, Sketty, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Williams. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was also present at the service and gave the Blessing.

The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the good people of the Parish had prepared a very nice tea. The president (the Lord Bishop) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had worked to prepare the tea, and also to the Vicar and the good people of Sketty for the excellent meal provided. The general secretary seconded the vote of thanks.

At the annual meeting the Lord Bishop presided and the balance sheet was presented by the general secretary, in the absence of the treasurer, the Very Rev. Dean of Brecon. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £20, after paying £23 to clear the memorial account.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. J. T. Williams, of Morriston, now a member of the Sketty tower, was elected Ringing Master. Mr. Gwyn Lewis, retiring Master, placed the Master's pendant on Mr. Williams. The new Master expressed his pride in the honour conferred upon him and expressed the hope that he would be able to carry the duties

of Master with the same proficiency as Mr. Lewis had. Mr. J. T. Williams is also a past master of the St. David's Guild, and one of four brothers who are members of this Guild.

Other elections were: Hon. general secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, the Very Rev. Dean of Brecon; hon. auditor, the Rev. H. M. Hughes (Minor Canon of Brecon).

The Committee were re-elected en bloc, Mr. Meredith, Sketty, being elected for Sketty in place of Ringing Master.

Knighton was selected for the annual festival and meeting in 1952.

Mr. Gwyn Lewis, Central Council delegate, gave a detailed report of the meeting of the Council held at Chester, and appealed to members to support 'The Ringing World' as it was the ringers' own paper and should be supported by all ringers. Mr. Lewis was thanked by the chairman for his excellent report.

Mr. Lewis was elected peal recorder for the Guild and the secretary was empowered to purchase a good book for the purpose.

Mr. A. J. Hoare spoke of the need of a bell restoration fund and this matter was referred to the committee for report to the next annual meeting.

The general secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for being present and taking the chair and stated that the Bishop was a very good friend to the Guild of Ringers. He also thanked the Vicar of Sketty for his excellent address at the service and the organist and choirboys for their assistance.



## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' August 11th, 1911  
ATTEMPT FOR FOUR SURPRISE PEALS

The announcement . . . that four Surprise peals were to be attempted in one day on the same bells has been much discussed in all parts of the country and there was a good deal of speculation as to what enterprising band was going to start upon this formidable task and what ring of bells was available for such a performance. It was the Guildford band who undertook the task and Warnham, Sussex, where an attempt was once made for 20,000 of Canterbury Major, was the tower. Last Monday's attempt was not successful, but two peals were rung.

Naturally an early start was necessary. The bells went off into Bristol Surprise at 5.5 a.m. and came round at 8.10. After an interval of 50 minutes . . . Cambridge Surprise was started for at 9 a.m. The ringing . . . was a bit too fast, but, nevertheless, the peal was rung, the bells coming into rounds at 11.50. An interval of two hours was then taken, London Surprise being attempted after dinner. A second start had to be made but after an hour's ringing a shift course occurred and 'Stand' was called. As there was not then time to ring the four peals, no other was attempted. . .

[Four Surprise peals have been rung in one day on at least two subsequent occasions—but not on one ring of bells!]

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## Visit to Kippax

The Society's monthly meeting was held at Kippax on July 28th. It was a perfect day for a meeting and despite the counter attraction (Test Match in Leeds) the attendance was good. Bells were rung up at 2.30 p.m. as a final part of a wedding and, immediately following, the church choirboys were giving an open-air play at which the ringers were interested spectators. Ringing until tea-time was enjoyed in a variety of six-bell methods.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, following tea. Mr. J. W. Benten presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Woodlesford and the local ringers. Three new members from the Kippax tower were elected, viz., Miss J. Wilkinson and Messrs. W. Cowell and K. Woodcock.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the other arrangements was proposed by Mr. I. Slack and seconded by Mr. R. H. Dove. Mr. H. Lawn acknowledged the thanks and hoped that when the Society came next time the local ringers would be able to join in more of the ringing.

The next meeting is due to be held at Otley on August 25th. The venue of the September meeting was discussed and it was finally agreed to exchange the Rothwell tower with the East Ardsley tower.

Mr. I. Slack asked if members would act as missionaries and visit towers wanting assistance with learners. It was pointed out that certain members were visiting two and three towers each week giving their services in the cause of ringing. Learners were asked to visit other towers where a helping hand and a welcome was awaiting them.

A final suggestion was that a list of practice nights be printed; will all local secretaries accordingly notify the district secretary of their practice night and time.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—At the Abbey on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Herbert 1, J. Page 2, M. Northway (first quarter Triples 'inside') 3, Miss H. Kebby 4, M. Aymes 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (first quarter Triples as cond.) 7, W. Bell 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. Believed to be the first quarter by a local band for over 35 years.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

## Talk of 5s. Subscription

A general meeting was held in St. Clement's Hall, Norwich, on July 28th, with the president in the chair and 36 members present from Wymondham, North Elmham, Fakenham, North Creake, Loddon, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Diss, Saxlingham, Mendham, Pulham St. Mary, Redenhall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Hethersett, Bunwell, Somerleyton, Cambridge St. Andrew and Mulbarton. Two important items brought the meeting together and were discussed at length.

The general secretary brought forward the excellent draft service form which the Guildford Guild had prepared. It was decided to communicate with the Guildford Guild saying that the Association was prepared to proceed with the scheme provided that various points involved could be settled to mutual happiness.

The annual report and finance were discussed. It was noted that an annual report of the same style as heretofore could not be produced without a great increase in price, which could not possibly be met with the present annual subscription. It was decided to empower a small committee consisting of Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. Edwin Goate and the general secretary, to devise a report more economical in format yet as detailed as possible, and to print this.

Notice of motion was given that at another general meeting it would be proposed to raise the annual subscription from 2s. 6d. to 5s. for those over 16, and non-resident life members from 5s. to 10s. The general meeting at which this will be voted on will be at St. Clement's Hall, Norwich, on Saturday, October 20th, at 5.15.

The bells at Mancroft, St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre were open for ringing and a good tea was arranged by the ladies of St. George Colegate and St. Clement's.

Miss Dorothy Sayers' Popular Ringing  
Lecture

As part of Canterbury's Festival programme, Miss Dorothy Sayers, of 'Nine Tailors' fame, gave a lecture in the Chapter House of the Cathedral on ringing to an audience of over 500.

Miss Sayers traced the history of ringing from the earliest times down to the present day. She spoke of the history of some of the more famous societies, also the present day activities of ringers, their peals, meetings and outings.

She explained how the changes are rung, and as an example took the changes on three bells, gave their notes, divided the audience into three sections, each with its own note and got them singing. The audience seemed to enjoy this part very much. At the end of her lecture she was given an ovation and was afterwards besieged by autograph hunters, most of them with a copy of one or other of her books.

Miss Sayers was introduced by Miss Margaret Babington, O.B.E., who is hon. steward and treasurer of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.

## 5,024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

Repeat five times with the following modifications:—

- Insert an extra course, called MH, after the first course of the first part.
- In the fourth part, omit W in the first course, H in the second and M in the third.

Contains all the combinations of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6.

Rung at Hanbury at July 1st.

## OBITUARY

## FLYING OFFICER K. G. CARLTON

A former ringer at Willesborough, Kent, Flying Officer Ken G. Carlton met his death when his plane crashed at Filey, Yorks. Ken was a regular service ringer from 1936 to 1941 when he joined the R.A.F. He had rung nine peals, his first being in April, 1936 at the age of 13. His last, in December, 1938, was a peal of Minor in seven methods.

To his memory and as a mark of respect 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung at Willesborough on July 23rd, by R. Newton 1, L. Smith 2, W. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

## MR. JOHN DUNKLEY

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost a valued officer by the death on July 24th of Mr. John Dunkley in his 83rd year.

Mr. Dunkley was captain of Kingthorpe Parish Church, Northampton, for 50 years and had been deteriorating in health for about a year but, however, still rang up to his 80th birthday. Besides being a much respected ringer, Mr. Dunkley was very well known as a fine bowls player and cricketer. He was the oldest master builder in Northampton.

Mr. Dunkley had rung several peals, but this was not his keenest ringing interest; he set his ideals on loyal Church service ringing, good striking and dependability; he was a good churchman and rarely missed attendance at service.

All his ringing friends are so glad that, before he died, Kingthorpe bells were reinstalled and ringing again after being at the bell-foundry early in the year.

The wagon which took the bells away was halted outside his house so that he could see them with his keen eye.

After the funeral, at which a large number of ringing friends paid their tribute to a much respected ringer, a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following: J. Payne 1, S. Earl 2, E. Frost 3, W. Hammons (conductor) 4, F. Benfield 5, D. Wright 6. S. E. N.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## Reading Branch at Mortimer

The summer quarterly meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Mortimer, at the southern extremity of the Diocese, on July 28th, one of the sunniest Saturdays of the year.

About fifty members and friends attended the service at St. John's Church and the Vicar gave a very appropriate and interesting address. Tea was then taken on the lawn of the Vicarage garden by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Whitmill, and so good was the meal, so warm the weather and so fine the scenery, that many felt they would have liked rather to spend the rest of the day reclining on the lawn and recounting past ringing experiences than to spend the evening ringing.

However, at long last, the gathering was sufficiently roused to hold a short business meeting at which five new members were elected. Ringing was then resumed at both towers where the bells were kept going in the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise until nine o'clock. A. D.

## RANG A PEAL IN THE LAST CENTURY

To the list of those who rang peals in the last century should be added the name of Mr. A. R. Ward, of Ryde, Isle of Wight. Despite his 79 years, Mr. Ward still climbs the stairway to ring the bells of All Saints', Ryde.

This grand old man rang his first peal in this tower in 1889, it being rung in honour of the daughter of the late Canon Poole. The Canon was mainly responsible for the building of All Saints', Ryde, with its lofty spire which can be easily seen from the mainland.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—20

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

## TALES OF DRINKING

At the end of his 1888 diary, Mr. Fussell devotes two or three pages with the above title. Thus: 'Mr. Turner, the present churchwarden of Lugwardine, rang, when a young man, in the tower there, when only five bells. Emery, an old man now working on a farm close by as a labourer, is still foreman of the old Lugwardine ringers. These two well remember the time, and speak of it now, when the old vicarage stood close by the tower, facing it; the old brick wall now left standing being the only parting between the churchyard and Rector's grounds. The late Rector was in office for many years and never interfered with his ringers and at last was too old to do so! On Christmas day and night and New Year's Eve and night it was not uncommon for the ringers to be ringing all night long on and off at intervals, and continued so till next day, and if some were not able to work through bad weather, ring on for several days together. A couple of large stone jars were in use and two pairs of men sent off with a jar alternately to the various farm houses round about for cider, which was always freely given by all the farmers for the ringers. These two jars were kept going so long as the people would give and the men able to stand—in some cases by leaning against the wall. The ropes would keep the men from falling as they rang.

## FIRES IN THE TOWER

'Clay pipes and tobacco were, of course, much used—spitting about the tower and occasional bad language too, until the belfry was a perfect den. There was also a roaring fire constructed as follows: A couple of gravestones pulled up and placed in the corner of the tower, sticks and paper laid ready for lighting. When dark, one or two would stroll over a hopyard, at no great distance away and pick up a few hop-poles, which were placed with the tarred ends to the lit fire; the poles caught up and blazed away to the ceiling, sometimes 10 or 12 feet high. The old wooden shutters were, of course, seldom closed. On the wall, facing the tower a half hoghead of cider was once fixed at Christmas time—this was pulled at and emptied between then and New Year's Day. There used to be some bother if a bell was overthrown as there were no stays on them.

'At Withington a similar kind of going-on was carried but the ringing room then was where they have now put the clock, and only five bells. At Bosbury the walls and ceiling timbers show the blackened smoke stained effects of a fire which used to be in the corner on any ringing night. This belfry and bells is one of the most perfect specimens left of what ringing rooms and bell-ringing used to be 50 years ago. The only addition is wooden (and some iron) stays to the bells. Well worth a change-ringer's visit if anywhere near.

'At Peterchurch, Mr. C. Garrett's father was a farmer and a ringer. If he happened to be ploughing and heard the bells go up for a wedding or anything else, he would take in the horses, leave his plough, and at once go up and ring for the rest of the day and night. He it was who saw Peterchurch bells arrive in the village—six bells, all at once!

## THE WAGON THAT BROUGHT THE BELLS

'Mr. Garrett's grandfather and his great-uncle were the two who arranged to get the bells home from Gloucester by road and provide horses and cart for the purpose. Up till within very recently parts of the old farm wagon which actually carried the bells could be seen laying about near the churchyard. The old villagers would often come with pride and point out to a friend or visitor "the wagon what brought our

bells here." Cider drinking and smoking was carried on here and a fire lit somewhat after Lugwardine. The Vicar was not so particular and evidently one of the good old sort. He would come into the churchyard where a company of farmers from miles around would play at ball against the walls and caution a boy to see the shutters shut for fear of breaking a window and occasionally saying, "Well done" and "Good" when an exciting game was on. As soon as service time was up (his big watch was referred to) he would say: "Now, lads, let's get in and have it over—open the shutters, boy—tell the ringers to set up a bit."

'Peterchurch was a notorious place for fighting, then-a-days farmers would meet on Sundays at "The Crown" and if they quarrelled, generally arranged to fight it out "after dinner" or "after church." A village policeman was seldom seen and even if there, both parson and policeman would say: "Let 'em fight it out." As many as two or three stand-up fights have taken place in the field between the church and the river on the south side. "The Crown" is now occupied by a Dissenter named Lane, who is a teetotaler but sells ales and spirits, and yet professes strong temperance principles.

'At Woolhope cider was drunk to a great extent—the tower arch opening into the nave was closed up and the doorway (small) used for passing in and out. This door is now built up. Sellack once boasted of a good ringer named Gabriel Link—he it was who came to Hereford to teach All Saints' men Triples. Gabriel rang at Ross a good deal 20 years ago with the Bullocks and Drews in Triples. Some years ago John Davies, of All Saints', and a band of six, had five days' ringing; commencing at Sellack—Kings Capse—they went to Holme Lacey and Fomhope and Woolhope, across to Tarrington and Stoke Edith. Rang at Lugwardine and Wittington, back to Hampton Bishop and Kings Capse again: some went to Ross and rang. This band could ring six-scores of Grand-sire Doubles but most of the rings they visited went badly and they had to put up with 'thirties.' Plenty of drink was then given them—they had to beg what food was not given them—most of them being out of work at the time of this excursion.'

(To be continued.)

## RAINHAM, KENT

For a tour of Kent and Sussex on July 14th, ringers of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were joined by friends from Bobbing, Borden and Chatham, a start being made at 7.30 a.m.

The first tower was Edenbridge, followed by Crawley, before having lunch at Horsham. The afternoon's programme was Cowfold, a handy six, Uckfield, and, after tea, at Leigh. The tour was about 160 miles and Rainham was reached at 11 p.m. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make the outing a success.

F. C.

## ACCIDENT ON TOUR

Mr. Dennis Airey, of Darlington, while with the Roving Ringers on tour last Saturday, was injured in a road accident at Great Yarmouth. The accident necessitated his return home to the regret of his colleagues.

## BROADCASTING

Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, is speaking on 'Shropshire Bells and Ringers' in the Midland Region countryside programme next Sunday at 7.10 p.m.

## 'THE CATHEDRAL OF WEST LONDON'

An Amalgamation of Parishes at Ealing

For many years prior to the war, Ealing was noted for the possession of two exceptionally beautiful churches, Christ Church and the daughter Church of St. Saviour, which, although separate parishes, were only a few hundred yards apart. Both churches were famous for their elaborate and beautiful ritual, in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, and both attracted large congregations.

During the autumn of 1940, St. Saviour's was completely destroyed by incendiary bombs, and in the summer of 1944 Christ Church was so badly damaged by a flying bomb that it almost seemed that this too would become a total wreck. However, under the guidance of the late Father de Vere and his successor, Father Bell, a wonderful scheme of restoration has been carried out at Christ Church, including the rehanging of the bells and recasting some of them (St. Saviour's had no bells), and the church, often known as the Cathedral of West London, is now almost back to its pre-war condition.

St. Saviour's, too, had an imposing scheme of restoration in view, but were not permitted to proceed, and recently were informed by the Diocesan Authorities that their church was not to be rebuilt, and the two parishes were instructed to amalgamate, under the title of Christ the Saviour, to operate from Christ Church. This involved the resignation of the Vicar of Christ Church (Father Bell) to the deep regret of the congregation, and the taking over of the combined parish by the Vicar of St. Saviour's (Father Aglionby).

The inauguration of the combined parishes was recently carried out with great ceremonial by the Bishop of London and the two are now working happily together with a large congregation. The peal, recorded elsewhere, is therefore of historic importance to the parish, and was rung at the wish of the church authorities as the first under the new title. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Eldred on the birth of a grandchild, and was also the 25th peal together by Messrs. Squire Croft and H. W. Rogers.

## KINGSTON RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of the Kingston Ringers was, this year, only the official title for a large family party. Coincidence of several local ringing functions produced a shortage of ringers: it was, therefore, happily possible to invite all Rabbit's friends and relations for July 14th, and a lively time was had by all.

The programme revolved round bells, scenery and food. It was for lunch at Banbury that the party sped through the Thames valley all morning, with hasty ringing at Burnham and Abingdon: while at Marlow certain members of the band were nearly left behind for too much idling on the river bank. The afternoon's ringing at Hook Norton, Bicester and High Wycombe was especially enjoyed. The family-picnic atmosphere was now at its height, the children vanished, ice cream abounded, and it is whispered that at Bicester the second tea relay scamped their ringing for fear the first would eat more than their share.

The day ended with what is now a curious but happy assortment of memories of cider, handbells and the 'processional outline' of Windsor Castle floodlit against the sky. Not to mention a detour through the remotest suburbs of Feltham at 11 p.m. to drop certain importunate at their very doors.

The secretary and all who co-operated are to be congratulated on the success of the whole day; and thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring and to the members of local bands who gave up their time. RABBIT.



## VISITING OTHER TOWERS

### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK

A coach tour into Essex was planned by Blaxhall ringers for their outing on July 14th, the party including friends from Leiston, Wickham Market and Hasketon.

The towers selected provided much variety. Ringing was enjoyed on the six of St. Leonard's, Colchester; then came the quiet eight at Feering All Saints' and the heavy tenor of 21 cwt. at Kelvedon, where the long draught did not find much favour with some of the band. After a shaky start, ringing got going to some Cambridge Minor.

An excellent lunch at Witham was followed by a visit to St. Nicholas' and All Saints' (8), the small ringing chamber causing a queue on the belfry stairs. Some good ringing took place at Braintree but the best performances of the day were after tea at Halstead. Finally came Earls Colne where, after getting used to the springy ropes, ringing was enjoyed on this fine eight. Our thanks to the organiser and those in Essex who made this a most enjoyable day. A. S. P.

### GREAT TEY

St. Barnabas', Great Tey, outing, on July 14th, numbered no fewer than 70 ringers and friends. Great Tey was left at 7.30 a.m. and the first halt was at SS. Peter and Paul's, Dagenham, where the Vicar met the visitors. The ringing was enjoyed.

Owing to a traffic jam it was decided to bypass St. Mary's, Chatham, and make straight for Maidstone. After lunch a visit was paid to the heavy ten at All Saints', where Mr. Mannering, who had helped arrange the outing, awaited the visitors. A good pull preceded a return to the New Inn Hotel for tea.

Ringling followed at St. Michael and All Angels', Marden, and Tunbridge Wells. Home was reached in the early hours of Sunday morning. Mr. J. W. Dyer, who was responsible for the arrangements, thanks steeplekeepers and others for their kind co-operation.

### HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

The Hereford Cathedral School Society held its annual outing on July 25th and with the welcome help of several visitors spent the day touring out-of-the-way towers near Ross and Monmouth. (The Society was founded in 1943 and has held regular outings during the Summer Term since 1945.)

The convoy of two cars and two motor-cycles set out from Hereford at nine and soon afterwards Much Dewchurch's six were going, followed by Orcop's and Garway's fives. Here three vehicles lost the leader (somebody had to come time during the day!) and arrived a few minutes late. Here, also, the Master of the Hereford Guild managed to dislodge his pillion passenger over a bumpy piece of ground! After these diversions we found that the bells went much better than we had expected from previous warnings.

Skenfrith (6) was the next tower, and thence to Llantilio-Crossenny, where the Vicar was sorry to disappoint us as the bells were unringable, and spent twenty minutes giving us a history of the church. At Llangattock-vibon-Avel (6) the ropes were, on the average, eighteen inches too low, and the treble and tenor were more easily rung sitting down! An instruction 'Get closer, tenor', was promptly obeyed by the tenorman moving along the bench, and 'Stand' was called very literally! After all this we enjoyed some light refreshment kindly provided by the Vicar.

Staunton (6), near Monmouth, where the bells are rung from the chancel steps, was considered the best tower of the day; thence to Goodrich (6) and finally to the pleasant light eight at Bridstow. Here we were very kindly entertained to supper at the home of the Master of the Society.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

### MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

July 21st will be a day to remember for members of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, who held their annual coach trip to the surrounding wilds, the destination this year being Sussex. The day proved one of the warmest of the year and signs of this were apparent by the time the slow work amidst the traffic jams of Maidstone had been accomplished and the coach set forth on its hunting course to Buxted. This proved indeed of a Treble Bob variety and the beauties of the Kentish Weald were displayed from all possible angles before the coach made a belated arrival. Here the church lies in the middle of a deer park and is itself worthy of this gracious setting. The bells proved to be a pleasant octave and in the short time available they were employed on the standard methods.

The next tower was Maresfield, only one mile away. These bells proved to be an eight, recently augmented from six, and they went so well as to be difficult to ring to some members of the party. Here an attempt was made to ring Belgrave, but two or three leads were sufficient to decide the band that further study would be profitable. Rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung in rather better style.

The next stop was at Ringmer for refreshment. A sandwich lunch was eaten in the landlord's garden. Once again attempts to catch up with the timetable were of no avail, and the party had, unfortunately, no time to spare on arrival at Lewes. The ten bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, were rung to rounds, Grandsire, and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob Royal and to finish, a course of Superlative on the back eight. Leaving just before a wedding, the next port of call was the historic and picturesque village of Alfriston. Here the six-bell ringers came into their own ready to provide the best ringing of the day. But all too soon a breaking rope prevented any further stay and the bus was on its way to the sea at Eastbourne. A few hectic minutes were snatched on the front by most of the party and a few were seen to venture into the sea. And so to tea!

After tea, ringing was had at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung and the tone and 'go' of the bells much appreciated. All too soon a move was made to Rotherfield, but once at St. Denys' Church the fine timbre of the bells and friendly welcome extended by members of the local band ensured a pleasurable visit. At last most of a course of Belgrave was accomplished. The standard methods from rounds to Bristol were brought round and ringing went on until nine o'clock.

After a brief stop at Goudhurst the coach made its way back into the Maidstone area to begin its long round of the villages taking people home. It had been a long and tiring day but none the less enjoyable. The thanks of all the party are due to Dr. Hatcher for the organisation which, even if a little out of phase, never ceased functioning with scientific precision.

F. P. W.

### GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT VISIT SURFLEET

A party of ringers from Grantham, Ancaster and Great Ponton paid a visit to Surfleet on July 23rd.

The party arrived just after 7 p.m. and, having been welcomed by Mrs. Richardson, soon set this light ring of 12 bells in motion. A variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles upwards were rung but the full 12 were only heard in rounds.

After ringing, the visitors adjourned to the Church Room where excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. Dobney, of Surfleet. Mr. J. M. Simpson expressed the thanks of the visitors to their hosts.

J. M. S.

### EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM

The ringers of Edgbaston Old Church held their annual outing on July 14th and a party of 27 consisting of ringing and other friends left Selly Oak by motor coach at 8 a.m.

Our first stop was Hinton-on-the-Green in the Vale of Evesham, where we received a warm welcome from the Rector, the Rev. F. C. Chamption, and one can imagine our surprise when the first finger to greet us was Mr. Phil Corby, who, with his family, were staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, both of whom later came and rang with us. Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung and also a course of York-shire, assisted by Mr. Corby and his host and hostess, which enabled a fair member of the party to ring her first course in that method.

Through the glorious Cotswold country via Broadway and Stow-on-the-Wold, to Burford, where we were met by the local captain, Mr. W. J. Dixon, and for nearly an hour we greatly enjoyed the beauty of this splendid eight.

After a substantial lunch at Oxford, the party adjourned to All Saints' Church, where we received a welcome from Mr. Walter F. Judge. As we were about to leave we were delighted to see Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of 'Belfryman-ship' fame.

Our next stop was at Banbury where a delightful tea was partaken of at a local cafe. Unfortunately, we could not have the use of the bells as they had been promised to other visitors. At the parking station the party was rather alarmed as the police were there enquiring for the writer. This, however, turned out to be nothing more serious than a message from Mr. V. B. Hunt, at Stratford-on-Avon, to the effect that we could not ring there until 8 p.m. instead of 6.30 on account of a musical programme at the local flower show.

Leaving Banbury we travelled via the historic Edge Hill to Stratford, where Mr. Hunt had kindly arranged for us to ring as we could not ring at Banbury. He and one of his colleagues were there to welcome us and some well-struck Grandsire and Stedman Caters were enjoyed; also Double Norwich on the back eight.

On arriving home, shortly after 10 p.m., everyone agreed that this was one of the most successful of Edgbaston outings, thanks to the organisation of Messrs. W. Mumford and T. Russell.

W. C. D.

### WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

An ambitious programme was arranged by Winchester Cathedral ringers with a few friends from neighbouring towers, for their first outing in 47 years.

Ringling took place at St. Martin's and St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Westbury. At the last-named tower one of the youthful members found to his disgust that when trying to swing the tenor he only succeeded in lifting himself off the floor! Lunch followed at the White Horse Restaurant.

Owing to a late arrival ringing had to be curtailed on the heavy ten at Wells Cathedral (tenor 57 cwt.) and it was here that some of the party had to adjust their ideas on heavy belfrymanship!

At the tea-table at Trowbridge, Mr. Lampard thanked, on the members' behalf, Mr. J. A. C. King, the organiser of the outing, and welcomed visitors from Alresford, Sparsholt and St. Maurice's, Winchester. He gave a special welcome to Miss Betty Edmonds, daughter of the Mayor of Winchester, who has recently made a start in ringing. Trowbridge tower was visited and as the bells were set going in rounds it seemed that something was wrong. After a while it dawned that although twelve ropes were being pulled only ten bells could be heard. We discovered later that this was due to an oversight on the part of the Rector, who omitted to inform the captain of the visit and the latter had consequently tied two trebles the night before for beginners. The two towers at Devizes—St. John's and St. Mary's—were visited before starting on the homeward journey.



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## BIRTH

REITER.—On July 28th, 1951, at Sunnyside, Honiton Clyst, Devon, to Queenie (nee Pring) and George E., the gift of a daughter (Margaret Edna). 9269

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage arranged between Stanley Darmon and Jean Southerst will take place at St. Chad's Church, Far Headingley, Leeds, at 11.30 on August 15th. All friends will be welcome at the Church. 9271

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## MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9258

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3—5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

HAWKHURST GUILD and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Withyham, August 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 'The Dorset Arms.' Names to H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham, Hatfield (6) also available.—G. Billenness, C. Bassett, Secs. 9250

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and LONDON GUILD.—North & East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 11th at 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 9257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Bradford Branches.—Monthly practice, Goring, Saturday, August 11th. Bells 6—9. 9246

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—August meeting at Wem (8 bells) on 11th. (High Ecall out of order.) Tea, Kynastons Cafe, 5.30. All ringers welcome. 9264

SUFFOLK GUILD (N. and N.E. Districts) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Bures, August 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 9216

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, August 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 9280

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 9254

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curridge, August 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Village Hall 5. Names to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9252

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Winford, August 18th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9285

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), August 18th, 3 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday, 15th. to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9292

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, August 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by August 14th, to F. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 9281

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan, Saturday, August 18th, 2.30. Names for tea, by August 16th, to Mr. H. W. Nunn, 67, Studley Road, West Hartlepool. Method—Cambridge. 9277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 9275

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 9268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Colerne (8), August 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by August 15th, to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Churchdown (6), August 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by August 14th, certain.—Larner, Chedholm Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9293

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Stockbury (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, August 15th. This will be the first time that the Association has visited Stockbury and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to visit the very lovely old church and village.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9261

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Helmshore on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9279

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9284

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Matthew's, Stretford, August 18th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9289

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, via Carnforth.—John Woods. 9294

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Prestwold, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Prestwold Hall, 5. Names, by August 15th, to Mr. E. Briggs, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall. 9248

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, August 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by August 14th. L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 9287

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, August 18th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 9259

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Gainsborough Districts will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (a grand 8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Exact numbers, please, to me by Tuesday previous, Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel 2623).—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec. Lincoln District, Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. Gainsborough District. 9295

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Cheddleton, Saturday, August 18th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9270

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Maxey, August 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by August 13th, G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9123

PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Rutland Branch) and the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting at Whissendine, Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea, in Institute, 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. Cox, Ashwell Road, Whissendine, Rutland. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 9267

SELBY and BEVERLEY SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Selby Abbey, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, by Wednesday, August 15th, Mr. H. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9291

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School Hut. After tea, London practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9251

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Areley Kings, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, August 14th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9288

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**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—Ringers' Sunday, August 19th. Bells all day. Service 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by Thursday previous, E. Leggett, The Dell. All ringers and friends welcome. 9255

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting Syston and Leicester Districts at Sibley, August 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names, by August 22nd, to W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sibley. 9278

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Summer meeting, Trysull, August 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Bell Inn. Service 6 o'clock. Accommodation for tea is limited to 50, so early application is essential. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 1s. each person.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 9282

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Alteration of meeting date: South Harting (quarterly), August 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9272

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern Section. Meeting at Gorseinon, Saturday, August 25th (note change). Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 9274

**STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.**—On July 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard (first quarter) 1, B. Grinter 2, R. Beale 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, Miss S. Bishop 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Bishop.

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## WHAT IS A TRUE PEAL?

**Q**UITE a number of ringers admit the soft impeachment that they have rung one or two, only one or two of course, perfect peals. Can their statements bear strict analysis? Most peal ringers can recall ringing hour after hour without word or incident, but are they quite sure that there was no little trill, a partially missed dodge, hurriedly covered up? Are they quite sure that every bell struck cleanly in its place throughout the peal? It would indeed be a bold man who would make such an assertion. Standards and opinions differ regarding bell ringing to an extent probably unknown in any other kind of performance. The writer recently was asked his opinion of a recording of some ringing. The ringers themselves were apparently very proud of it, but it was quite easy to pick out some 60 faults in 42 rows. Not only were the individual blows unevenly spaced, but there were at least nine actual clips. To the purist, one clip would invalidate the truth of a peal. With this premise, is it not almost a certainty that no true peal has ever been rung? Confronted with this probable truth, one has to ask oneself to what extent can a conductor allow faults and at the same time put his name to the report sent to 'The Ringing World'? Standards differ widely, as has been said. Further, one must allow for the band. What might be accepted in a modest peal of Grandsire with novices ringing could not be tolerated in a band capable of better things.

We are told that any error in the ringing must be corrected at once. Obviously, liberal interpretations are made of 'at once.' The very best type of conductor does literally correct a trip at once, so that the trip does not develop into what is variously known as a bend or a heap. Less able conductors can correct the ringing at the lead head following a trip, but is this good enough? The bells may have been astray for a minute or more. Can this be interpreted as 'at once'? The temptation is great when, after some hours of magnificent ringing, a trip develops into something worse, and the conductor gets the bells into their right places again, to count the per-

formance as a peal. He is inclined to argue with himself that the good ringing has erased the bad, and that first-class ringing marred by only one trip is more nearly a true peal than a tripless but badly struck peal. We have heard the famous story of the ringer of a peal who struck only one clean blow in it, and that was when he missed the sally. One feels that there is something in the argument, but, again, how far can it be justified? Surely it is the luck of the game and should be accepted as such. Some years ago a West Country band rang 36 courses of Double Norwich in magnificent style. It was tripless and clipless, but at that point the second ringer inadvertently made seconds at the treble lead. The course end should have been 32456, but 2-3 struck together in seconds place. The conductor immediately cried 'Stand.' Endless were the arguments—'The bells didn't run round'; 'If the course end had been 42356, and a similar thing had happened, you would have let it pass.' The conductor's reply to this was to say that a peal should start from and end with rounds, and you can't risk having a suspicion that rounds had occurred between.

How far can a pair of bells be allowed to proceed after having changed course? The conductor who keeps his eye on the coursing order can usually prevent such a thing happening. The conductor who checks the bells at the course end and then finds two bells over should stop at once. True, they may have only just turned over. On the other hand, they may have been wrong for nearly a course.

Those peals which were rung at Caversham in the heyday of the band **were** peals without doubt, for the first trip brought the word 'Stand' from the conductor. That is the standard to aim at. But, in their anxiety to get another peal or another tower, ringers are inclined to overlook more and more, and the standard of peal ringing is deteriorating. Conductors like Pulling and Dexter would not tolerate a bad trip. Now there seems to be a spirit abroad inclined to treat peal ringing as a sport, and to score a peal at any cost. How many peal ringers can look through their list of performances and be entirely content with them? Don't they feel inclined to run a red pencil through some of them?

J. T. D.



**TEN BELL PEALS**

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At CHRIST CHURCH,

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Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

DONALD PEARSON .. .. Treble	GERALD FARRER .. .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 3	HARRY FARRER .. .. 8
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. .. 4	HEDLEY WOOD .. .. 9
ANNE WORTH .. .. 5	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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Rung for the christening of Christine Andrea, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Farrer.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 9
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Rung on the 11th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. S. B. Ashley. Also for the conductor to achieve a long-cherished ambition (42 years) to ring a peal in the church at which he commenced to ring. M. G. Turner has now circled the tower.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE .. 5
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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*ROY TAYLOR .. .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 5
*DOREEN EDWARDS .. .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 6
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Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY HURST .. .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 2	DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 3	*NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

\* 150th peal and 25th of Bob Major. Rung to welcome the Rector, Canon John Dinn.

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*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4	FREDK. J. ELSEY .. .. Tenor

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\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. A Festival peal.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 5
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

A farewell peal for the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving for Australia.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
*JOHN BOUTLAND .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 3	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Triples.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble	*DEREK P. JONES .. .. 5
LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 2	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. 3	*CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 7
*GEORGE CHERRY .. .. 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen and the conclusion of the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

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## BIDDENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. Treble	† MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. .. 2	† MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
* WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mark W. Marshall.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 6
REGINALD H. HOWSON .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. .. 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the third. Also a Festival of Britain peal and in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

## COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER STARR .. .. Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	* GILBERT C. WEEKS .. 6
WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 3	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 7
A. CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Percival R. Young, of Bath.

## HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. J. PARKER'S Six-part (No. 13).	
* J. NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	* MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
ALAN FOSTER .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
NORREN BRAIN .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2	* TONY OWEN .. .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## ELY, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
* RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* 250th peal. First peal in the method for the Association and by except ringers of 2 and 8.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ABSON, NEAR BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of fourteen 120's each of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

* JOHN F. PEDLAR .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 4
GILBERT SPRULES .. .. 2	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	CECIL DANDO .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB and REGINALD G. HOOPER.

\* First tower-bell peal. 120's called alternately by the conductors. The method was also changed each 120.

## FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLEDWYN JENKINS .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
* REV. BERNARD AP IVOR .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 3	† ALAN R. THOMSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

## CANDLESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

* HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Treble	J. IVOR SMITH .. .. 3
† JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	† DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4

† G. ANGUS DIXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dixon.

## ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Fri., July 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* TERENCE J. ASQUITH (14) Treble	J. IVOR SMITH .. .. 4
† JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	† DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
* GEOFFREY PAUL (14) .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Terence J. Asquith.

## PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	MAX PAGE .. .. 4
* DENNIS GLEED .. .. 2	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 5
KENNETH MITCHELL .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	MOSES BILLINGS .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	W. ROBERT PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	LOUIS WILDERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

Rung on the tenor ringer's sixth wedding anniversary. Also rung within the octave of the patronal festival.



**MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(Northern Branch.)

*On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..Treble	*H. CECIL CAUNT .. 4
†PERCY JERVIS .. 2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
*GEOFFREY PAUL .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the wedding of Philip Fargher, D.F.C., of Everton Crosby, I.O.M., and Miss Paula Russell, of Mablethorpe Hall.

**APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cumberland, Horsmonden, Hereward, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Bob and Oxford Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROY L. SHUTTER .. Treble	†WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2	†TERENCE G. MORTON .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3	§WALTER AYRE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in seven plain methods. § 50th peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. C. Hughes.

**DUNDY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 6 six-scores of Stedman, 10 each of Plain Bob and April Day, 14 of Grandsire and 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HENRY BALL .. Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 4
†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
‡ALFRED G. HAZZARD .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in four methods 'inside.'

**HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

DAVID PEARCE .. Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4
*ERIC SUTTON .. 2	†ERNEST GOSLING .. 5
WILLIAM BUTLER .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal in more than three methods. † First peal 'inside' in six methods. Arranged for E. Sutton from Llanelly.

**KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE .. Treble	*CYRIL E. JAINE .. 4
E. PETER ROCK .. 2	F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor.

**MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT .. Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	WALTER J. COPE .. 5
PETER BERESFORD .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

The visitors express their thanks to Mrs. Beresford and Miss Joan Beresford for their kind hospitality after the peal.

**CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's of Double Court, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

**WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

WALTER LAGO .. Treble	JOSEPH L. STANIER .. 3
S. HAROLD TRANTER .. 2	DOROTHY M. COOPER .. 4

JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by S. HAROLD TRANTER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. Christine Weld-Forester, daughter of Lord and Lady Forester, of Willey Park, Shropshire, and the Hon. Richard Orde-Powlett, elder son of Lord Bolton, of Bolton Hall, Yorkshire. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. First peal as conductor.

**WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK BRAY .. Treble	HARRY HALL .. 4
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5
RONALD CHAFER .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clipstone on the 70th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Clipstone having been a chairman for many years; also to Mr. J. E. Smith on the 72nd anniversary of his first peal.

**CHIPPING SODBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Aug. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

BETTY NATION .. Treble	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 4
MARY DREW .. 2	CHARLES WATTS .. 5
*JEAN SHELLARD .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

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

**MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Northern Branch.)

*On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY JERVIS .. Treble	†LESLIE MASON .. 4
†TERENCE J. ASQUITH .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 5
CECIL W. CAUNT .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

**WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HONOR JONES .. Treble	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 4
HORACE V. ROBINSON .. 2	FREDERICK ROBERTS .. 5
*MARY DREW .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 2nd.



**NEWTON-NOTTAGE (PORTHCAWL), GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 variations.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES .. 4
ARTHUR HOARE .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Elisabeth Parfitt, who is a chorister at this church.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's.

*†RONALD G. BECK .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. 2	*H. LEONARD DERRICK .. 5
FREDERICK SAVAGE .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 300th peal.

**HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	*WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 4
MARY DREW .. 2	*LESLIE BARRY .. 5
*CHARLES ROUSE .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

**MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*AMOS INGALL .. Treble	*MOSES BILLINGS .. 4
†MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	*LOUIS WILDERS .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of London. † 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

**QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN .. 4
FREDA OLDERSHAW .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. 5
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

Rung in honour of Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

**WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 26 extents of Grand-sire (ten callings).

*COLIN A. J. CHAPPELL .. Treble	BARRY W. M. COWPER .. 4
HENRY C. WEAVER .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
ANSLEY BOWERS .. 3	*REGINALD W. BLACK .. Tenor

Conducted by ANSLEY BOWERS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Aug. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

HENRY C. WEAVER .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4
E. WINIFRED KEYES .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

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



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## BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of Norwich, Bourne, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD APPLEWHITE .. Treble	LOUIS WILDERS .. .. 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	MOSES BILLINGS .. .. 5
*W. ROBERT PARKER .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	*MOSES BILLINGS .. .. 5
*LOUIS WILDERS .. .. 3	W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

\* 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all.

## WOOKEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS .. .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 4
JOHN MEDCALFE .. .. 2	*DAVID HOARE .. .. 5
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## HANDBELL PEALS

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*On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE RECTORY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 April Day, 1,440 Grandsire, 3,360 Plain Bob, nine callings in all. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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REGINALD C. BEALE .. .. 5-6
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Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First 'in hand' in three methods by all. A fortieth wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Stephens.

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## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Grandsire (ten different callings), 14 extents of Plain Bob (four different callings), and 14 extents of St. Simon's (four different callings). Tenor size 12 in E flat.

*TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2	*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4
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†LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6
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Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: HOWARD N. GREGORY.

\* First peal in more than two methods. † First peal in more than two methods on handbells.

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## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., July 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

ON THE TOP OF ST. PETER'S TOWER,

## A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 1-2	RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5-6
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FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 7-8
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rung by J. Hunt 1, Mrs. J. Crocker 2, Miss  
Joan Crocker 3, D. Sleet 4, E. Butler 5, J. B.  
Hessey 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.

The Editorial Committee acknowledge  
another donation of £1 to meet the added cost  
of production, from an anonymous well-wisher.

Mr. H. W. Howard, of Davenham, North-  
wich, Cheshire, while on holiday at Cramhall,  
Glos, rang three peals with local ringers.

Cardynham (Cornwall) bells (8, tenor 14½  
cwt.) are being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and  
Johnston.

Congratulations were offered by ringing  
friends to Mr. W. C. Parker, steeplekeeper for  
over 50 years at St. Peter's, Staines, on Thurs-  
day last, on reaching his 85th birthday.

In connection with the peal at Lambeth on  
July 7th, the ringer of the sixth was William  
D. Grainger, and not Charles W. Ottley, as  
printed.

Will the ringer who submitted his list of 251  
peals, the first being rung at Woodford, Essex,  
kindly submit his name and address. We do  
not publish anonymous peal lists.

The ringer of the eighth in the peal of Maxi-  
mus at Shrewsbury on July 28th was Brian  
Harris and not as printed in our issue of August  
10th.

The quarter peal at Hereford on July 24th  
was an 86th birthday compliment to Harry  
Symonds, who has been steeplekeeper at the  
Cathedral Church since 1906. It is due chiefly  
to his care that the bells go as well as they do.  
He climbs the many steps to the belfry twice  
every Sunday. The Diocesan Guild recently  
honoured him by making him a Freeman.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Featured in 'The Crewe  
Chronicle' recently were  
two belfry illustrations of

ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, and St. Mary's,  
Sandbach. Writing about the Sandbach meet-  
ing, the reporter wrote: 'I came from the ser-  
vice with the conviction that I had witnessed an  
art which had remained unscarred by the pass-  
ing of centuries and which to-day is as fascina-  
ting as ever.'

Re the handbell peal of Treble Ten at Stoke-  
on-Trent, will Mr. F. W. Grocott please for-  
ward the figures of this peal to E. R. Martin,  
86, Hartington Road, Preston, who now has  
possession of Mr. Timbrell's peal book.

On August 4th, the Humphrey Perkins School  
Campanological Society held its annual meet-  
ing at Syston. Over 30 ringers were present  
and 15 methods were rung from Doubles to  
Treble Bob Major.

Mr. T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, Hants, writes,  
in reply to Mr. W. J. Norton, that the picture  
of Great Paul was taken outside the old Plough  
Inn at Stony Stratford, Bucks, and not at Little  
Brickill.

At least one person was delighted to hear  
that Alan Brown and family had chosen Suf-  
folk for their camping holiday. A greetings  
telegram, in Suffolk dialect, awaited them at  
Debenham.

Mr. Edward W. Colley, of Worthen, Shrop-  
shire, who took part in the peal of Plain Bob  
Major at St. John-the-Baptist's, Worcester, on  
July 28th, celebrated the 20th anniversary of  
his christening at this church, which occurred  
on July 28th, 1931.

After one month in Addenbrook's Hospital,  
Cambridge, Mr. F. Warrington, of St. Ives,  
Hunts, is home again and hopes to be back in  
the belfry some time in September. He thanks  
all those who made life in hospital just that  
little bit more pleasant.

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# SHREWSBURY ABBEY BELLS ARE HUNG 'DEAD'

## SAD STORY OF 'RESTORATION'

By W. A. FARMER

(By permission of the 'Shropshire Magazine')  
AFTER the last conquest of England, William the Conqueror gave to Roger de Montgomery, one of his chief companions in arms, a large tract of land, of which what is now Shropshire was part.

Roger de Montgomery, at the end of a life of hardship and bloodshed, forsook the fierce ways of war and the frequent but no less dangerous skirmishes with his Welsh neighbours, and founded Shrewsbury Abbey.

Three days after entering it he died, but the Abbey, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, grew in size and importance until at the Dissolution in 1552 it was ranked 34th in England. It is not clear how the order of precedence was decided, but it was probably on value, as these Abbeys were immensely wealthy.

Shrewsbury Abbey was a complete range of buildings, covering several acres, on a site originally occupied by a small church. As it was also used as a parish church it fulfilled a dual purpose, and for this reason it escaped complete destruction at the Dissolution.

### TWO TOWERS—TWO RINGS

The tower of the present church was built in 1377, but there was also another large tower further to the east and it is known that in 1552 there was a ring of five bells in each.

This was unusual, but not unique, and in speculation as to the reasons for this, it should be remembered that mediæval religion had much of superstition, and that bells were thought to ward off the devil, and also rough winds.

No record remains of the smaller ring which was in the tower which has long since disappeared, but we do know that the largest of those in the church tower was a very big bell indeed. It weighed 34 cwt. 23 lb. and was famed for its fine sound. It was known as St. Winifred's Bell, after a lady whose bones were returned to the Abbey with much ceremony in 1136.

It seems that it was much used, and one record says that in 1570 two men were killed when the clapper fell out. Another record says two men and two women, but in any event it required four or five men to ring it.

When a ring of eight bells was installed in 1673, it was kept as a separate or bourdon bell, as is the case at Tong to-day. It was finally broken in ringing for the safe return of Mr. Corbet Kynaston from France in 1730, and sold to the famous bellfounder, Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, for £143.

The ring of eight bells cast and hung by Oldfield, Nottingham, included the metal from the four other bells from the tower, and three from St. Giles'. All have since been recast, several more than once. It should be noted that the tenor or heaviest bell, weighing 21 cwt., is to-day the oldest church bell in Shrewsbury, which has six complete rings. The inscriptions are:—

Treble, T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1825.

Second, ditto.

Third, J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1884.

Fourth, H. Burton (Vicar), R. Bratton and R. Betton, C.W. (Churchwardens), Briant Hertford, Fecit 1812.

Fifth, C. and G. Mears (Founders), London. Come when I call to serve God, all. Recast 1846, Samuel Smith, William Parker (Wardens).

Sixth, Prosperity to the Church of England, A.R. 1745.

Seventh, Cast by Warner and Sons, London. Victoria. Cast 1877.

Purchased by public subscription raised by David Davies in lieu of old bell 1673. P. Whitcombe, B.A. (Vicar), H. Wade, T. Wilkes (Churchwardens). Tenor (21 cwt.). Religion and loyalty do make true harmony, A.R. 1713.

## BELL 'NEWS'

As has been noted in connection with Market Drayton in a previous article, eight bells were the minimum for change ringing, but we can see, from quotations taken from the very complete churchwarden's records, that these bells were a very real part of the life of the parishioners.

The church stood for all authority and learning, when few could read and services were in Latin. The ringing of the bell or the whole peal always meant something, of lesser or greater importance.

Four Shrewsbury churches announced the death of a parishioner until recent times with the death knell at 10 p.m.; three score and ten tolled on the tenor, followed by nine for a child, nine plus ten for a woman, and a further eleven for a man. This was repeated the night before the funeral, again giving information to all.

### RINGING FOR ELIZABETH

Quoting from records: '1565, Payd to the Clerke for the ryngers at Easter xij pence,' is followed by a note of ringing for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and in 1584 'for mending the Stock of the Illj Bell and for nayles for yt against the coming of L. of Leycester.' This was the famous Robert Dudley.

In 1607, 'Item to the Ringers ye 5 of Nov. 2s. 6d.' One wonders how much small beer was purchased with this half-crown, and how much ringing was done, when we read in 1678 'Paid for the ringing of the Sermon Bell the whole year 2s. 6d.' and that the following year the 'King came to town' and 3s. was paid for ringing on that occasion.

The eight bells were rung in the approved manner until the end of the last century. Apparently the only full peal of more than 5,000 changes, the accepted standard for a special performance, was in 1783 when the Union Society of Shrewsbury rang 5,120 changes of Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 39 minutes.

This Society was formed in 1714 to practise change ringing, and several peals are recorded in various churches in the town and county.

The peal took a long time, by present standards, and 'Treble Bob' is the name of a group of methods, but we may be reasonably sure that it was the method known as Oxford Treble Bob.

The ringers were: 1 Rob Lloyd, 2 Edn. Stanier, 3 Thomas Groves, 4 Jn. Hanley, 5 Jn. Fradgley, 6 Edn. Blakeney, 7 Philip Heath, 8 Jn. Harsthor. It was conducted by Philip Heath.

There was a band of ringers who practised, and also rang, during the last century, but no outstanding performances are recorded.

The only member of this band that it has been possible to trace is Mr. Edward Griffiths, of 17, Holywell Street, now in his 84th year. In addition to being a ringer, he was a musician of some note, and played in the old Volunteer Band for many years. He was also a member of the Shrewsbury Handbell Ringers.

During his ringing at the Abbey, the bells were rung from a dark and extremely noisy chamber immediately under the bells but it seems certain that they were originally rung either from the ground floor, or from an intermediate floor across the very fine West window. It is sad to relate that during the tower repairs of 1906 to 1909 the tower arch was found to be cracked, and the bells, although recorded as being rehung, in fact had the wheels removed and can now only be chimed, by a system of levers and hammers operated by one man. They sound quite pleasant but cannot be heard at any distance. A handsome clock, made by Joyce, of Whitchurch, also strikes on these bells.

Until the reconstruction of the London to Holyhead road by Telford, there was a series of buildings to the south of the tower, and the removal of these probably weakened it so that it is unwise to swing the bells in ringing.

It is possible suitably to strengthen it, of course, but an enlargement proposal for the building as a whole includes a new central tower where these bells may one day be removed and again be rung as they were in centuries now passed.

## A DAY IN NORTH CORNWALL

### In Little-Known Towers

On August Bank Holiday eleven members of the Truro Diocesan Guild had a trip into the prize-ringing area of North Cornwall. They comprised ringers from Camborne, Crantock, Kea, Kenwyn, St. Breock and also a member of the Salisbury Guild.

The first stop was St. Minver, which has an easy-going and good-toned six (tenor 10 cwt.). These bells were quite a discovery and are almost unknown to the ringers of Cornwall. They hang in a steeple which looks as if it had been brought down from Worcestershire, and is certainly unsuitable to our windy climate, for it has been blown crooked at the top.

The next tower was Endellion, a collegiate church with four prebends. The bells are a five in a major key to which a tenor of uncertain note has been added: they have no stays and are altogether deplorable, yet the B.B.C. has chosen them for broadcast on several occasions, which is strange, when Cornwall has so many lovely rings. However, a fund is being raised to recast them.

At St. Kew, the next tower visited, there is a lovely ring of six, which would be more lovely still if they saw the oilcan more frequently. Thence on through Camelford to Lesnewth, which is a most fascinating place and gives its name to the Hundred of Lesnewth. The church has been very badly treated, but the vandals spared the tower, which has a good light six if only the ropes were not single-ended. Al-

though there are only two houses in the vicinity, these bells are rung for the one service every Sunday.

Across the valley from Lesnewth we could see the tower of St. Juliot seemingly only a few fields away, but it was very different by road, steep hills, bends and a water splash. St. Juliot is the only Guild tower we rang at during the day and here we were met by the captain, Mr. Biddick. From St. Juliot to King Arthur's Cafe at Tintagel for tea, but we couldn't ring at St. Arthur's Church, its exposed position had played havoc with the ropes and the new ones had not arrived.

So on to St. Teath, where we found that the treble had no stay, and there the worst ringing of the day took place. From there across the valley to St. Tudy, where the tenor weighs 15 cwt., and the tower sways so that you can see it moving where it joins the church. The bells are difficult to ring, perhaps owing to the swaying of the tower; it taxed all the strength of the member from Kea to raise the tenor, but if the ringing was not too good the fall was magnificent.

Our last tower was Egloskale, the only eight of the day. Here was a box which rattled when moved, but it did not contain beer, but jam jars for Easter decorations. Here we rang several good touches of Grandsire Triples, one of the local ringers remarking, 'We do not ring that sort of thing.'

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor. W. H. R. T.



## ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS

(Continued from page 505)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR															DOUBLES										Total
	15-80 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	21 Methods	9 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method		
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	2	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	
Bedfordshire	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	2	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Chester Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	3	8	4	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	—	46	
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Cumberland & West.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
East Grinstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	2	5	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	9	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	2	6	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	4	5	9	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	
Ladies Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	
Leicester Dio. Guild	9	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	21	1	4	8	10	4	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	
London County Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
North Wales Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	
National Police Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Scottish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL	9	2	2	3	3	—	3	8	127	8	36	67	87	29	277	2	1	2	6	8	15	30	25	119	870	

\* Includes 1 peal each in 21, 25, 30, 40, 42, 50, 59, 69 and 80 methods.

## TO AUSTRALIA!

Chester has lost two of its young enthusiasts by the departure of John and David Boutland for Australia on August 8th. John (age 16) had just reached the 'Cambridge' stage and had rung 12 peals. David (age 11) had only just learned to handle a bell and was getting into rounds and call-changes. I am sure, writes a Chester correspondent, that the whole Exercise will join with us in Chester in wishing them all the very best and in hoping that they may be able to help in the advancement of the art in Australia.

## PEAL FOR CENTENARIAN

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at St. John-the-Baptist's, Newton-Nottage (the parish church of Porthcawl, Glam.) was in honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Elisabeth Parfitt, a chorister for 42 years. A four-page article featuring Mrs. Parfitt appeared in the magazine 'Illustrated' last May. These bells are rung from the ground floor with about 40 feet of rope below the guide holes and unless care is taken at each backstroke, the sally comes down anywhere except where expected. This, together with local preference for ringing with the tenor covering, was why Grandsire was rung.

## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of August 18th, 1911

## ODD CHANGES

Only one peal has ever been rung on the lonely island of Lundy and that was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The island has a rugged history and the controller of its destinies for the last half-century has been Mr. Heaven, who has been both king and priest. Mr. Heaven built the church and in it used to minister to the spiritual needs of the islanders. Lundy Island is in the diocese of Exeter, but separated from the mainland by a particularly choppy part of the Bristol Channel, which caused a late Low Church Bishop, who went to hold a Confirmation on the islet, to perpetrate the worst pun of an otherwise well-spent life. After a rough passage, in which he had thrown up everything but his bishopric, the unhappy prelate was heard to moan: 'I now believe that we must all pass through Purgatory to reach Heaven.'

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Mr. John Carter's machine for change-ringing is rapidly approaching, even if it has not reached, perfection, and presently when we want a peal rung it will merely be necessary to press a button. . . . Recently one gentleman . . . brought with him a lead of a new Treble Bob method, which no one but himself had seen. It was put into the machine, which rang a course perfectly. This sort of thing fairly takes one's breath away and we are looking forward . . . to inspecting Mr. Carter's wonderful invention.

## RINGERS IN 1851

## Festival in Yorkshire Village

When the village of Letwell, South Yorkshire, put the clock back to 1851 for her Festival celebrations on Saturday, July 28th, four members of the Sheffield and District Society of Change Ringers and six youngsters from Wickersley Modern School rang changes and tunes on handbells at various intervals during the afternoon and evening.

As the village church has only one bell, a large set of handbells was rung in the main street as Lady Scarbrough concluded her opening speech, and officially put the clock back to 1851. Whilst the conductor muttered exhortations to 'Strike 'em hard,' and one ringer almost broke his collarbone through over-pulling at the handstroke, an 1851-style coach and horses headed the procession through the village street, made prettier than ever by the colourful decorations.

Amongst the various following activities such as 'slashing the ham,' country dancing, etc., the highlights of the day were, without doubt, the 'elopement' of the Rector's daughter on horseback, (hotly pursued by an 'angry' father upon an ancient cycle), and the various items provided by the handbell ringers in the Rectory gardens, in the street and at tea.

All those taking part in the proceedings were attired in 1851 costume and as one ringer shrewdly remarked, 'There were some grand bits of stuff about in 1851.'

Needless to say one of the ringers soon found that the 'ale tent' was open at 5 p.m. and wisely kept the knowledge to himself until his eagerness to fetch 'pop' for the young ladies from 'a place up the road' aroused suspicion and the awful truth came to light!

The ringing provided a great deal of interest and enjoyment to hundreds who attended from surrounding villages and the performers were given hearty applause and finally thanked by the Rector who invited their assistance at the celebrations. One fellow-Yorkshireman did appear to think us a little 'batty' when he discovered it was all done for 'nowt' apart from the enjoyment derived.

N. C.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—I notice among the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' of August 3rd, three performances which ought to be classed as unorthodox performances.

I refer to two peals of Grandsire Doubles rung at Nuneaton. In both cases the peal is not a multiple of 120, as decided by the Central Council at Chester, and the third instance is the peal of Minor rung at Halsall which contains an extent of Woodbine Treble Bob, a method with their irregular lead ends.

Since these performances do not comply with Central Council Decisions they should be dealt with in the same way as the recent performance at Exeter and be described as 'unorthodox performances.'—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

## RULES AND DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—I regret the necessity of having to point out the fact that the following, published as peals, cannot be accepted as such by the Peals Analysis Committee:—

### TOWER BELLS

Minor, at Great Easton, Essex, February 10th, 1951; 'Ringing World,' page 133.

Minor, at Halsall, Lancashire, March 6th, 1951; 'Ringing World,' page 182.

Minor, at Halsall, Lancashire, July 15th, 1951; 'Ringing World,' page 485.

Each containing Woodbine Treble Bob.

### HANDBELLS

(a) Grandsire Doubles at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, May 30th, 1951; 'Ringing World,' page 486.

(b) Grandsire Doubles at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, June 13th, 1951; 'Ringing World,' page 486.

(a) Addition of touch of 40 changes.

(b) Addition of touch of 20 changes.

These are contrary to the Decisions of the Council, which are agreed to by the Associations concerned.

W. AYRE,

For the Peals Analysis Committee.

## DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. J. Davey in his protest, contained in a letter recently printed in 'The Ringing World,' against the decision of the Methods Committee that all methods with only one hunt should have a four-lead course. Such a rule would ban not only the methods mentioned by Mr. Davey, but also Reading, Raveningham Slow Course, Swanton, a new method by Mr. E. W. Tipler provisionally named Rugby, and probably others.

All these are separate and distinct methods and not merely well-known methods with different bobs and singles. They contain no objectionable features such as three consecutive blows in one place, and, if they are to be barred, the number of methods available to five-bell ringers, very limited in any case, will be still further restricted, and interest, correspondingly reduced.

Personally, I cannot see any real objection to such methods or any good reason for the decision in question.

Reading and St. Dunstan's are given in the Central Council's Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods and were, presumably, approved by the compilers of that collection, the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner and the late Mr. S. H. Wood, men of the highest eminence in ringing matters in general and method construction in particular.

—Yours truly,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

## RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—I have been interested to read Mrs. Wall's letter of advice to visiting ringers and especially to those coming to Scotland. The advice seems to me to be simple, straightforward and obviously sound commonsense—surely the canons of good advice—and yet it is a pity that your correspondent did not follow it herself.

If a few more facts of her disappointment are known it might show whether she is one of the wise or foolish virgins. She is, on her own testimony, a Surprise ringer in preference to anything so mundane as Grandsire, so one may probably suppose that she has at least heard of Dove's 'Ringing Guide' and that she both reads as well as writes to 'The Ringing World,' which, from time to time, carries news of the activities of all the Scottish change-ringing towers.

Yet on the Sunday morning in question she went to ring at the High Kirke of St. Giles, whose claim to bell fame lies in the fact that from 1692-1890 there was a carillon of 23 local bells, sounding so hideous that the Corporation of the city were forced to sell them and stop the noise, and since then the tower has been devoid of ringing bells. By the time she had found out her mistake and gone elsewhere, twenty minutes of the ringing time had gone by and it was not unnaturally assumed that a person coming in time for service only could be none other than an interested visiting worshipper taking the opportunity of seeing ringing in action—a common occurrence here, as I understand that there were in the self-same tower on a recent Sunday, two visitors from the States and two from Manchester who had never seen 'ringing' before, and went away thrilled—and not so experienced a ringer as the lady in question turned out to be.

The citizens of Edinburgh and of Glasgow cannot be expected to have accurate information of ringing conditions in their cities when, for example, there are well over 200 churches in Edinburgh with a population of half a million.

My only reason for writing to you, sir, is to dispel any doubts that may have arisen in your readers' minds regarding the welcome they would receive in the North, and I can truthfully say, what I know will be borne out by other ringing visitors to Scotland, that the welcome in Scotland awaiting the visiting ringer is no less than in any part of England, Wales or Ireland.

Both the local tower secretaries and myself will be glad to give information and a warm personal welcome to any ringers who care to get in touch with us.—Yours faithfully,

ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON, Sec.,  
The Scottish Association of Change Ringers.

## THE BROTHERS WARD

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal rung at Drighlington on Saturday, July 21st, and published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' should read—In memoriam Harry Ward, of Pudsey, and not Samuel Ward.

Happily enough, Samuel Ward is still with us, although he has not taken any active part in ringing for some time now because of his inability to climb the tower steps and I would like you to make this known, as Sam was a very active and well-known ringer in the West Riding of Yorkshire. I am sure that many of his old friends will be distressed on reading this premature intimation of his death.

Harry and Sam were brothers, both were members of the original band of Surprise ringers taught at Pudsey by the late Mr. Pratt Cordingley; I think Mr. Morris must have been confused between the two when he sent the report of the peal for publication.—Yours faithfully,

W. BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

## ST. WITHBURGA OR ST. WITHIBURGA?

Dear Sir,—May I call your attention to a misprint which reappears amongst the peal columns whenever a peal is reported from St. Withburga's, Holkham, Norfolk.

Suspecting this to be the case, I made certain of the spelling when reporting the peal of Minor published in the issue of August 3rd, but once again it appear 'St. Withiburga'; the correct spelling has only one 'i.'

As a point of interest to readers, 'Withburga' was the youngest daughter of 'Annas,' King of East Anglia. She died A.D. 654 and was interred in the churchyard of Dereham Parish Church.

The Abbot and monks of Ely Cathedral stole her remains and they were re-interred near those of her royal sisters at Ely in A.D. 974. The ruins of her original tomb are still to be found at the west end of the churchyard at Dereham.—Yours sincerely,

Beetley, Norfolk.

S. MARSHALL.

NOTE.—Crockford's Clerical Directory, the standard work, gives the dedication of the church as St. Withburga. Will readers with other evidence to the contrary please write.—Ed.

## THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re the book on 'Change Ringing' by Rev. C. A. W. Troyle (whose son was a near neighbour of mine when at Washfield, Devon, viz., Sir Gilbert Troyte, M.P. for Tiverton, and whom I often met at Huntsham), it is mentioned on page 93 that pretty music may be heard at particular changes, such as Tittums, Queen's, etc. (15263748—13572468). These are frequently mentioned in chapter viii., on Grandsire Triples. Could any of your peal composers tell us of any touch which brings out the Dick Whittington change 12753468? Such music would prevent much criticism if the bells are well struck and made to go like a dulcimer. The above change is almost obtained in touch 840, page 102.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER,

Late President of N.E. Devon Guild.  
Moulton, Northants.

## A BROADCAST IN A HURRY

Dear Sir,—Re Broadcast Ringing from St. Michael's, Bray-on-Thames, I would like to send thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' for the co-operation I had from the members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, as many of my ringers, including the Vicar, were away on holiday, and I had to send out an S.O.S. at short notice through Mr. E. Gosling.

Those taking part were:—H. Winsgrove (Beaconsfield) 1, G. Martin (Boyne Hill) 2, W. Judd (Boye Hill) 3, T. Goodchild (Boyne Hill) 4, T. J. Fowler (Cookham) 5, J. Eldridge (Boyne Hill) 6, F. J. Russell (Bray) 7, J. Norsworthy (Bray) 8. Again, many thanks.

F. J. RUSSELL.

Ringing Master, Bray-on-Thames.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Combe Martin, Devonshire, on July 26th, 1950, as, unfortunately, I have discovered the composition to be false. May I express my apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Holloway, N.7.

## STOPPING TIME FOR RINGING

Dear Sir,—Could any ringer please tell me if there is any statute of this country which concerns the time of stoppage of bellringing on a practice night?—Yours sincerely,

B. PATTISON.

51, Winchester Road, Bedford.



## LETTERS—Continued

## A BIRTHDAY TOUCH

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of July 21st, last year, I mentioned a makeshift touch of Grandsire Triples which had been rung for the 72nd birthdays of two of our band, and asked if someone would supply a touch of 73 in some method for their birthdays this year.

Although I thought this hardly possible, Mr. Chambers, of Durban, kindly sent a very ingenious touch of Stedman Triples, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on September 22nd, for which I was extremely grateful and wish to thank him.

The birthdays have come and gone and we rang the touch several times, both 73-year-olds taking part.

As the touch begins with a quick six and the bells go off with the first two changes of Plain Bob Triples, it struck me that if some knowledgeable ringer had been in the vicinity, and after noticing this, found that Stedman was being rung, he might have been puzzled.

We were not fortunate enough to have any such investigator.—Yours faithfully,

A. GROPER.

South Wales.

## 'BELLRINGERS' GUIDE'

Dear Sir,—Now that Mr. Fletcher's official quotation from the Literature Committee's report has put the matter beyond all doubt, it is due from me to apologise to you and to all concerned for my lapse of memory. I had completely forgotten that in 1950 we included in our report the notice of the 'Bellringers' Guide.'

On another point, Mr. Corrigan's letter on 'Clergy and Initials' calls timely attention to a solecism only too general among journalists to-day. At least one initial ought to appear before the surname.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

## INFLUENCED BY 'NINE TAILORS'

Capt. E. G. Dickens, R.A. (ret.), hon secretary and steeplekeeper of St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield, informs us that two of his young ringers were stirred by the story of the 'Nine Tailors' to join the band. They are Sheila Maule (16) and Gillian Beddingfield (17). Capt. Dickens hopes that the influence of 'Nine Tailors' will attract other young ringers to his tower.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## War Memorial Dedicated

On Saturday, July 28th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Tom Longworth) dedicated the Guild's War Memorial in the ringing chamber of All Saints', Hereford.

After the First World War the tenor bell was recast as a memorial to those who had died, and a board containing their names was hung in the tower. It was a right choice, therefore, that the memorial to those who gave their lives in the Second World War should be in the same place. The names carved on the new board have already appeared in 'The Ringing World' in connection with the Central Council's Roll of Honour.

Before the actual dedication the Guild Office was sung in church. The general secretary (the Rev. E. G. Benson) took the service, and the Vicar (Preb. S. G. Chance) assisted him. The dedication was made in the presence of the clergy, the Master of the Guild (Mr. Leslie Evans), the captain of the tower (Mr. Leslie Quartermain) and relatives of those who had fallen.

The bells at the Cathedral and St. Nicholas' Church were rung during the afternoon and those at All Saints' after the service.

## CYCLING IN RUTLAND

## A Leicester Excursion

On July 28th 16 members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild set out on a cycling tour through Rutland. In spite of the heavy downpour of rain during the first half of the morning, spirits were not dampened.

Our first tower was Somerby and here the delightful six bells, rung from the front of the chancel, were kept going for three-quarters of an hour. Six miles further on we rang at Langham (6) in pleasant surroundings of the Rutland countryside. We had lunch here and then cycled on to Oakham (8, tenor 24 cwt.). This tower appeared to be the highlight of the day, as we spent two hours ringing in the beautiful fifteenth century church.

Early evening ringing took place at Uppingham (8), which was a surprise to most of the party, as permission was gained from the Vicar en route. At Belton, our last tower, the bells were rung to a variety of methods for about an hour. After a little light refreshment, we continued our homeward journey. Arriving back at 10 p.m. we were somewhat tired, having covered approximately 60 miles, but everyone agreed it had been a most enjoyable day.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor and Major, Little Bob and Double Court Minor, Yorkshire and Double Norwich Major.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the tower masters who opened the towers for our pleasure.

H. E. S.

## 5,376 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—

Repeat five times, omitting the last bob in alternate parts. Contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6.

Reduce to 5,120 by substituting one course called BWH for the second and third courses of one part.

Rung at Hampton on July 5th.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Dorchester Branch

A by-meeting was held at Milton Abbey on Thursday, July 26th. Attendance was larger than at the by-meeting last year and towers represented were:—St. Peter's, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Milton Abbey, Wyke Regis, Wool and Yetminster. Visitors were present from Beaminster, Gloucester and Tunbridge Wells. The bells were rung prior to the service, which was held at 4 p.m. and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Collis. The Lesson was read by the Rev. A. F. Godley.

Tea was served at the Dale Cafe and apologies for absence were received from the chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Precey, seconded by the Rev. R. P. Farrer. Ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

R. H. D.

## OBITUARY

## Mr. JOHN I. HAIRS

The death took place on August 9th of Mr. John I. Hairs, of Morden, who was for many years a ringer at St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham. Mr. Hairs, who was 90 in January last, was not himself a well-known ringer, but his son, Mr. Frank I. Hairs, is, of course, a prominent figure in the Exercise and a member of the Editorial Committee of this journal.

The funeral took place last Tuesday.

## BEVERLEY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIETY

## Mr. A. E. Sellers New President

The Society held its annual meeting at Huton Cranswick on July 14th. The attendance was below average, only 35 members being present.

The meeting coincided with the local Festival Week and the ringing had been advertised as the opening event. It was also the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, the meeting making it a 'triple' event.

The ring of six (tenor 18½ cwt.) was rung in the standard methods Spliced Treble Bob, Little Bob and Cambridge.

The Rev. G. Storer, R.D., conducted the service and prefaced his address with a welcome to the ringers. In summing up the first year of ringing in his church, the Vicar thanked his learners and instructors for ringing for all services throughout the year, for perpetuating a very ancient art in the church, for not being too proud to admit, and learn from, mistakes. His only disappointment was that his health would not allow him to take a hand in the ringing.

Mr. F. Wilkinson read the Lesson.

The tea was held in the Church Room followed by the business meeting.

Three new members were elected from the local tower, the first of a newly-formed band.

At the election of officers, Mr. A. E. Sellers was elected president vice Mr. G. F. Williams. All other officers with the Committee were re-elected en bloc. In view of his past service to the Society, and in order to retain his vast knowledge of ringing for future use, Mr. Williams was asked to accept office as a vice-president.

The Rev. G. Storer and Mr. A. E. Sellers thanked Mr. Williams for his work in guiding the Society through the early years of its existence.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## South and West District

As if to prove that 'mad dogs and Englishmen work in the midday sun,' over 50 ringers came to the South and West District meeting on the hottest day of the year so far, July 28th. Many came from far afield to hear and ring on Sunbury and Hampton bells.

During the afternoon, the lovely-sounding bells of St. Mary's, Sunbury, were put to good use in various methods up to London. The striking was remarkably good considering the oven-like atmosphere in the ringing chamber.

After tea the newly retuned octave at Hampton was set going to many methods up to Spliced Surprise. A course of Bristol gave the best striking of the day. Between ringing, many ringers found it cooler by the riverside or out on the church roof.

The next meeting is to be at Hillingdon West and Uxbridge on August 25th, which, it is hoped, will be equally well attended. Visitors to London can easily reach Uxbridge by tube train.

## WINCHESTER &amp; PORTSMOUTH

## Combined Christchurch and Southampton Branch Meeting

The Christchurch and Southampton Branches of the Guild combined on August Monday with a meeting in the Lymington area. Ringing took place in the morning at Milford-on-Sea, in the afternoon at Lymington and in the evening at Lyndhurst. A few also visited the light six at Brockenhurst in the evening.

Despite the rain a fair number of ringers attended, the number for tea at Lymington being 25. Visitors present during the day included ringers from Leicester, Leamington, London and Betchworth. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major. Thanks for the use of their bells are due to the incumbents at the various churches where ringing took place.

D. R. R.



# A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

## F. E. H. IN LIGHTER VEIN

AS I dozed in the easy chair last Sunday afternoon, I seemed to see still before my eyes the front page of 'The Ringing World' which I had been reading a few minutes previously. But on closer inspection I noticed that the issue was dated July 26th, 1961, with the heading 'More Remarkable Performances.' I read on, as follows:—

This week we have pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Exercise two remarkable performances that will undoubtedly excite the admiration of all but those old-fashioned die-hards who still adhere to the out-of-date decisions of the Central Council of ten years ago. (Our readers may remember that in those days it was the rule for the bells to be rung by the same person or persons throughout a performance . . . or, as it was then styled, a peal. Two such 'peals' will be found in small type on the back page.)

### 'CIRCLED THE THEATRE'

The first performance we must mention is unique in that for the first time in history one man has rung every bell in one performance and has thus 'circled the theatre' at his first appearance at the tower concerned. It was at Upper Basham on Saturday, July 13th, 1961, that 5,004 Changes of Lazyman's Delight Minor were rung by the following:—

A. Ringer, R. E. Leaf, Treble;  
Miss N. O. T. Strong, R. E. Leaf, 2;  
S. T. Ringer, R. E. Leaf, 3;  
A. Rester, R. E. Leaf, 4;  
Y. Pullett, R. E. Leaf, 5;  
H. A. D. Enough, R. E. Leaf, Tenor:

Conducted by H. A. D. Enough and R. E. Leaf. This performance occupied exactly three hours in all, and Mr. Leaf, as previously arranged, entered the ringing theatre with refreshments after an hour and a half. He then rang each of the front five bells in turn for approximately five minutes while the Ringer brothers, Messrs. Rester and Pullett and Miss Strong refreshed themselves. By this time, as Mr. H. A. D. Enough discovered after handing over the tenor, which, incidentally was not going particularly well that afternoon, the tea was cold, so he adjourned to the nearby cafe, leaving on the floor a copy of the last two '720's.' and Mr. Leaf on the tenor box to carry on as best he could. It says much for the endurance and resource of Mr. Leaf, who is somewhat short-sighted, that he was able to ring the tenor for the remaining hour or so and call the necessary bobs, not forgetting an occasional single at approximately the correct places.

### EXETER SUPERSEDED

The second performance is even more remarkable; it not only supersedes the 'heaviest eight-bell' performance at Exeter in 1951, but also establishes a new record for the number of performers appearing at one performance! Moreover, as will be seen from the following account, other very exceptional circumstances are associated with it.

On Saturday July 20th, 1961, 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung on the back eight at Waterpool Cathedral in 4 hours 45 minutes:—

T. O. O. Clever, A. Helper, Treble (82 cwt.);  
T. O. O. Clever?  
Miss S. Ingle, T. Akeover, Mrs. Wedd, 3;  
T. O. B. Wedd, L. Fndahand, 4;  
B. Estman, A. S. Sistant, 5;  
D. E. Cease (conductor) 6;  
O. B. Quick, G. O. Slow 7;  
Peter Gurney, Peter Davy, Jan Stewer, Billy Brewer, Tom Cobligh, Tenor.

For the following notes we are indebted to Mr. V. Erger, who was in the ringing theatre

for the whole of the performance and was of great assistance in seeing that the 'changeovers' were made without confusion. Also, as is now customary where space allows, an audience witnessed the performance, on this occasion numbering about 30.

Mr. Clever thought he could ring 1-2 to this performance, but after 20 minutes missed the treble sally; whereupon Mr. Helper, who had been on the look-out for any such emergency, at once dashed over and successfully got the bell under control once more and completed the performance thereon. Mr. Clever thus had to be content to ring only the second for the remaining 4 hours and 25 minutes. Although such 'solo' performances are no longer regarded as being in quite the best taste, we feel sure that our readers will join with us in our congratulations to Mr. Clever as indeed they would have liked to do to the ringer of the sixth also. Unfortunately, this was not only the first, but positively the last, performance by Mr. Cease at this or any other ringing theatre in the country. We understand that he was so excited at the success of his performance that he fell down the steps on leaving the theatre receiving injuries from which he died on Sunday!

### MARRIED DURING PEAL

Great praise also will be given to Miss Ingle and Mr. Wedd; they are the first performers to appear in one and the same performance first as an engaged couple and then as a married couple. At the end of one hour they were relieved on 3 and 4 by Messrs. Akeover and Endahand, returning to resume their places an hour later after being married at another church in the neighbourhood. They were, of course, accompanied by Mr. Estman. The latter, however, did not return to complete the performance, preferring, somewhat surprisingly, to take one of the bridesmaids to the pictures!

With the exception of Mr. Clever's misfortune, the whole performance went very smoothly, apart from one incident when a member of the audience in one of the fauteuils behind the tenor box said something in a loud voice to a friend whose name was Bob. Luckily the treble was in sixths place at the time and the only unfortunate result was a momentary hesitation on the part of the bell in the hunt, quickly rectified, however, by Mr. Clever's shout of 'No bob, and you at the back, keep quiet!' We need hardly say that this illustrates once more how important it is for spectators to remain silent until the end of the performance. Otherwise it might become necessary to revert to the anti-social practice of 'peal-ringing' days, when the performers locked themselves away and allowed nobody to approach until the ringing was completed.

We understand that the quality of the performance was first-class, apart from some variation of tempo at the beginning. This was probably due to the differing styles of the two men on the seventh, but it was not long before Mr. Quick realised that Mr. Slow (at the tail-end) was too strong for him and gracefully allowed the performance to proceed at the pace desired by the latter.

The band wish particularly to thank our friends from Widdicombe who shared the tenor after being selected by ballot from over 400 applications for the part. Incidentally, Mr. Clever appeared by arrangement with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Messrs. Brewer, Stewer, etc., by permission of Mr. Jack Hylton. Asked for a comment by the local press afterwards, Mr. Cobligh said of the tenor (the heaviest in the country): 'She went like a Cathedral; I believe three men could have rung her by themselves.'

## STARTING CONDUCTING!

In response to a request from East Anglia, we reproduce the following article for beginners from the July issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association.

In the last article for beginners, it was suggested that they should endeavour to conduct touches in the method which they can ring. It is hoped that the following will be of assistance to them.

Many touches, extents and even peals may be had in which one bell is either undisturbed or very little disturbed from its plain course work by any calls made. This bell, frequently called the observation bell, is the one which the beginner is advised to ring during the early attempts at conducting. This will give more time to concentrate on the calling and enable an eye to be kept on those bells affected by the call.

Start with short, simple touches of Doubles and Minor, then, when some experience has been gained, proceed to longer touches, afterwards going on to Triples and Major.

All six-scores of Grandsire Doubles use either the 3rd or 5th as observation, and the observation bell never dodges in 4-5 down, its work consisting of making thirds and double-dodging in 4-5 up with the bell leaving the hunt at the call. The call must be made when the treble is in 3rds place on the way down to lead, the observation bell then being in 4ths place hunting up. The simplest six-scores are those two parts consisting of two Bobs and one Single, repeated, a plain lead being between each call. If 5th is observation, the first lead will be plain, if 3rd, then a call must be made at the first lead.

In Minor methods many touches and 720's can be had using the tenor as observation, the tenor in these cases merely ringing the full work of a plain course throughout. For seconds place Minor methods (i.e., methods in which, in the plain course, 2nds place is made while the treble leads, such as Bob Minor), the tenor can be called Wrong, Right, Wrong and Right to give 120. These terms mean that the tenor is dodging.

Wrong — i.e., 5-6 up.  
Right — i.e., 5-6 down,

and the call is made a half-pull before the dodge.

It is excellent practice to write out short touches in full in the early stages, and examine the effect of the calls on the other bells. By these means, the graduation from a bob-caller to a conductor is assisted.

Having studied the touches and memorised the calling, get your tower captain to let you try them out on practice night. Do not worry if at first you miss a call, remember practice and patience are needed. Peals are sometimes lost by good conductors missing a call.

When you have mastered short touches ringing the observation bell, try them from another position. You will find this more difficult at first, as you must watch for the observation bell being in its correct position when you make the call, while your own work will vary with the call.

Now, in the words of a famous broadcaster, 'Have a Go!' There are not so many conductors that we cannot do with more in the Exercise. Never hesitate to ask questions of other conductors. You will find them ready to help at any time, and will be able to give you invaluable advice. G. F. C.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart 1, F. Crudge 2, J. W. Rose 3, F. Stedman 4, J. Rose 5, W. Chapman 6, E. Ladd (cond.) 7, G. Monk 8. Rung in honour of a visit by the Bishop of Sherborne.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—21

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Mr. Fussell went home to Slough for Christmas and New Year (1888-9) and records going to Isleworth for a peal (Grandsire Triples) which failed, this being his fourth visit there for this peal. At the same time he sent in his uniform and resignation to Sergt. Smith, of the Rifle Volunteers, as a member of the 5th Co., 1st Bucks, R.V. At the week-end he left for Colwall where he started again on his tours of instruction in Herefordshire.

He mentions many towers around where he mostly walked to, and where he distributed books on ringing, copies of the 'Bell News,' and gave help with handbells as well as tower bells. About this time he walked to Ledbury, 'thick, foggy, cold day,' and thence by train to Gloucester. After a look around the town he walked to Painswick—six miles out—and there attempted Hollis's 5-part peal Grandsire Triples but failed after 2 hours 22 minutes, Sevier missing a bob and setting up. 'Very cold wind and snow on the hills which are very bleak.'

At one church he visited he says: 'Called on Vicar [he did this always], an old man with a young wife, very mean and odd.' Here he rang with the 'old company of ringers, six-scores, very badly struck—young hands also came and an attempt to unite them did not seem to be approved of—about two dozen men in the tower, some friends of the old hands came sneaking in and spitting about.'

Mrs. Fussell worked very hard with local bands and a typical instance is recorded thus:—'Stayed at the "New Inn" all the week till Saturday morning. Rang at the church each night with local men, couldn't push them on very quick in the method.'

### 16 QUARTS A NIGHT

While at Bosbury he 'called on Mr. Jennings (age 83 next March) who was a ringer about 60 years ago when the local men only rang rounds but later managed the 30's. [This would be about 1830.] A stone jar which they used for refreshment held 16 quarts and was emptied on a night's ringing. He remembers the old wooden spire, two yards out of upright—pulled down for safety—it leaned towards "The Bell."

'Stayed at Wittington all the week, rang each night 7 to 9.30—good muster of men. Monday, saw bells and place where York, the bellhanger met his accident in 5th pit. John Edwards (82½ years old) buried. Not very good progress by these men—tried 60 with three bobs. A brother of Mrs. Haves staying in the same house, slightly "touched" and not worked for three years past; a heavy smoker. My landlord has been busy all week making a coffin for Mr. Edwards. Snow very deep till Wednesday night. Church cold to ring at. Wrote out three large sheets of rules, plain course and 120 for the ringers to study.' Such was the way Mr. Fussell spent months of his time at this period.

For New Year's Eve, 1889-1890, ringing, Mr. Fussell was at Mathon—the local men just arriving from summer provided by the Vicar—his two sons present and taking part in the ringing. He writes: 'The Mathon men too fond of talking when calling or ringing Minor and ring too quickly to strike well.' They left the belfry at 1.40 a.m. the bells fell in firing.

### THE RECTORY CELLAR

'The Vicar's sons took us down the Rectory cellar and there a quantity of ale and a bottle of wine was drunk and some tales told till 3 a.m. On leaving, a rough dance all round was held in front of the lych gate of churchyard, Mr. King playing a concertina. Home at 4 a.m. Two friends coming sat up till 7, and at last I got to bed where I stayed till 12.30 the same morning. After dinner, packed up things

and paid Mrs. King £2 and started for Codrington at 5.30—reached church at 7 a.m. and rang till 7.30. Stayed to service. Rang Doubles before and Bob Minor after a splendid 720 called by Jas. Thomas. Went to schoolroom and rang handbells till 10.30. Weather cold and frosty—walked to Coombe Hill, where I stayed at Mrs. Kendrick's.'

As usual, while here he went around the various villages teaching young hands and encouraging old hands in the art. His diary is full of accounts and many 'side-lights' too. Here is a typical entry: 'Went to Eastnor. Had a look round the Castle and grounds and the church. Rector old and partly blind; just buried his wife. Parish people nearly all temperance. Pretty church, inside and out; belfry very nice, light, good ring of six, and go well. Rang 6.30 till 9.' About this time he walked to Bosbury and joined in the ringers' supper at schools. 'Fourteen there and staid till 12.30; cards, dominoes, draughts, bagatelle games. Handbells, violin and accordion music—many friends and others came in and danced and played—a regular country style of happiness. Staid at Mr. Brown's, miller, very nice people who gave me bed and board (two daughters only).'

(To be continued)

## 'A REET GRADELY DO'

### Crewe Ringers in Lancashire

The ringers and wives of friends of Christ Church, Crewe, sampled a bit of ringing in Lancashire for their annual outing on August 4th. Mr. E. J. (Ted) Walker, Dover, who was stationed at Crewe, and rang there after the 'ban,' again joined the party. The motor-coach driver, George Porter (Wistaston), is also a member of the Crewe Branch.

The first tower of the day was St. Paul's, Walkden (8), where we were met by yet another member of the Crewe Branch, 'Joe' Bowyer (a Dabber, and proud of it); he is now residing and ringing at Walkden, is always smiling and it is infectious. The bells are quite a good ring and some good touches were rung, two of the local ladies joining in. After light refreshments, which were very acceptable, off we went to Leyland (St. Andrew's, 10). Coming from a ten-bell tower, it was like being at home and some good Caters and Royal were rung.

On leaving the church we spoke to an old gentleman sitting in his garden immediately under the tower and asked him if the ringing was ever a nuisance. He said it often depended on what kind of a humour one was in, but he had enjoyed the morning's ringing.

We journeyed on to Ormskirk (SS. Peter and Paul's, 8): up the cobbled street to the unusual sight of a massive squat tower with a spire adjoining, as if to keep the tower company. (I believe there are only two other examples in the country.) After a substantial lunch at Dorset's Cafe, Mr. Pilkinton, a stalwart of Lancashire ringing, took us up to the well-appointed belfry, with its trim green sallows, to a lovely ring. It was here the best ringing of the day took place: one felt one had to give of one's best. The last tower was in the beautiful Lancashire resort of Southport. Emmanuel (8) is a modern church possessing a good musical ring; the neighbours are not very appreciative. Mr. Norman Heaps met us and we were joined by two ringers from the Northwich Branch, where some of 'the intellectuals' had full fling. After a magnificent view from the top, we adjourned to the Queen's

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## MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL

The ringing year at Marhamchurch is calculated from August Bank Holiday to August Bank Holiday. The annual outing was again successfully held on Monday, August 6th. Is it popular? A few days before the trip one coach had to be cancelled and a larger one obtained to accommodate all friends who wished to join the party.

In his Sunday notices the Rector, who accompanied the party, announced the time of departure as 7.45 a.m. That probably explained why the party left according to schedule at eight o'clock. Devon and Cornwall are visited in alternate years and this year it was Devon's turn. Dartmoor was shrouded in early morning mist and low black cloud but this did not prevent a punctual arrival at Moretonhampstead (8) to the surprise of the local captain (with key) who did not meet us but had to be sought. Good ringing followed while friends enjoyed morning coffee.

The distance to Bovey Tracey is not great but the road is narrow and a coach driver needs to be an expert judge of width to cover the distance intact. Our next tower was at Wolborough, Newton Abbot (8). Here, unknown until arrival, we rang for a wedding. An usher who did not realise we were a touring band, but who appreciated our efforts, thrust a sum of money into our captain's hands, which he declined.

At Totnes (8) we again caused surprise by being on time. Asked if we were 'method' or 'call change' ringers we did not commit ourselves but rang both!

The afternoon was spent at Dartmouth. Ringing took place at St. Saviour's (8), where our numbers were depleted as some members decided to 'go down to the sea in rowing boats.' Tea at the Criterion Cafe was well served.

At one point on the journey to Plymouth we had to get out to help the coach over a bridge with a very sharp arch. The driver feared that the front of the coach would get over, the middle would pivot with the bridge as fulcrum and the back wheels would remain spinning in mid-air. However, the obstacle was overcome with nothing more than a slight grating noise as the bottom of the coach touched the 'summit' of the bridge.

Our final ringing took place at Yealmpton (6), where the learners were allowed to demonstrate their ability and, to their credit, it was difficult to distinguish between learner and 'old hand.' Here the tower walls were covered with certificates obtained in Devonshire Association competition ringing. The man who met us told us that it was the first time that he had heard 'scientific' on the bells—(though we don't claim this as a record).

A break at Plymouth, refreshment at Launceston and a pleasant ride (what a fine voice the Rector has in competition with a coach engine) brought us home to bed.

Ringling was of a high standard throughout the day. Wolborough was the 'pick of the bunch' for 'go' and Totnes for quality. We regret Mr. F. Sangwin was unable to be with us due to illness.

Thanks for arrangements must be accorded to R. J. Hicks (captain), A. Ham (vice-captain) and F. Fry (secretary). A. J. H.

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Hotel and after a substantial dinner time from 7.30 was our own.

Leaving for home at 10.15 via Liverpool and the Mersey Tunnel, Crewe was reached after midnight. Our grateful thanks to all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable. Just two for special mention—'Bill' Edge and 'Dick' Langford—who did most of the work. J. F. S.



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## DEATH

HAIRS.—On Thursday, August 9th, 1951, John Ivie Hairs (father of Frank I. Hairs), in his 91st year.—R.I.P. 9311

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## MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.—There will be no ringing at this church during August.—A. B. Peck. 9297

## MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 9275

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 9268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Stockbury (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Village Hall. This will be the first time that the Association has visited Stockbury and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to visit the very lovely old church and village.—B. W. May. 9261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The joint meeting at Gainsborough for Saturday, August 18th, is cancelled owing to the regretted death of the President of the District and Vicar of Gainsborough, Canon R. A. Daniels.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Gainsborough District. 9328

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting. King's Somborne, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in School Hut. After tea, London practice.—J. A. C. King. 9251

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Areley Kings, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9288

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—Ringers' Sunday, August 19th. Bells all day. Service 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9255

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Wick-St.-Lawrence on Saturday, August 25th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 9312

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Ilchester and Crewkerne combined meeting, Chard, Saturday, August 25th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by August 21st for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 9306

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Alvaston (6), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9315

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Evening practice, Thorne, August 25th, 6 p.m. All visitors welcome. 9318

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Hurworth, August 25th, 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify by August 22nd.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 9303

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, August 25th, Teversal (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. 9327

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District).—At Basingstoke, August 25th. Towers open from 2 p.m.: Basingstoke (All Saints', St. Michael's), Oakley, Overton, Deane, Wootton-St. Lawrence, Odiham, Upton-Grey, Wolverton, Sherborne-St. John. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, only to those notifying, by August 22nd, Miss Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford; C. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough; B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road Wokingham; J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne-St. John. 9317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—August meeting. Iron Acton (6), August 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, notifications essential by August 21st. Business 6 p.m.—Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 2 p.m. Teas provided at 5 o'clock. Names for tea, by August 20th, to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9298

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Otley on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food; tea for drinking supplied. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9323

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, August 25th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5, only for those who notify, by August 22nd, Mr. W. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 9310

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Uxbridge on Saturday, August 25th, Ringing St. Andrew's 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea (available without notification) 5 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's 6.30-8.30. 9308

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hanbury (8), August 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (only cups of tea provided). All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9320

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch meeting at Wells, Saturday, August 25th. Usual arrangements for service, tea, etc. Early notice of attendance will help.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 25th, Slough (10), 6.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9307

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Newton Longville, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 20th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9309

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, August 25th. Names for tea, by Saturday, August 18th, to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 9296

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Trysull, August 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Bell Inn. Service 6 o'clock. Accommodation for tea is limited to 50, so early application is essential. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 1s. each person.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 9282

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill (6), August, 25th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. Freecard, 30, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 9317

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Alteration of meeting date: South Harting (quarterly), August 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9272

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Section. Meeting at Gorseinon, Saturday, August 25th (note change). Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 9274

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, August 25th, St. John's (Surrey Road) (8) available 2.30. Tea and meeting in hall. St. Peter's bells after tea. Names.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9325

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, September 1st, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. George's, Camberwell, 4.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 21st.—A. B. Peck. 9324

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on September 1st at 3. Tea 5.15. A service will be held, if it can be arranged, at 4.30. Names for tea, not later than August 29th, to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge (Phone 2910). 9301

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names, before August 25th, to Mr. G. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 9305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 29th, to J. J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 9304

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Radyr, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff 9299

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Birmingham, September 15th. Ringing: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), Bishop Ryder's Church (8), Gem Street, 10.30 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.; St. Philip's Cathedral (12), St. Martin's (12) 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Lunch 5s. High tea 3s. 6d. at Police Canteen, Steelhouse Lane. Business meeting after tea. Social evening 7.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (limited number) to C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by September 6th. 9299

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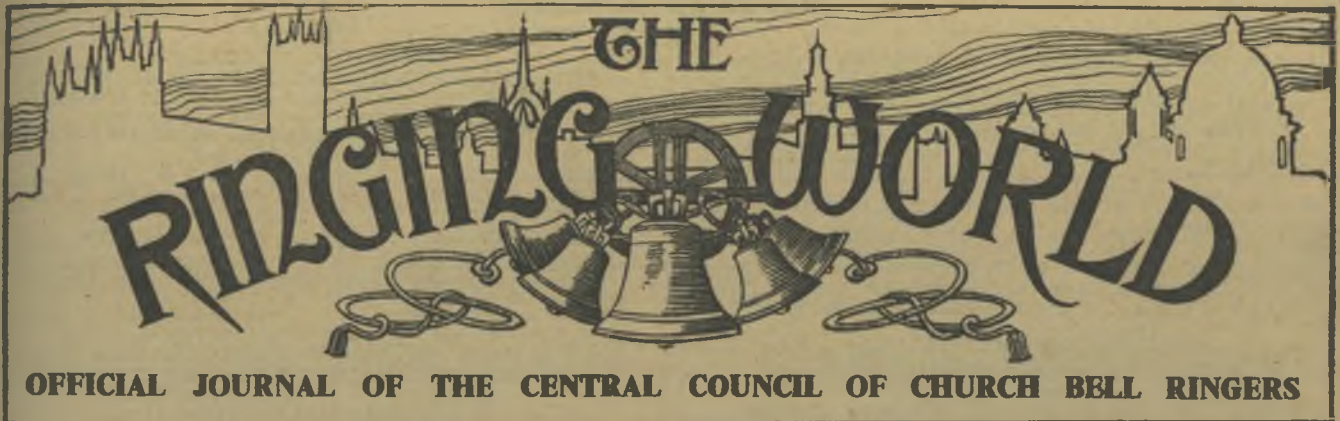
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## THE USEFUL BOB BLOCK

By Edgar C. Shepherd

**A**MONG the many terms and expressions used in change ringing there are some that seem at first sight to belong purely to the theoretical side of the art and to be of interest and value only to the composer and student of compositions. Among such expressions is the Bob Block, a term that brings to mind immediately the investigations of W. H. Thompson, C. D. P. Davies and a host of other writers on Grandsire Triples, and may incline us to dismiss it as belonging to the higher mathematical considerations of change ringing and of no importance to the ordinary ringer and conductor.

The Bob Block (or B. Block as it is so often called) is, nevertheless, of great interest and of great practical value to the conductor, particularly to the caller of short touches.

A B. Block, as is probably well known, is the touch produced in any method by calling a bob at every lead or division. In some methods, such as Grandsire and Plain Bob, the B. Block is short; in some, such as Stedman, it is long; and in others, like Double Norwich Caters, it is long and involved and of very little practical value at all. The touch varies in length, of course, according to the number of bells, and in Grandsire Doubles is composed of two leads, in Grandsire Triples of three leads, in Grandsire Caters of four leads. The case of Kent Treble Bob and its sister methods is peculiar, for here the B. Block is always three leads whatever the number of bells.

The value of the B. Block to the ordinary conductor lies in its adaptability in the construction and lengthening of touches, and in Sunday service ringing it is a most useful ally. Consider its application to Grandsire Triples. If we start from rounds and call a bob we produce 752634. If, likewise, we start from rounds and call Single, Bob, Bob, Single, we still arrive at 752634, but this time in four leads. We shall, as it were, have spliced in three leads, and these three leads, if separated from the touch, will be seen to consist of a B. Block complete in itself and made up of the rows 572634, 465372 and 234765.

The very simplest consideration of the above will show the practical usefulness of this device of splicing in leads. It tells us,

in short, that in place of any bob we can substitute S.B.B.S., and so add three leads to our touch. Moreover, if this insertion or splicing takes place at a musical lead, then the music of the lead end will be repeated when the second single is called. The conductor of Grandsire will find a little experimental pricking and the insertion of B. Blocks very interesting and enlightening and perhaps a revelation of possibilities hitherto unsuspected.

To the Sunday service conductor, harassed by shortage of time, or wishful to extend his touch for a minute or two without previous preparation, the B. Block is a friendly and amenable companion.

## THE MASTER TAPPER

**O**CCASIONALLY we publish details of enthusiasts who tap peals on handbells. But no enthusiast of this day and generation can equal the performance in that direction of Elijah Roberts, who, on March 23rd, 1837, tapped 19,440 Treble Bob Maximus at the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool. The performance started at 4.19 a.m. and finished at 5.24 p.m. In an article on Elijah Roberts, the late William Snowdon wrote to the 'Ringing World' that at Birmingham in 1833 he tapped 5,016 Stedman Cinques. This peal he composed himself, but, doubtless to satisfy a great many ringers in an adjoining room, Henry Cooper, the well-known composer of early peals of Stedman Triples, acted as conductor. No less a ringer than Henry Johnson was present, and he heard every change, and was satisfied with the truth and accuracy of that unique performance.

In a letter to a friend on his performances, Roberts wrote: 'The first peal I rang was about 20 years ago (1807). . . . The number of changes was between 5,000 and 6,000 and was composed of nothing but Plain Courses, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus. Also one and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for which I don't know what other name to give it. Now this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods, and on different numbers of bell, and, as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round, to strike immediately into another from eight bells to sixteen is no joke.'

234567

—752634

234567

S 572634

—465372

—234765

S 752634



**A SOUTH SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR**

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*GWEN RUSBY .. .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 5
*GWEN RUSBY .. .. 2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 6
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK S. MACEY .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by T. E. SONE.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. 7
FREDK. S. MACEY .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The 200th different tenor 'turned in' to a peal by the conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 6
*ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* 75th peal together. The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

ALLISON WOOD .. Treble	KILBY R. HOLTOM .. 5
GWEN RUSBY .. .. 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 7
FREDK. S. MACEY .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
†MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. 7
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 50th peal together. † First touch of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	†ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 7
†GWEN RUSBY .. .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. 8
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	†RONALD N. MARLOW .. 9
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5	THOMAS J. SETTER .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 4 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

FREDK. S. MACEY .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. MOORE.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Longest length on the bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 4 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	TERENCE R. THORNER .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 8
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 9
*THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Maximus.

LEICESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ALAN E. JACQUES .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
SIDNEY O. C. HOLLOWAY .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 9
*THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 5	*FREDK. E. COLLINS .. 11
JOHN HILL .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

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## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH .. .. 3	WALTER R. HUGHES .. 9
*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 4	AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal on twelve bells and completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Rung to mark 50 years' service by Mr. Walter R. Hughes as a ringer at this church. The 100th peal on the bells since being recast and augmented in 1929.

## TEN BELL PEALS

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Warwickshire Surprise Royal.

## CARDIFF.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*DAVID S. VOSS .. .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	*WILLIAM DARE .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 8
†DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4	A. LESLIE BARRY .. .. 9
CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 5	†ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by A. LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal on ten. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

## GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

## A PEAL OF 5163 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 3	COLIN HARRISON .. .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 9
JOHN WALDEN .. .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

The first peal of Stedman in Grantham.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS, OLD BASFORD,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RALPH G. CARLISLE .. Treble	*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
*SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 7
JACK BAILEY .. .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major, also on the bells. First peal in the method to be rung in the city of Nottingham.

## DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 5
SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 3	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 7
	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

Mr. T. W. Lewis has now circled the tower. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

## GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER NIX .. .. Treble	HARRY W. DUNCOMBE .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 7
HAROLD PALING .. .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL PINDER.

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

A birthday peal for Mr. Ernest Morris.

## OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 2	ALEC E. MARSH .. .. 6
NORMA BICKERDIKE .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. .. 7
TOM SMELTZER .. .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. BETTLEY-COOKE.

First peal as conductor.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS .. Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Newnham, who have been associated with St. Mary's all their lives and married there on August 3rd, 1901. Also for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

FREDERICK A. FINCH .. Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 2	PETER C. RIDGEWAY .. 5
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	WILLIAM COOK .. .. 6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First peal on eight as conductor. In memory of Miss Patricia Lewis, late ringer at this church.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5
*MRS. HELEN PARKER .. 2	JACK POUNDS .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	WILFRED CORE .. .. 7
JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal on eight.



## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. 5
*ENID M. ROBERTS .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*EILEEN M. BURTON .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTROW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JANE M. HOOKE .. Treble	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Hugh Mansfield, oldest inhabitant of Thurcaston, who reached the age of 100 years on July 21st, and also to Michael D. Staniforth, H.M. Forces in Germany, on his 19th birthday.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*HARRY WOODING .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5
GEORGE CARE .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
*JOHN KING .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
BRYAN S. COPE .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the feast of St. Lawrence.

## ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble	*ERNEST W. ROBERTS .. 5
*PETER W. CROFT .. 2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 6
*GEORGE CHERRY .. 3	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 7
*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD .. 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's	Tenor 6½ cwt.
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

A compliment to Margaret L. Morris on her birthday.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MAY LOMAS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	WILFRED STEVENSON .. 6
ANNE WORTH .. 3	HEDLEY WOOD .. 7
†NEIL D. LOMAS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

## BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

JAMES MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
ANNE WORTH .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. 6
*NEIL D. LOMAS .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Major in the method.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

H. W. Wilde's Four-part Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 2	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
†REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 7
†GEORGE E. LARGE .. 4	†HARVEY HOMANS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal together. ‡ First peal.

## CRANBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ROY C. HURST .. Treble	*REGINALD H. TRUE .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 6
JOYCE GIBBONS .. 3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. 4	†WILLIAM F. G. DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside' on tower bells. ‡ First peal on bells since recast. A birthday compliment to the twin daughters of Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

## LEEDS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
LEONARD MANNERING .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole, who were married at Southampton on that day, and also a 23rd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Baker



**SIX BELL PEALS**

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., July 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HELEN BRAY (15) .. Treble	C. TOVELL .. .. . 4
*MIRIAM HIGDON (16) .. 2	E. SHIPP .. .. . 5
E. GREENACRE .. .. 3	R. GREENACRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. SHIPP.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble	DAVID SMITH .. .. . 4
*ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	*ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Christine, daughter of the conductor.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent combined, two extents each of Oxford and Kent (rung alternately), and two extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

ROGER C. PRESTON .. Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 4
DOREEN M. JONES .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 3	HUGH F. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

Rung in connection with Liverpool Festival celebrations.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being thirty-eight 120's and two 240's (Morris's arrangement).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT MORGAN .. Treble	CHARLES PEAKMAN .. .. 4
BERT MORGAN .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 5
ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. .. 3	DAVID GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.

The first peal for all except the conductor and, with this exception, all members of the local band. A 67th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and quarterly peal for the Guild.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*MISS F. M. HOPE .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 5
†JOYCE MORSE .. .. 3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRONLLYS, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb.

*G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODEDICK .. 4
*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	†EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 5
*ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in five methods. † First peal in more than one method. The first peal on the bells. Rung for the diamond wedding celebration of Mr and Mrs. Skyrme, of Talgarth.



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## CUDHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 3½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY J. SPICE .. .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

## PAUL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL DE LION,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. Treble	*GORDON WALFORD .. .. 4
†PAMELA M. STEERE .. .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 5
‡CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor in more than three methods. Rung for the feast of the Transfiguration.

## WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN A. WEBSTER .. .. Treble	*VIVIAN T. O. BOASE .. .. 4
HUGH F. ROBERTS .. .. 2	ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. .. 5
ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 3	FRANK VARTY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

\* First peal 'inside.' A Festival of Britain peal.

## ST. NEWLYN EAST, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NEWLYN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	†ALAN CARVETH .. .. 4
*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal on Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## ULCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*SYLVIA ROWLEY .. .. Treble	†JOHN H. MANKTELOW .. .. 4
*ROBINA DUNKELD .. .. 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 5
FRANK W. TOMLIN .. .. 3	*FREDA M. TOMLIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A Festival of Britain peal.

## EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD W. KING .. .. Treble	*DR. P. H. A. JONASON .. .. 4
WILLIAM EAGLING .. .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

\* First peal.

## BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

FREDERIC WINDSOR .. Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON .. .. 4
JOHN TIMMS .. .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN .. .. 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN .. .. 3	GEORGE ASTBURY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*MARY E. STEPHENS .. Treble	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 4
EVELYN STEEL .. .. 2	ERNEST FREEMAN .. .. 5
†RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	PEARL INSKIP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

## BOBBING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. 4
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A wedding peal for Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole, who were married this day at Southampton.

## GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PETER L. WOOD .. .. Treble	†ALFRED PERRY .. .. 4
FRANK HARRINGTON .. .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. 5
H. WALTER SMITH .. .. 3	†GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal (age 14). † First peal in seven methods.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. Treble	*MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 4
*MARION GRAIN .. .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 3	*RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

DENNIS BERESFORD .. Treble	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	WALTER J. COPE .. .. 5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 3	†PETER BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in three Minor methods as conductor.

## TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Cambridge, Kent, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK A. TARGETT .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal in seven methods as conductor and 25th peal.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCHYARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, 36 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris's arrangement.

Tenor size 15 in C.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4  
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*

IN ST. LAWRENCE'S VESTRY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

GEORGE CASE .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY .. 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD .. 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal on the bells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,*

ON TOP OF THE TOWER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent of April Day, Place Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, four extents of Plain Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, one of Southrepps, and 32 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4  
KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by KEITH E. LOVETT.

First peal in eight methods 'in hand' by all the band. Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lovett, parents of the conductor.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Fri., Aug. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

Tenor size 13 in E.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 1-2 | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5-6

FRANK L. FISHER .. 3-4 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*ERIC SUTTON .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6

\*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 3-4 | †REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major as conductor. Specially arranged for Messrs. Sutton, Sampson and Hooper, of Bristol.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Aug. 7, 1951, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one Spliced extent of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Grandsire and Morning Star, one spliced extent of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, and one extent of Spliced Reverse Stedman Slow Course and Antelope, one extent each of Place Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and London No. 1, also 32 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4  
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

First peal in 12 methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Lowe and to the conductor.

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## THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

Our reminder last week as to the 1s. 5d. extra postage due for the second half of last year produced 28 replies, which are gratefully acknowledged. There are still 717 subscribers who have not responded.

Enclosing a postal order value 4s. 3d. to cover extra postage, plus one penny for each peal he had rung so far this year, a Gloucester and Bristol Association ringer writes: 'I have calculated that if a penny was paid for each peal last year you would receive just over £73. I would suggest that the Editorial Committee consider charging a fee for publication of peals. It would still be the cheapest form of recreation or pleasure.'

A correspondent asks: Who was Hastings who gave his name to the Hastings stay?

The six bells of All Saints', Sapcote, Leics, are being rehung on ball bearings; Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the work in hand.

The peal at Barcombe, Sussex, on July 28th, was conducted by Mr. C. John Piper and not by Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, as submitted to us.

Congratulations to that grand old Midland ringer, Mr. Adolphus Roberts, who has rung his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at the age of 81.

In the peal of Grandsire Caters at Selby Abbey on July 28th, the ringer of the second was Mr. T. Herbert Foster and not Mr. T. Herbert Slater, as submitted to us.

Messrs. Leslie Barry and Charles Rouse have rung 25 peals together, viz.—Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 7, Minor 4 and Doubles 10. In these peals there have been at least 46 firsts.

The date of the handbell peal of Plain Bob Major at Kempston, published in our issue of August 3rd, should read Tuesday, July 17th, 1951, and not as submitted.

Two peals of Surprise Maximus were scored by the Ancient Society of College Youths during August Bank Holiday at Leicester.

The Sunday service band at Barthomley, Cheshire, rang a peal on August 11th in celebration of Arthur Allman's 50 years, John Brasington's 49 years and Eric B. Allman's 25 years as service ringers at the church.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Pamela Steere, of St. John's, Croydon, has rung her first peal. It was at Paul, Cornwall, but none of the band knew this secret until after the peal, or that she had made some half-dozen attempts in her home district. The peal was a real Bank Holiday affair with ringers enough and to spare, and the band represented five counties.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed writes correcting the time of the peal of Yorkshire Royal at Twickenham, on July 14th to 3 hours and 40 minutes and not 2 hours and 40 minutes, as submitted.

A peal attempt of Stedman Cinques at South-wark Cathedral last Saturday failed in the last six sixes. It was being rung for the Surrey Association and conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Reg Woodyatt and George Large rang their 200th peal together in their own tower of Claines, Worcs, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there on August 11th. It was also the latter's 50th peal on the bells. In contrast, Harvey Homans, another local ringer, rang his first peal by ringing the tenor.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, is asking his parishioners to lend him mouse traps owing to an infestation of mice. 'People willing to loan traps need not bother about cheese,' he adds. 'I shall be prepared to use my ration.' We wish our veteran member of the Central Council good hunting!

Enterprise was shown by the band in a peal attempts of Superlative at All Saints', Maidstone, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole. After 45 minutes the attempt 'went west.' Another attempt at All Saints' was out of the question owing to a service. The band decided to take a chance and go to Leeds. There was nobody in at the Rectory but the Rector's wife was found in the churchyard and she readily gave consent. The peal was successful.

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# KENT RINGERS' TOUR IN SOUTH SOMERSET

## AN ENJOYABLE WEEK AMONGST FINE TOWERS AND FINE BELLS

TO most ringers, the county of Somerset conjures up in one's mind four things—magnificent towers, fine bells, strong cider and an efficient general secretary. From a ringing point of view it can be divided into two parts—North and South. The North has the monopoly of heavy 'eights,' but the South has a goodly number of heavy 'sixes.' After our Devonshire tour last year, it was originally decided to visit North Somerset, but as the Universities Association had 'beaten us to it,' we compromised with South Somerset, with headquarters at Yeovil from July 28th to August 5th.

Our party, which numbered 28 including non-ringers, was gathered together by Tom Sone, and all other ringing arrangements and towers were planned by Pat Cannon, with preliminary advice from Messrs. J. T. Dyke, general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and T. J. Setter, captain of Yeovil band. Twelve ringers came from Kent, two from Lincs, two from Northants, one from Berks and one from Surrey. A 31-seater coach was hired for the week, with proprietor Ernest Lush again in command, and left Paddock Wood, Kent, at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 28th, picking up en route.

### TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES

The organiser, who had just finished a week in Cornwall, was due to meet the party for lunch at Andover, Hants, at 12 mid-day. But as Andover was experiencing a really bad traffic hold up, it taking over an hour to pass through the narrow streets, he was not unduly surprised when they turned up at 1.30 p.m.! So it was 'bells before lunch,' and Messrs. J. A. Hill and N. V. Andrews were waiting to greet our party for ringing at the first tower (eight, 17 cwt.).

Many visitors to Andover have felt scared at the unusual entry to the belfry but no one commented this time, and there are plenty much worse in other places.

Owing to the traffic jam we were one hour late everywhere for the rest of the day and when we arrived at Shaftesbury St. James', we learnt that someone had waited nearly an hour, and then gone home, so we carried on to Henstridge, Somerset (six, 19½ cwt.), where we were joined by 'Joe' Dyke. The bells are a fine ring, though somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber. Our last call for Saturday was Milborne Port (eight, 28½ cwt.). These are a really grand old eight but the third required so much pulling to keep it up that eventually the rope broke, so we finished up with 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back five! Yeovil was reached at 8.45 p.m. and we soon settled into our 'digs' and enjoyed a well-earned sleep.

On Sunday morning Messrs. T. J. Setter and T. Marks were waiting to welcome us to St. John's, Yeovil (ten, 40½ cwt.), and we enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Ten on the fine ring. After ringing, everyone attended service. The programme for the afternoon was a visit to two 'sixes' and two 'fives.' The first tower was Montacute (six, 24 cwt.), and Mr. V. Farthing and the Vicar met us. These bells are considered locally as something of a problem ring as the sway of the tower tends to upset good striking. However, a good course of Cambridge brought forth praise from Mr. Farthing and the writer has ambitions for 'first peal on the bells' sometime, though it will be hard work. Tintinhull (five, 13 cwt.) go well and 'Tom' Setter joined us for a new tower. We returned to Montacute for tea at the famous Elizabethan mansion and enjoyed a stroll through the beautiful grounds.

For Evensong, we were privileged to ring at Stoke-sub-Hamdon (six, 18 cwt.). The Vicar, the Rev. D. Ballard, Mrs. E. S. Powell, Mr. Jack Drew and the local band were waiting to welcome us. All of them joined in with us for Cambridge, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire on

a splendid ring with a very nicely-kept ringing chamber. Once again we all stayed to service. Our last tower was Odcombe (five, 13 cwt.). The Vicar and five of the local band met us. The bells hang in a central tower, with a short draught, and require striking.

### PEAL RINGING COMMENCES

On Monday we started our peal operations. The first attempt was to be at Winsham (eight, 14 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. Pym, local captain, and 'Joe' Dyke, who was anxious to score a peal in a new Somerset tower. The bells were cast in 1894 from a heavy ring of five by Mears and Stainbank, and the ropes hang in the centre of the church. As the choir sing among the bell ropes, the local band have to carry four heavy seats into the chancel every time they ring, which is twice every Sunday, at least.

Three peals were rung for the opening ceremony in December, 1894, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and as far as the writer knows, none have been rung since though there have been many attempts recently. A start was made for Double Norwich Court Bob but after 2 hours and 30 minutes' good ringing, a shift course necessitated 'Stand' being called. This was a big disappointment to all concerned, as most of the bells required much pulling and perspiration flowed profusely! The ringers were F. Macey 1, C. A. Bassett 2, E. G. Orland 3, M. S. Cloke 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Kenward 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A.P. Cannon (conductor) 8. The conductor is looking forward to finishing off that one in the cooler weather!

Those not ringing went over to Thorncombe (five, 20 cwt.), where the Vicar, the Rev. G. Groves, stood everyone a drink in the 'local,' and Hawkchurch (six, 11 cwt.), where the bells 'go' well, though noisy.

After a good lunch at Gills Cafe, Chard, we walked to Chard (eight, 23 cwt.), where Mr. Ralph J. Gillard, who had been most helpful in local arrangements, was waiting to meet us. The bells are a good eight, rung from the ground floor and, until our visit, only two peals of Major had been rung on the bells, of which the writer rang the tenor to the first in June, 1937. Superlative was duly brought round in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and our two Lincolnshire friends were very pleased to score their first peal of Surprise.

Meanwhile the remainder of our party, accompanied by Ralph Gillard and Joe Dyke, visited three towers well off the beaten track. It is possible that the change-ringing on two of them, at least, was the first on the bells. At Combe St. Nicholas' (six 16 cwt.), the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Taylor, gave us a hearty welcome and Cambridge, London, Double Court, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. Next came Whitestaunton (five, 12 cwt.), rung from the ground floor, and where the writer recalled lashing a bell, while learning, in 1929! And lastly, down very narrow lanes, Wambrook (five, 9 cwt.), where the fourth was thought to be loose on the stock and ringing was limited to two leads of Grandsire!

After tea with the peal band we made for Chaffcombe (five, 13 cwt.), where the writer was very pleased to meet the Rector, the Rev. P. D. Preston, brother of an old school friend of his at Chard, 1928-1930. For those who really enjoy visits to fresh towers, it is always good fun to visit five-bell towers, and the local ringers are pleased too. Perhaps sometimes the 'go' of the bells is not all that could be desired, but it is a good thing for those whose own bells are a modern ring, to find out under just what sort of conditions hundreds of local ringers have to perform Sunday by Sunday. A quick run back to Yeovil, with the addition of Kilby Holtom, who had arrived at Chaffcombe, enabled several to take part in Stedman Caters at the local practice.

### THE FIRST 'DOUBLE'

Tuesday morning was booked for two peals, and tower-hunting in the afternoon. Punctually (for a change!) the coach arrived at Martock (eight, 25 cwt.) and Mr. F. Strickland, deputy for Mr. Fred Farrant, who had made all arrangements and was away on holiday, was waiting to open the belfry. The interior of the church was much admired; this, in the writer's opinion, must be one of the finest perpendicular interiors in the country. The bells are a pleasant eight, and Cambridge was brought round in 3 hours and 15 minutes, Geoffrey Waters performing well again for his second heavy tenor of the week.

While this was in progress the remainder went over to South Petherton (eight, 24 cwt.) to tackle the 'first peal of Major on the bells.' The local captain, Mr. W. Harwood, and the Vicar met us and wished us good luck. The bells hang in an octagonal central tower and the tenor, cast by Bilbie, 1721, is a particularly fine bell. A really excellent peal of Plain Bob was scored with not undue effort and Mr. Jack Drew congratulated us on our striking. Incidentally, the belfry is large, well lit and has a good circle of ropes.

We all met together for lunch at the Railway Hotel, Martock, before starting a tour of five towers in the afternoon and evening. First on the list was Kingsbury Episcopi's (six, 19 cwt) fine tower and bells, and then came Huish Episcopi (six, 16 cwt.), with an even better tenor, one of the best in the county. Next on the list was Somerton (six, 20 cwt.), with another octagonal tower. We were told by the verger, Mr. Rolls, that there are two practice nights, for ladies and gents! Our visit coincided with the ladies' night and some of us thought of staying but, of course, only to see how ladies handled a ring of six with a 20 cwt. tenor!

However, we were behind schedule, and, after tea, continued to Charlton Mackrell (six, 14 cwt.), where Mr. E. C. Eades was awaiting us.

These bells, hung in a central tower, were rung to Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court as well as Plain Bob, but the tenor was certainly a handful! The last ring of the day was Ilchester (five, 11½ cwt.), with another octagonal tower. The town is of Roman origin and is situated on the Fosse Way. The bells, rung in 1938 by Gillett and Johnston, go really well. Before departing, a well-known heavy bell-ringer won 1s. by drinking straight off, with no pause, two pints of cider, much to the surprise of some of the locals!

### A DAY IN DORSET

To please our non-ringers, an opportunity to smell the sea air was given on Wednesday. An earlier start was made and Weymouth reached by 9.20 a.m. We soon found Wyke Regis (eight, 16½ cwt) and Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. Stedman, local captain, greeted us. The belfry, with a door leading out on to the roof of the church, contains a pleasant ring, rung before the last war by Mears and Stainbank. Double Norwich was duly completed, this being the 200th tenor which the writer has 'turned in' to a peal. Those not ringing enjoyed a trip to Portland Bill and a view of several battleships.

Our first tower of the afternoon was Upwey (six, 9½ cwt.). The Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was delighted to meet Kent ringers, enquiring if anyone came from Marden. Geoffrey Waters, captain of Marden, and Tom Sone, of the next village, were duly introduced to him. This is a very pretty village, with a famous wishing well and it was regretted that longer time could not be spent there. A ten-mile run over undulating country with magnificent views brought us to the prettily-situated church of

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## KENT RINGERS' TOUR—Cont.

Litton Cheney (eight, 16 cwt.) The bells are an old six, with two trebles added in 1950. Unfortunately, the old bells have not been retuned and the result is a very strange mixture of music! The entry into the belfry is on to a gallery and then down some steps. The local ringers obviously look after their ringing chamber, as there are several clusters of red roses around the walls. The Rector, the Rev. S. Daniel, very kindly telephoned to Bridport to fix tea for us, a gesture which was much appreciated, and while this was being done, a fair course of Bristol was rung, the only one of the week.

Continuing to Bridport (eight, 21½ cwt.), we rang Special Cambridge and Superlative on a really good octave and, after tea, visited Netherbury (six, 20 cwt.), a fine old six, the heaviest in the county, where two local ringers welcomed us for Cambridge and Double Oxford. The last tower to be visited was the very fine one of Beaminster (eight, 24 cwt.), and the equally fine bells were rung to Yorkshire and Double Norwich as well as Stedman and Grandsire. Mr. E. P. Bailey welcomed us and joined us in Double Norwich Court Bob. Also, listening outside, was Mr. Joe Barrett.

### ANOTHER 'DOUBLE'

One of the pleasures of a ringing tour is the warm welcome one usually receives at the various churches. Mr. G. H. Pike, captain of Crewkerne (eight, 22 cwt.), was unable to meet us on Thursday, owing to business, so Mrs. Pike was there to greet us and unlock the tower. We should like to thank both of them for their excellent arrangements for lunch at the 'George,' which was much appreciated by everyone. Joe Dyke was waiting for us, and the peal of Double Norwich which followed gave him a new tower in Somerset for a peal, his 98th in the county. The bells are a handy ring and can certainly travel! J. T. D. asked the band to 'make the pace a bit brisker' They certainly did, and gave Joe a wet shirt, but a good peal was rung.

After lunch it had been the original intention to attempt a peal at Ilminster. However, owing to the bad state of the bell frame, permission was cancelled, so Mr. J. T. Locke very kindly got permission for Drayton (eight, 19 cwt.) The bells, rung from the ground floor, are a fine lot and Plain Bob was rung to enable one of our lady ringers to score her second peal. The composition by the writer and also the 5.024 rung at South Petherton by Tom Sone were both rung as compliments, and with many thanks, to the organisers.

During the day six 'extra' towers were visited. In the morning the first one was Haselbury Plucknett (six, 6 cwt.), rung from the ground floor, and the Vicar, who has a keen sense of humour, gave us a happy welcome. Next we went over to Hinton St. George (six, 14 cwt.) with another central tower and some very fine monuments to the Poulett family. While the Drayton peal was in progress, we visited Shepton Beauchamp (eight, 12½ cwt.) and Barrington (six, 15 cwt.). At the former tower Mr. Reg Beale had been waiting patiently for us and joined us in Stedman Triples. We also rang a good course of Yorkshire, but although the bells are light, they certainly require ringing, owing to tower vibration. At Barrington, the local captain, Mr. A. Bond, proved that, given regular attention, a 15 cwt. tenor can 'go' like a bell of three cwt. and this after no bell-ringer has touched it for 50 years. The writer has seldom rung a bell, in plain bearings, requiring less effort.

Joining up with the successful peal band we still had two more towers to visit. At Kingstone (six, 11 cwt.) the bells are rung from the chancel steps, and Mr. T. Hill joined us in Plain Bob and Grandsire. Unfortunately at Seavinton St. Mary (six, 7 cwt.) we rather disgraced ourselves! The front bells are somewhat light, and an experienced ringer broke a stay! How it happened, we are not sure, but

the local ringer who met us seemed rather disgusted! 'Suppose you're used to heavier bells,' and 'We never break any stays, only with learners,' were two of his comments!! However, names and addresses were left with the Vicar, and any expense incurred will be duly settled!

### A GRAND PEAL

We knew we were due for an enjoyable morning at Ditchat (eight, 24 cwt.). The writer had told everyone 'Taylor's best, 1921—equal to anything in the country for their weight.' And the peal of Yorkshire which resulted gave great pleasure to those taking part and also to those listening to these magnificent bells. The central tower ringing chamber allows the bells to be heard in the ideal volume for peal ringing. Mr. Albert Lintern let us in, locked us up, and let us out when we'd finished. Mr. H. C. Lintern had very kindly fixed us up for another splendid lunch at the 'Green Tree' Inn, and Joe Dyke again joined us. Those not ringing in the peal had an interesting morning at Castle Cary (eight, 15 cwt.), where they were met by Mr. E. F. Creed, and West Lydford (six, 14 cwt.), where the Vicar gave his permission at short notice.

The treat in store for the afternoon was a ring on the grand new Taylor ten at Evercreech (tenor 21 cwt.), but before this we slipped over to try the very fine six at Bruton (tenor 25 cwt.). Mrs. White, wife of the captain, opened the tower for us, and we enjoyed Cambridge and Double Oxford. Back to Evercreech to meet Harry Sanger, and we regretted that, owing to local conditions, permission could not be given this time for a peal attempt. However, we enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters and an attempt for Cambridge Royal. The tower, over 120 feet high, is one of the best in Somerset.

As we were behind in our schedule, tea was given a miss, and we continued to Wincanton (eight, 15 cwt.), where Mr. J. Chilcott had been waiting some time, and joined us for Grandsire and Stedman on the new ring, fairly recently augmented, and rung from the ground floor. When we arrived at North Cheriton (five, 9 cwt.), we found a choir practice in progress and most of us joined in the singing. In fact, it was quite a job to find enough to ring! Perhaps it was because of the attractive lady organist! We also met an old gentleman who had been a ringer at this church for 67 years, which must be nearly a record. Our last tower for Friday was Charlton Horethorne (eight, 16½ cwt.), with a well-kept ringing chamber but a rather 'dead' tenor. Incidentally, this was the writer's 1,376th tower.

### KENT MEN'S TRIUMPH AT SHERBORNE

Our last day was the heaviest of the week. We started for Treble Bob at East Coker (eight, 13 cwt.), but too many late nights caused the conductor to miss a bob! Those not ringing went over to West Coker (eight, 12 cwt.), a lively little ring. After lunch in Yeovil, our party divided into two, some meeting at Yeovil for Bob Royal, and others going to Sherborne Abbey (eight, 46 cwt.) for Bob Major. As all the band for Sherborne were resident (or nearly resident!) members of the Kent County Association and none were members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, it was decided to ring the peal for the Kent County Association after getting the O.K. from Mr. W. H. Pope and Mr. W. P. Lambert, both local ringers.

It was a great personal triumph for Geoffrey Waters, who, at 22, is the youngest to ring this tenor to a peal. And with Malcolm Cloke, aged 18, on the 7th, the combination for 7-8 averaged 20 years of age, a record for this weight of metal. Everyone enjoyed the peal, and by all accounts it was well struck and no blisters at the finish either! Geoffrey has a big future ahead of him, as in his style and build he has the makings of a really fine heavy-bell man.

At Yeovil, Tom Setter achieved his ambition to 'turn in' the tenor, and was very ably assisted (Continued in next column)

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Rearrangements of Districts

There was an attendance of 60 members and friends at the quarterly meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild held at Southam on July 28th. The bells of the church were rung in rounds and various methods to suit all tastes for an hour in the afternoon until the service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, the Rev. J. West (a former curate of Chilvers Coton), in the absence of the Rector.

Tea was partaken of at the Craven Arms and the business meeting followed, the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) taking the chair. Following the minutes, apologies were read from the President, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, J. White, J. Thompson and J. Lloyd.

The report of the committee meeting held in Coventry on June 13th was read and the recommendations put to the vote and carried, the chief items being the retention of the three districts, Nuneaton, Coventry with Rugby, and Warwick with Stratford and the rearrangement of those districts. Nuneaton district is to be allotted Exhall, Bedworth, Shilton and Brinklow in addition to those already held and Southam is to be attached to the Warwick and Stratford District, thus providing more ringers for that district and more scope for the ringers from Southam.

The secretaries for the Coventry and Nuneaton Districts agreed to continue in their positions and Mr. R. J. Edden and Miss M. Middlemiss were elected as joint secretaries of the Warwick and Stratford District.

The suggestion that each district should appoint a Ringing Master to relieve the secretary of all work connected with the actual ringing at the meetings was approved, the election to take place at the next meeting of each district.

New members elected were A. J. Barrett and S. T. Hauley, of Harbury, and the election of B. G. Warwick was ratified. Stratford was selected as the meeting place for October.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting the success it undoubtedly was, and the business ended.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 17s. 4d.

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sisted by the two other back-end men, Messrs. Ron Marlow and Reg Rex. In the writer's opinion the only thing that spoils this majestic ring is the harshness of the 9th. The evening finished with press photographs, a game of skittles at the Pall Hotel and a general 'chin-wag' on the week's adventures.

### THE WAY BACK

Sunday morning, August 5th, arrived all too quickly, and we had a steady ride (with 'short cuts'!) to Gillingham (eight, 25 cwt.) where Mr. Jim Ralph was waiting, with other local ringers, to welcome us. We had just rung a nice touch of Stedman, and were beginning Grandsire for a visitor from Reading, when a loud crash and a 'silent drum' showed us that the tenor clapper had snapped in half! So we confined our efforts to Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, leaving out the treble, until service time.

Before lunch at Salisbury, Mr. Fred Macey thanked the organiser for another very enjoyable week in a lovely part of England. The organiser would like to repeat again that it was a great pleasure for him, and everyone co-operated magnificently. Next year we hope to visit Shropshire, subject, of course, to local permission and conditions. The date will be Saturday, August 9th to Saturday, August 16th.

We should like to thank all the incumbents, local ringers and others, who did so much for our comfort and really did give us a splendid welcome in every tower we visited. So if you want a good time, good bells and good company, 'go down to Zummerzet'—you'll not be disappointed.

A. P. C.



## Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1950

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\* Includes 3 peals in 12 methods, 2 peals in 17 methods, and 1 peal each in 21, 22, 26, 27, 31 and 36 methods.

## S. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD

Sound control has been introduced into the tower of S. Nicolas', Guildford. This includes an octagonal hole in the roof, 14 feet across, covered with a great lantern of hardwood surfaced with copper. Thus the sound of the bells will be diffused upwards and outwards. The windows are to be bricked up completely behind the louvres.

With these improvements it is hoped that there will be a cessation of complaints which have restricted local ringing activities.

## NOT UNORTHODOX

Dear Sir,—Not having joined the ranks of 'unorthodox' ringers, and to avoid any misunderstanding, may I draw your attention to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Croft on July 19th. ('Ringing World,' page 501.).

The calling I used was the standard 10 calls, repeated four times, with the addition of two six-scores only, and the peal report should read 5,040 instead of 5,060 as printed.—Yours faithfully,

Croft, Leics.

WILLIAM A. WOOD.

**HOLT'S ORIGINAL**

(See Page 507)

Mr. T. E. Sone points out two misprints in his letter dealing with the calling of Holt's Original. The first is that he has called the peal five times round the circle (not eight) and at the end of the figures the last line should read

3S — —  
The errors are regretted.



## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of August 25th, 1911

## HANDBELL PEAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

On the occasion of 'Ringers' Day' at the Crystal Palace, on July 15th last, organised by 'The Ringing World,' it was suggested that a peal rung in the Crystal Palace would be a novelty. . . . To get a suitable place in the Palace is rather a difficult task owing to the fact that . . . there is always a premium upon the accommodation. A room was, however, secured . . . and on August 16th, five members of the All Saints' Society, Fulham, started for the first peal . . . . When, at 9.33, 'That's all,' was called, a peal was finished which anyone could be justly proud of.

[The method was Grandsire Caters, rung by W. A. Woodrow 1-2, A. F. Shepherd 3-4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5-6, L. Attwater 7-8, F. G. Woodiss 9-10.]

## SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT

Preference to Bellringer.—Wanted, strong young man of 24, unmarried, as second of four in garden; must be used to stove, plant-house, propagating; Church of England and total abstainer; take turns Sunday duty, fires, etc. wages 18s. . . .

## LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

## A Popular Oldham Experiment

Recently the Oldham Education Committee held a Festival Exhibition of Leisure Time Activities. It was with some uncertainty that the writer answered the original advertisement for exhibitors, not knowing exactly what would be entailed; but after a preliminary meeting of representatives of the various societies and organisations, it was decided that the St. Mark's bell-tower, Glodwick, would make an individual effort to put before the public the 'mysteries of bell-ringing.' The next point to arise was 'What can we put on show?'

Many ideas were tried, and many ideas rejected, until the following items were finally decided upon:—Handbells, standard diagrams, Association publications, model of bell mechanism, photographs, bellropes, etc.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Oldham, with the Director of Education acting as chairman to the committee, and from that moment 'the show was on'! Each evening of the week and Saturday afternoon and evening we were kept very busy answering questions and explaining all that we could to a never-ceasing stream of visitors to our stand.

It had not been the intention to include 'The Nine Tailors' on the stand, but so many people quoted the book, or some extract from the book, that we had to keep it handy for reference! Whilst some of the questions were ridiculous owing to ignorance of bell-ringing, the majority of interrogations were of a serious and thoughtful type, and from all ages of visitors. The explanations and demonstrations given were keenly appreciated by a very critical audience, particularly when a little change-ringing was done on the handbells a few times each evening.

At a final meeting of the representatives, the writer expressed thanks for this exhibition which allowed us such a golden opportunity to 'put over' to the public the cause of church bell-ringing. If we only managed to impress 500 out of the thousands who came through the hall, we will be satisfied.

NOTE.—The stall, according to the photographs submitted, was most attractive. In bold lettering it was headed 'Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, Rochdale Branch, St. Mark's, Glodwick.' Two bellropes decorated the sides and a semi-circle of 20 handbells looked most effective among the various exhibits.—ED.

## REDEDICATION

## CAPEL, SURREY

After a silence of over 22 years, the bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Capel, Surrey, rang out again on Sunday, August 5th, after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had recast the second and fifth, which were cracked.

The dedication prayer was said by the Bishop of Guildford at the end of Matins and the bells were rung by members of the local band, while the procession receded to the sanctuary for the final Blessing. It is worthy of note that among those who rang was Mr. George Steadman, now 85, who rang in what was then a record performance, a peal of Treble Bob Minor consisting of fourteen 720's in different methods (10,080 changes) in 1888.

As the large congregation left the church six members of the Leatherhead band, by invitation, rang a 360 of Cambridge Minor followed by a 240 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The two bands were entertained to lunch at the King's Arms by the Vicar and churchwardens.

From 3 until 6.30, with a break for tea, the bells were open to visitors and were made full use of by ringers from Wycombe, Walton, Hawley and Horsham to a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor and, to fit the occasion, a course of Capel Treble Bob.

And so, at the end of 21 years of office, the secretary of the Leatherhead District was able to complete his ring on the towers in his district.

A. H. S.

## A DAY IN NORTH DEVON

On August 8th a party of change-ringers, including Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rev. Mr. Andrews, the Rev. W. H. Smale, Messrs. Myers and other members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, met at Burrington. After ringing Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the interesting six they proceeded to Roborough, a six by Messrs. Taylor in 1823. The Rector, the Rev. W. J. Williams, met the party.

Yarnscombe was the next stop and after all had joined in touches of Doubles we ran on to Atherington, a fine six by Pennington, dated 1786. Here many of the villagers crowded round the belfry to watch the lady ringers—Miss Gilbert, Miss Boyle and Mrs. Miles—joining in a touch of Bob Minor with Tom Myers conducting. Much interest was shown by the local ringers in this as well as in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews led the way to Bishop's Nympton where we found a perfect six recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Messrs. Myers and 'Father' (the Rev. W. H. Smale) would have tarried here but a peremptory call for tea at the 'Red Lion' by the organiser, Mr. F. C. Smale, ended the ringing. A real old-fashioned tea with cream and home-made cakes followed.

Rose Ash was the next halt. What a delightful place with a spacious green surrounded by tall oaks! It was here that a line of Southcombes officiated as Rectors for 300 years. The bells were a 'handful' but all our touches came round. Thence we proceeded to Knowstone, the route providing a panorama—with Exmoor to the North and Dartmoor to the South.

Thence over commons and moors to the pleasantly-situated Rackenford, where the Rector (the Rev. G. K. Elliot) welcomed us. The bells are an interesting six and much interest was shown in our touches of Stedman and Grandsire and the unusual picture of a lady competently turning in her bell. Then goodbye and a satisfied party of ringers made their ways North, South, East and West homewards. We were glad to have Messrs. Searle and Burrows with us.

F. C. S.

## WEDDING OF MISS F. M. POOLE

A well-known Somerset lady ringer, Miss Freda M. Poole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole, of Hardington Mandeville, near Yeovil, was married at St. Mary's Church, Hardington Mandeville, on August 4th. The bridegroom was Mr. Geoffrey H. Patrick, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Patrick, 22, Stansfield Road, Stockwell, London. The Rev. Paul Greaves officiated, and Miss Jearum was organist.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress and train of white cloque, headdress of orange blossom and full-length veil. Her bouquet was of pink roses and white stephanotis, and her ornament, a gold locket and chain, was given her by the bridegroom.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Louie Poole, sister of the bride, and the other attendants were Miss Margaret Yerbury, niece of the bridegroom, and Miss June Partridge, friend of the bride. Best man was Mr. W. H. Turner.

A reception was held at The Barn, Manor Farm, attended by 100 guests. The honeymoon was spent at Newquay.

The gifts included bed linen to the bride, from the postmaster and staff, Crewkerne, where she was employed; and an electric iron from the Rector, churchwardens and bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Hardington.

Owing to the church bells not being able to be rung, the bride joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the reception. The ringers were H. W. Pearce 1-2, W. H. Poole 3-4, W. E. Turner 5-6, the bride 7-8. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at West Coker by R. Guppy 1, H. W. Pearce 2, E. Atyeo 3, W. H. Poole (conductor) 4, T. Marks 5, A. Atyeo 6, W. E. Turner 7, S. White 8.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## East Norfolk Branch

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Norton Subcourse on July 21st when 29 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. O. Morris (Vicar of Norton) and tea was provided in the Church School Room.

The Rev. K. O. Morris presided at the business meeting. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the branch secretary (Mr. J. Harwood) Mr. P. Newstead was asked to act as secretary. The following were elected members: Mr. Peter Devenish, Miss Beth Martins (transferred from probation to ringing member), both of Blofield tower, and Mr. Geoffrey Short (Halvergate).

The next meeting will be held at Halvergate on September 29th. Discussion on the printing of the annual report took place. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and also to Mr. G. Walpole and helpers for providing an excellent tea. Ringing was resumed after the business meeting.

## NOT WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S BLESSING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the item in Belfry Gossip of August 10th announcing the failure of an attempt to ring Holt's Original silent, I would like to point out that a false impression may be created by claiming it as an attempt by the Lancashire Association. By so doing, the attempt acquires an official air of the Association's blessing. To be strictly correct, the attempt was by a mixed band of the Lancashire Association Police Guild and Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours truly,

THOS. H. HORRIDGE.

Liverpool 21.

NOTE.—We are sorry to give this false assumption in our note, but we assumed that, had the attempt been successful, the peal would have been recorded by the Lancashire Association. We trust that 'foreigners' of the Police Guild and Chester Diocesan Guild were not responsible for losing a very gallant attempt.—ED.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—All those in the Exercise who are interested in the question of 'Extension' have now had two or three months in which to consider the Methods Committee's report on the subject. There have, so far, been no comments. In order that the matter may be finally dealt with at the next meeting of the Central Council, we now ask those who have any criticisms to offer to submit them to the Committee for its consideration. But may we make an earnest plea for **constructive** criticism? It is no help to us unless suggestions are backed by good reasons, but those that are will be carefully and sympathetically considered.

With regard to the query about Union Triples, I regret that the Committee has not yet been able to meet to discuss the matter. As soon as it has done so, its opinion will be published.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD (Rev.).

(On behalf of the Methods Committee.)

St. Michael's Vicarage,  
Southampton.

## TWO PROMISING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—On the last day of the 'Kent' tour in Somerset and Dorset, peals were rung at Yeovil and Sherborne Abbey. As one of the other six, who were privileged to stand in the latter peal, I would like to record the truly great performance of Malcolm Cloke (aged 18) and Geoffrey Waters (aged 23).

Sherborne Abbey tenor is a real man's bell but young Geoff rang it with the practised ease of any well-known heavy-bell ringer and, after 4½ hours, finished up quite fresh and with only a few minor blisters.

After about three hours we thought he was tiring but he told us afterwards that the few dotted notes were caused by the bells swinging a little lower than he wished and after failing to raise her by steady pulling, he gave her a mighty heave that sent her over the balance and it took several more blows to place her correctly. From then on he rang the bell faultlessly to the end, and the happy grin on his face during the last quarter peal told us that all was well.

Malcolm, on the seventh, did not have so much weight to pull about, but the ability of this slender youth to ring the 29-cwt. bell and conduct the peal was never once in doubt. For at the slightest hesitation of any ringer, the latter was promptly told what he was doing and who he was coursing and only once was a bell allowed to hesitate long enough to cause a clash.

Malcolm rang steadily throughout, his face never betraying his feelings until the last change came up, then he literally danced on the box as he shouted, 'And that's the lot, the whole blooming lot,' but instead of calling 'Stand,' we had to finish the job properly with a good lower in peal.

Even if an expert hand is asked to help them, the youth of the Exercise will be hard put to it to equal the performance of these two coming men of the future, for it must be remembered that this peal came at the end of an intensive 'Canonised' week of 47 towers, and each had stood in four peals.

In the morning I had picked up a peacock's feather at East Coker and was told that it was very unlucky. When the peal at that tower failed, the wags shook their heads, but we defied superstition and took the feather to Sherborne. Here we began to wonder for twice, after five minutes' ringing, we had 'Stand,' but we put that down to stage fright.

On entering up the peal, I found that it was my 13th for the Kent County, and my 13th of Bob Major.

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

## CALLING OF HOLTS' ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—I split the calling into eight parts. Every double or consecutive bob I memorise as 1, viz., 53454443131, etc.

My first peal that I conducted was the Original, on September 12th, 1887, double-handed, on handbells, at the 'Goose and Grid-iron,' St. Paul's Churchyard, being umpired by John Murray Hayes and G. T. McLaughlin; time, 2 hours 44 minutes. Band: G. W. Cartmel 1-2, E. P. Debenham 3-4, Challis Winney 5-6, W. H. L. Buckingham 7-8; conducted by G. W. Cartmel.

Umpires' remarks at finish: 'There was no need of an umpire.'

I was the first to call the Original on each pair of handbells.

G. W. CARTMEL.

St. Albans.

## TIPS FOR HOLTS' ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In learning the Original it is most important that the bells Before and at the Double be also learnt. Then, at your previous call, you can see at once if your next Before and Double is right.

One well-known pitfall is the calls 5, 7, 7 and, shortly after, 7, 5, 5. If you look at the first, the lead before the 5th is the 7th and in the second the lead before the 7th is the 5th.

Another tip is when in doubt, if your next call is a full course, remember the 2nd is never in the hunt. For a full course in the peal, the 6th also is never in the hunt five leads except in the last 7, 0, 0, and then twice. When one is calling it regularly, it is surprising how many hints one can learn, but there is one thing about the Original, it does not matter how many times one has called it, it has always got to be called. In other compositions one can wander, but not in the Original. The mind is on it all the time.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## HOSPITALITY IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—With regard to hospitality shown to ringers who visit Scotland, my own experience is of a happier nature than that of Mrs. Wall's.

While serving in the Royal Navy during the last war, I was stationed at Greenock from 1943-45, and was thus able to make the journey several times a week to Paisley or Glasgow. My first visit to St. James', Paisley, was about September, 1943, when I heard a bell tolling in St. James' tower. I made my way to the ringing chamber, and met Mr. N. Sharpe, who explained that the local ringers needed help. After attending church that evening I was invited home to meet Mr. Sharpe's family, and have remained friends ever since.

Following much spade work, we managed to ring several quarter peals at St. James'. Whenever I visited St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, I was always given a welcome. It was my privilege to ring with many old friends at both towers while on holiday last month in Scotland.

There are several ringers who served in the Forces during the last war who had the pleasure of ringing at both St. James', Paisley, and St. Mary's, Glasgow, who could not find words to express their thanks for the hospitality extended to them by all the ringers. Mr. and Mrs. N. Sharpe's home at Paisley was an ever-open door. I feel it only right to enlighten other ringers in England that there's a very warm welcome awaiting them at St. James' or St. Mary's.—Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS J. CHEAL.

Rainham, Kent.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Hillburn 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, W. Cavill 3, N. Stevens 4, F. Skinner (cond.) 5, E. Skinner 6.

## OBITUARY

### MR. T. WILFRED TAFFENDER

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Wilfred Taffender will learn with great regret of his untimely passing in Hill End Hospital, St. Albans, on the night of August 14th. Mr. Taffender was 44 years of age and leaves a widow and small four-year-old son.

The cause of his death was a tumoured growth in the head. The best specialists in the country, including Lord Horder, have been in attendance and are satisfied that nothing could be done to remove the growth which they knew must become fatal within a short space of time.

It was as recently as July 7th that Mr. Taffender conducted his last peal—one of Stedman Triples rung as a 'Festival of Britain Peal' at St. Mary's, Lambeth. He also conducted the first quarter peal at the Festival Church after its restoration—the first rung there for 15 years.

A funeral, which was held at Streatham Vale Crematorium on August 20th, a slowly-struck course of Triples was rung by: H. W. Rogers 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. Bullock 5-6, W. D. Grainger 7-8.

Among the other ringers present were Messrs. E. Alex. Young, I. Emery, J. A. Prior, J. W. Ward, J. W. Chapman, J. Lott, R. H. Begrie, C. Dawson (also representing E. D. Smith) and H. W. Rogers (also representing Mrs. O. L. Rogers). A wreath from the London County Association was among the beautiful floral tributes.

The sympathy of the Exercise has been expressed by numerous friends from far and near, to that notable figure, Mr. T. H. Taffender, and also to the deceased's widow and mother.

### WORK FOR LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Apart from being one of the most capable ringers and conductors in the country, Mr. T. W. Taffender will principally be remembered for his untiring work as a member and officer of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild. He was for many years general secretary of this Association and at the time of his death held the office of trustee.

His first peal was one of London Surprise Major at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, in January, 1923, and his following four peals were Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark Cathedral, London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and Stedman Caters 'in hand' at Camberwell. These first five peals were conducted by his father, Mr. T. H. Taffender, and Mr. James Bullock also took part in each.

His total peal list is 156, of which he conducted 50, and 148 have been for the London County Association. Mr. T. H. Taffender rang in 148 and conducted 76. A notable peal was one of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, in which six fathers and sons took part and rang in the order of father and son.

In the words of one of Mr. T. W. Taffender's oldest ringing friends, it would take an entire book to write of all his work and achievements. It is possible that a memorial service with appropriate ringing for all his friends will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on a Saturday afternoon about mid-September, in which case, notice will be given through the columns of this journal.

H. W. R.

### HIS PEALS

Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Cinques 2, Plain Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 13 (conducted 4), Kent Treble Bob Royal 10 (3), Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1 (1), Treble Bob Minor 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1.

Stedman Triples 35 (13), Stedman Caters 29 (12), Stedman Cinques 14 (4).

Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (5), Cambridge Surprise Royal 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise Maximus 2, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 8 (6), Stedman Caters (on handbells) 3.

Total: 156 (conducted 50).



# ALLESLEY, WAR- WICKSHIRE.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire

Triples: Mrs. Margaret Carpenter (first quarter) 1, C. S. Aylett 2, C. H. Webb 3, W. A. Stote 4, J. W. Taylor 5, D. A. Carpenter (first quarter of Triples) 6, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 7, P. K. Williamson 8.

**AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.**—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, N. J. Smith 2, F. W. Lewis 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On August 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Hatfield (first in the method) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Howard 8.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On August 10th, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Brown 1, D. White 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Canon R. N. Daniels, Vicar of (Gainsborough, and one-time curate at this church. Also to Mr. A. H. Palmer, a ringer at St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, for many years.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Tilbury 1, R. Poston 2, F. E. Roberts 3, Miss G. Stokes 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On August 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. W. Moody 1, C. A. Harrison 2, A. Tomlinson 3, F. Lacey 4, H. Morwood 5, H. Hall 6, P. Barnes 7, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Tomlin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift (first 'inside' 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, K. C. Vickers 4, M. Hatchett (first in method) 5. First quarter of Doubles on bells since 1936.

**CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.**—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrison 1, F. Read (cond.) 2, G. Newman 3, A. Palmer 4, F. Cook 5.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 240 Place Bob, 240 New Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 120 Stedman, 120 St. Simon's, 120 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire: N. H. Hewett 1, T. W. Crowe 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Heal 6. First quarter in 7 methods of Doubles by all.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On August 12th, at All Saints', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Bryan 1, H. Belcher 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, R. Charge 4, W. S. Langdon 5, C. Watts 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, H. M. Page 9, S. Ellis 10.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.**—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Cooper 1, C. W. Haslop 2, J. A. Alexander 3, W. A. Breckon 4, J. W. Bedlington 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, A. V. Coates 7, T. N. Tindale 8. Rung on the 81st anniversary of the church's dedication.

**HALESOWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilvock 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, E. Woodall 3, A. Greenhall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. Clissett 6, D. Morton 7, A. H. Harris 8. For the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Canon J. T. Davies, M.A., Rector, and the silver wedding of A. Greenhall, ringer of the 4th.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On August 7th, 1,260, Stedman Triples: J. D. Kape 1, Miss S. Coker 2, Miss D. Coker 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, W. Lee 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, H. C. Jones 8.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On August 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. M. Flynn 1, Enid M. Roberts 2, J. Oliver 3, E. Large 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, P. Williams 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8, N. J. Goodman 9, C. E. J. Blake 10. First of Caters for 1 and 2.

## QUARTER PEALS

# LEATHERHEAD, SUR- REY.—On August 12th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise

Major: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Peters 5, A. Cheeseman 6, A. H. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. Rung for the christening of Meriel Joy Coldman, grand-daughter of the conductor.

**LLANDEGAI, CAERNARVONSHIRE.**—On August 4th, at the Church of St. Tegai, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hughes (Bangor) 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond., Llandudno) 2, J. N. Haile (St. Bees, Cumberland) 3, J. A. Haile (St. Bees) 4, L. J. Evans (Rhyll) 5, P. Dickinson (Anglesey) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.**—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Stanley (first quarter) 1, Carol Jones 2, Queenie Cooper 3, Ruth Avery 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, R. F. Jones 6.

**MELLS, SOMERSET.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, John Downing 2, E. Ellis 3, F. Lt. Massey 4, F. Withey 5, E. H. Nash 6, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At All Saints', on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Brown 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, W. J. Allen 3, W. Robinson 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8. Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday.

**READING.**—At the Church of St. Laurence, on St. Laurence's Day, a quarter peal from Carter's 'Odd Bob' peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Catherall 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan 4, A. Wiggins 5, W. Hibbert 6, R. G. Burton (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Spencer 1, Miss M. Wing 2, W. B. Kirby (first quarter in the method) 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, T. H. Taffender 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, H. Sutton 8.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. G. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, F. R. Goddard (first in method as cond.) 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, A. A. Hilliar (first in method) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

**STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincs.**—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. P. Armstrong 1, R. Parker 2, J. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Miss Mabel Sidney Parker and Petty Officer John Winch, R.N.

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Digby (first quarter) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, R. D. Wilson (first quarter on 8) 3, J. W. Jones (first 'inside' on 8) 4, J. Corbett 5, E. D. Wilson (first quarter on 8) 6, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 7, J. Collins 8.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On August 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Slack 1, W. Prockson 2, J. Kemp 3, A. Agar 4, W. Theobald 5, A. S. Carter 6, P. Coward 7, R. Begrie 8, A. House (cond.) 9, J. Tower 10. First in method for 2, 3, 8 and 10.

## WHITTINGTON'S AND QUEEN'S

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. J. M. Turner, the following 630 Grandsire Triples contains Whittington's (12753468).\*

Call 7th.

In with a single.

Out at two with a single.

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In and out at two.

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Repeat twice.

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Also 504 Grandsire Triples:—

Call 5.

In and out, In and out, Middle, Middle.

In and out, In and out.

Middle, Single, Middle.

Middle, Single.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton.

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

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WANTED.—A set of handbells. Reply, stating number and price, to the Rector, Tixall Rectory, Stafford. 9326

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

### MEETINGS

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 25th. Cups of tea only provided. Ringing at Oxtown (8) after tea.—Alexander J. Martin. 9358

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Alvaston (6), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9315

**FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.**—LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District).—At Basingstoke, August 25th. Towers open from 2 p.m.: Basingstoke (All Saints', St. Michael's), Oakley, Overton, Deane, Wootton-St. Lawrence, Odiham, Upton-Grey, Wolveaton, Sherborne-St. John. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, only to those notifying Miss Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford; C. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough; B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Wokingham; J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne-St. John. 9317

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Uxbridge on Saturday, August 25th, Ringing St. Andrew's 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea (available without notification) 5 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's 6.30-8.30. 9308

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Hanbury (8), August 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (only cups of tea provided). All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9320



**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch meeting at Wells, Saturday, August 25th. Usual arrangements for service, tea, etc. Early notice of attendance will help.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9322

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 25th, Slough (10), 6.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9307

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Rotherfield, Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield. 9332

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A practice meeting on Thursday, August 30th, at All Saints' (10). Bells, Kingston-on-Thames, 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9352

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, September 1st, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. George's, Camberwell, 4.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 21st.—A. B. Peck. 9324

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, Wilden, on September 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at Victoria Arms, 5. Special methods: Erin, Carter.—Michael Stephens. 9354

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Burton Dassett (6) on September 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Provide own tea. Next meeting, October 6th, Butlers Marston; particulars later. All welcome. Banbury District, please note.—Eden, Deppers Bridge, Southam. Rugby. 9330

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. (No tea arrangement.)—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9361

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9350

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, September 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, August 29th, to G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, N. Farnborough. 9262

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—Meeting at Old Radnor, Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Tuesday, August 28th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 9331

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Elstree (6), September 1st. 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9342

**HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Ripponden (8), Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, for 30, at 5 p.m. Buses leave Elland at five minutes to the hour and from Halifax frequently. 9334

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on September 1st at 3. Tea 5.15. A service will be held, if it can be arranged, at 4.30. Names for tea, not later than August 29th, to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge (Phone 2910). 9301

**LADIES' GUILD.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, on September 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea, kindly advise, by August 29th, Miss J. M. S. Cooke, Gowan Bank, Goostrey, Ches. All welcome.—Frances M. Laffin. Dis. Hon. Sec. 9333

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley, September 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9337

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 1st, St. Peter's, Hindley, Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by August 29th, Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan.—J. Burns. 9351

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names, before August 25th, to Mr. G. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 9305

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 29th, to J. J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 9304

**LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Radyr, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9299

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rowde (6), Saturday, September 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9348

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual silver cup contest at Beighton (6) on Saturday, September 1st. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 9359

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Ilkeston District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 5th, at latest, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe. 9343

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ingatestone (6), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available after tea. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9356

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fyfield (6), September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. There is a taxi service from Ongar Station. 9355

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield, September 8th. Names for tea, by September 4th, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Glos. 9339

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pulverbatch, Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Randle. 9341

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 6th, to W. Rogers, 7 Park Terrace, Much Hadham, Herts. 9329

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, September 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9357

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Saturday, September 8th. Final Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Everybody welcome, ringers and non-ringers.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 9349

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The outing will take place on September 8th, to the South Coast. (Price approximately 14s. inc. meals.) Coach leaves Guildford 8.30 a.m., returning 9.30 p.m. Will interested members and friends please write immediately to Mrs. Howard, Kilmuir, Oakdene Road, Godalming. 9362

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Next meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, at Cosy Cafe, Maxstoke Lane (2s.) only to those who notify, by Tuesday, September 4th, Mr. W. C. Rhodes, 10, Maxstoke Lane, Coleshill.—Margaret Beamish, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9335

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Half-yearly meeting, Boston, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Field Street Mission Room. It is most important that names for tea should reach Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by Monday, September 3rd.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 9336

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Waddesdon, September 8th. Recently rehung bells (6) 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea, by September 5th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9360

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea, by Saturday, September 1st, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 9345

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea, by 4th, to Mr. H. Upex, Church Cottage, Cuckney, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 9346

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly, Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 9344

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, September 8th, at Heptonstall. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea—apply, before September 5th, to Mr. W. Southwell, 42, Longfield, Heptonstall. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9321

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Birmingham, September 15th. Ringing: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), Bishop Ryder's Church (8), Gem Street, 10.30 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.; St. Philip's Cathedral (12), St. Martin's (12) 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Lunch 5s. High tea 3s. 6d. at Police Canteen, Steelhouse Lane. Business meeting after tea. Social evening 7.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (limited number) to C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by September 6th.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Allendale, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, September 22nd. Bus engaged, leaving Central Garage, Newcastle, 2 p.m.; fare 6s. 6d. Names and cash to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9338

#### GREAT PONTON AND DISTRICT

On August Bank Holiday ringers from Great Ponton, Grantham, Ancaster and Silk Willoughby, with their wives, visited Rutlandshire, the outing proving most enjoyable. Ringing took place at Market Overton, Cottesmore, Oakham (and also lunch at the George Hotel), Priston, Uppingham (also tea at the Falcon Hotel), Langham, Exton and Greatham. At Greatham a very pleasant conclusion was formed by the singing of Hymn 176 to the tune of Crimond, by the whole party and a few prayers conducted by the Rector.

Methods rung included Grandsire Doubles. Plain Bob Doubles. Minor and Major, Kent. Stedman and, of course, rounds.



## OUTING

### MELTON MOWBRAY

On August Bank Holiday the ringers of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, Leics, held their annual outing. Since one or two of our own members were unable to be present, several ringers from neighbouring villages came to swell the numbers and we were also accompanied by wives, children and friends.

Our first tower was SS. Peter and Paul's, Uppingham, where the eight bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent. At Kettering several local ringers joined the party and we were thus able to ring Grandsire, Caters, Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. After an excellent four-course lunch the heavy eight of Wellingborough proved rather a tough proposition, but, nevertheless, we enjoyed ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. A contrast was provided by the light eight at Burton Latimer, which met with immediate approval. Here again local ringers joined in a very pleasant hour's ringing, including a second attempt at Cambridge.

It was then time to return to Kettering and find a little light refreshment before going on to the fifth and last tower. Market Harborough. We were again welcomed by local ringers and made the most of our last opportunity for the day, ringing some excellent Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Oxford. During this, two ringers 'dropped in' who were on their way home after ringing a peal of Yorkshire Maximus but they were still eager to ring again!

In spite of the fact that the rain poured on us each time we moved from church to bus, or vice versa, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, especially about half a dozen learners.

Our grateful thanks are due to all who helped to arrange the outing and make it such a success.

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## BELLS AND NON-RINGERS

IT is often said that the public, in general, takes little or no notice of the ringing of church bells, and that only that small section of it which lives or works near a tower where bell ringing is frequent is apt to be more than subconsciously aware of it. It is said, equally as often, that non-ringers do listen objectively to the bells, and that they do criticise the ringing, and that they can distinguish good striking from bad. Curiously enough, both these statements are true, although apparently they are completely opposed. How does this seeming paradox arise?

Few people realise that, according to recent figures, 79 per cent. of the population of this country lives in cities and towns, while the remaining 21 per cent. lives in villages, hamlets, isolated farms and cottages. Only a very small fraction of townspeople consists of ringers, and a very great proportion never hears church bells from one year's end to another. The sound of bells never carries far in towns; and only those who live near a church, or who happen to pass while ringing is going on, are consciously affected by the sound. In the country, however, there is a very different state of affairs. The bells are part of the countryman's life. The striking of the hours means much to him. It tells him the progress of time when he is in field or quarry and has no other means of marking it. It often tells him about the weather to come. Great indeed are the complaints if the church clock fails to strike the hours. So the countryman is bell minded. He can become fiercely partisan regarding the bells of his own particular village. He stoutly maintains that the tenor bell is 5 cwt. or so more than by indisputable evidence it is. He is knowledgeably critical of striking, and readily recognises the fact that strangers are at the ropes. Frequently, his curiosity will send him towerwards to see who the visitors may be. He never fails to ask where the party comes from, if he has not previously found out. Generally, his opinion of the standard of ringing, measured by the yardstick of the standard of his own village band, is one worth hearing. Usually, he claims that the village band is better than most of the teams which visit the tower, but he is not slow to chaff his own band unmercifully if a visiting band is markedly superior.

What is the lesson of all this? Most ringing by visitors is done by bands who, in holiday mood, are on outings.

It would be to their own advantage, and ultimately could raise the standard of striking throughout the country, if visiting bands rang nothing but what they could do at least reasonably well. It would make for the harmony of the party, members of which are apt to get irritable when ringing is spoilt by the band, or individuals, attempting things beyond their scope. There is one band in the West Country which annually has an ideal outing. Programmes are prepared beforehand, the methods to be rung are decided upon weeks before, and the organising genius who does it makes sure that all the ringers get a fair share of the ringing. That band goes home happy and contented and leaves behind it a sense of friendship in all the towers it rings at. The members are never late, they are courteous to the local ringer or ringers, and leave the belfry as they find it. Is such a standard of behaviour too high to be reached by all parties? It should not be.

J. T. D.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of September 1st, 1911

### 'THE FASCINATION OF FIGURES'

... every conductor ought to include in his process of self-education some attempt to acquire that knowledge of figures necessary for proving peals. If he did, there would be still fewer disappointments caused by ringing, occasionally, a false composition. . . . There are some in the ranks of the Exercise who are veritable wizards in the art of composing, and only a comparatively few can hope to reach the standard of men like Henry Dains, Charles Hattersley, John Carter, Gabriel Lindoff, and others whose names readily come to mind.

Such composers as these have left very little new ground to be broken in practically all the popular methods. . . . It is surprising that, instead of wasting their zeal upon those methods, the bones of which have been picked nearly clean, more attention is not turned to other methods which give a wider field. Researches into these . . . would probably encourage more ringers to practise methods that are out of the ordinary ruck.

[In one sense, ringers to-day are not so conservative as they used to be—although most new methods are in 'the ordinary ruck' of Surprise (magic word!). But the need for conductors to understand proof is as great as ever.]



## A TOUR IN CORNWALL

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On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
JEAN M. BROWN .. .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 6
*FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First peal in the method.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. .. 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 2	PETER ANGER .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
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On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

BRIAN BLADON .. .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
RONALD N. MARLOW .. 2	JACK MUSSELL .. .. 6
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 2	†WALTER FORD .. .. 7
†KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 8
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 9
†HERBERT LASKEY .. .. 5	WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 9
*ALBERT H. FITTER .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rector, Canon Bryan S. W. Green, B.D.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 6
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 8
MRS. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

*EDWARD F. HANCOCK .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 8
FRANCES C. MOGFORD .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
ERIC J. TAYLOR .. .. 5	FRANK HANSFORD .. Tenor

Composed by F. G. MAY. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.  
\* First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. A farewell peal to Canon S. E. Swann, Vicar at this church for 14 years.

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## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 38½ cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 9
†ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

FRANCIS M. LAFLIN .. Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
*KENNETH HARLEY .. .. 3	†JAMES CARTER .. .. 8
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 9
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5	IVAN KAY .. .. Tenor

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DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD C. NOON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 5
JOHN KING .. .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN S. COPE .. .. 7
GEORGE CARE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. 12). Conducted by G. E. WATSON.  
A birthday compliment to Miss M. Rowe, of Rothwell.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 5
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
In memoriam John I. Hairs.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS (81)	GEORGE E. FEARNS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal in the method.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 2	†R. GORDON CORBY .. 6
JOHN E. USHER .. .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
†GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* 50th peal and has now completed the 'circle' in this tower. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 5
ERNEST SIMPSON .. .. 2	*JOHN PEARSON .. .. 6
HARRY WILD .. .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Walter H. Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, and Sheila Hole, of Southampton.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. .. 2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. Treble	WILFRED S. PALIN .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 6
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
STANLEY M. EVANS .. .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila Mary Hole, which took place the previous day at St. Michael's Church, Southampton. Both are regular ringers at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne.

## EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD .. .. Treble	*JOHN HILL .. .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Stanley Edward Darmon and Jean Agnes Southerst on this day.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Aug. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 FORWARD MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Composed by G. C. BRIGGS.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor. G. C. Briggs has now 'circled' this tower.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE .. 5
CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 2	†ARTHUR D. COOK .. 6
*WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † 150th peal. A compliment to Jean Southerst and Stanley Darmon on their wedding the previous day.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. Treble	†S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	NORMAN G. MCCRUM .. 6
*PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble.

## ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*PETER E. PRATT .. .. Treble	JOHN KEMP .. .. 5
†CECIL E. R. EVANS .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 3	ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 7
THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since the completion of repairs of damage to the tower caused by enemy action during the war.



## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

SAMUEL BIRCH .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 6
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. Broughton Thompson.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES L. FITZGERALD .. Treble	†A. RYAN PRICE .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	THOMAS YEOMANS .. 6
*DAVID S. VOSS .. 3	WILLIAM DARE .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first touch of Major 'inside.'

## GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RALPH SITCH .. .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	ALFRED J. MOY .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. Treble	JOHN ROBERTS .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. 6
JAMES S. WEBB .. 3	RONALD KENRICK .. 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by the band, for the Association and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Miriam Horridge.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY BAKER .. .. Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

F. Dexter's Variation.		
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5	
ARTHUR H. REED .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6	
NORMAN MALLETT .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 7	
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

## SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Holt's Original.		
*HARRY J. BODENHAM .. Treble	ROBERT J. EDDEN .. 5	
WILLIAM COLLET .. 2	*A. JAMES PRICE .. 6	
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 3	WILLIAM H. MALE .. 7	
FREDK. C. LYNE .. 4	ERNEST H. BOSWORTH .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

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

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

LESTER GRAY .. .. Treble	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. Thomas Partridge, donor of the 2nd bell.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5216 MAIDSTONE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Treble	E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS .. 2	PETER C. WRIGHT .. 6
KEITH H. BURBIDGE .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. 7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

First in the method by all except the ringer of the 6th. To celebrate the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SOMERTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4
*GEORGE F. BURTON .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
JOHN S. WALTON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in eight Minor methods. First eight-method peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.

## NORTH MORETON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUDREY B. CASTELL .. Treble	ALFRED H. JARVIS .. 3
FRANK C. CASTELL .. 2	DAVID H. SLADE .. 4
JACK O. BERRY .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JACK O. BERRY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## HERNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN H. BAXTER .. Treble	CLARENCE E. HADLOW .. 4
PETER NEWING .. 2	†THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
WALTER J. RUCK .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

## CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERIC PIZZY .. .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE .. 3
JANET S. BAILEY .. 2	BRIAN TAYLOR .. 4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First peal in six methods for all. Average age 17 years.



## STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of April Day, Old, Norfolk, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*ERIC PIZZY .. .. .	Treble	†PETER A. LAWRENCE ..	3
†JANET S. BAILEY .. ..	2	†TERENCE H. BLUNT ..	4

\*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\*First peal in seven Doubles methods. †First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Average age 17½.

## WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

BERNARD MOORE .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. ..	4
BASIL W. WHITE .. .. .	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. ..	5
ENID LONNEN .. .. .	3	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and eight each of Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Southrepps and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*R. KEVON THOMPSON ..Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. ..	3	
*HARRY MORTON .. .. .	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. ..	4

J. HARRY COOK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\*First peal in six methods. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar, Rev. John Speed-Andrews.

## ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Nicholas, Fortune, St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, Northrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Kennington, Canterbury Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

KENNETH D. PERKINS ..Treble	KENNETH M. GRAYSON ..	3	
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. .	2	IVOR DICKIN .. .. .	4

EDWARD G. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BENNETT.

The first peal in 14 methods by all and on the bells. A farewell to the conductor, who has joined the staff of the Post Office at Hatfield.

## DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

MRS. W. N. PARK .. ..Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4	
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. ..	2	W. NORMAN PARK .. ..	5
THOMAS COOKE .. .. .	3	ROLAND PARK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

## MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ..Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. .	5	
F. CHAS. GOODMAN .. ..	2	THOMAS R. SIMMONS ..	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	3	BERT GOGLE .. .. .	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



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**EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
(The Hellingly Society.)

*On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

*AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*ROY A. OSBORNE .. .. Treble	C. JOHN PIPER .. .. 4
†EVELYN M. CAPON .. .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 5
WILLIAM M. STEPNEY .. .. 3	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by E. GAVAN D. TONKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor on tower bells.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. .. 4
IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY .. .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the granddaughter of the ringer of the third.

**HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HERBERT G. GODDARD .. Treble	†FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. 4
*MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. .. 2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
DESMOND G. MAYELL .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in six methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and also a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seventeen methods spliced into seven extents, thus: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (5 and 6) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES A. MILNER .. .. Treble	*NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 4
*ANNE WORTH .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal in seventeen methods.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

*DAPHNE LLOYD .. .. Treble	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. .. 3	*R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in four methods.

**ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two 120's of Reverse Canterbury, ten 120's each of April Day and Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

GLADYS ASHBY .. .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. .. 3
*KENNETH D. PERKINS (13) .. 2	EDWARD G. BENNETT .. 4
IVOR J. DICKIN (15) .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells in more than two methods. Rung for the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Also as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who has left for Hatfield, Herts, and to mark the festival of St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON .. .. Treble	HENRY PARKER .. .. 4
*HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 2	*WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in four methods. Cecil Raddon has now completed the circle at this tower. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

**WINTERTON, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

KENNETH L. BROWN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

*AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 3-4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A birthday compliment to T. W. Lewis.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

*AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 9-10	

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

**LONDON.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

*AT THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 1-2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5-6
*WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method. First handbell peal in the method by the Association.

**CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

*AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,*

**A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being 25 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Little Oxford, Victoria, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow and Kent Little Court; 344 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

*AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

No. 37. Tenor size 15 in C.	
ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	*HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7-8

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

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal on eight handbells. Specially arranged for Mr. Howell, of Wolverhampton.



**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Corke (first quarter) 1, W. Viggers (cond.) 2, D. Williamson 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, E. Haynes 5, K. Williamson 6, R. Corke 7, H. Williamson 8.

**ALFORD, Lincs.**—On August 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, T. Asquith 2, P. J. Jarvis 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Ketteringham 6. Rung on the first birthday of Malcolm Robert Smith, son of the conductor.

**APSLEY END, HERTS.**—On August 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Cambridge S.): R. Shuter 1, K. Good 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, A. V. Good 4, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, E. J. Upton 6. For H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On August 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Jones (first quarter) 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. Pearson 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, C. Stockley 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Crutchfield (first quarter) 8.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.**—On August 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Stokes 1, Miss S. Green (first quarter) 2, F. E. Roberts 3, R. Poston 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris 6.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On August 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Tucker 1, A. Wiggins 2, M. L. Baughan 3, D. R. Jones 4, E. L. Baughan 5, H. A. J. Osborne 6, A. R. Vaughan (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8. Rung for Princess Anne's birthday.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Cathedral on August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lidbeater 1, E. J. Runter 2, R. Groves 3, W. Glover 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. C. Thrift 6, E. Bright 7, W. Ainger 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lidbeater.

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**—On August 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Baker 1, W. S. May 2, D. W. Beard 3, W. T. Hill (first quarter Minor) 4, H. J. Oliver 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 29th, 1,368 Minor (548 Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, 720 Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob): E. Pizzy (first quarter) 1, R. Price 2, P. Ridgeway 3, F. Price 4, T. Blunt 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

**HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 10th, 1,296 Minor (576 Double Court, Double Oxford, Little Bob, 720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Stanley (first quarter) 1, Janet Bailey 2, T. Blunt 3, S. Woodcock 4, P. Chapman 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

**HANBURY, WORCS.**—On August 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. J. Birch 1, Miss E. R. Partridge 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, R. C. Nash 4, A. J. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash Nash 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. T. A. Hill, J.P., and Miss M. Eachup.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On August 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Beeneey (first quarter Minor) 1, Evelyn M. Capon 2, G. Beeneey 3, B. Stepney 4, C. J. Piper 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

**HELSTON, CORNWALL.**—On July 25th, a quarter peal London Surprise Major: C. V. Ebberson 1, B. Bladon 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, W. A. Theobald 4, R. M. Marlow 5, J. Hartless 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. First quarter of London for 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral on August 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Downes 1, A. T. Wingate 2, W. H. Symonds 3, F. E. Roberts 4, F. R. Harris 5, L. Evans 6, J. J. Webb 7, R. T. Jones 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, L. L. Quartermain 10. For Princess Margaret's birthday.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On August 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Cragg 1, G. Killick 2, C. D. Linington 3, Miss S. M. Wickens 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On August 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. W. Beard 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, A. W. Beard 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, R. Stannard 5, F. W. Housden 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8. First quarter peal by Mrs. Housden since her accident in September, 1950.

**LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.**—On August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Elliot (first quarter) 1, H. Hunt 2, C. Sheppard 3, J. Daughtery 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, B. Stevens 6.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPS.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: H. White (first quarter) 1, F. Price 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Tyler (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all except 5.

**STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Ingham (first quarter) 1, F. Glagrove 2-3, S. Woodcock 4, T. Blunt 5, F. Price (cond.) 6.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDS.**—On Aug. 15th, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. E. Jeffries 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss J. Harding (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. L. Mardlin 4, R. F. Baker 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On August 12th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss G. Ashby 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, P. Amos 3, A. Disney 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, G. H. Corner 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Shaw Jeffery, who defrayed the cost of recasting and rehanging these bells.

**WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: John Clutton 1, E. Webster 2, E. Barber 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, A. Hodges 8.

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News of a ringer's wedding at St. Peter's  
Cathedral, Adelaide, is contained in 'The Ring-  
ing Towers.' The bride was Miss Denise Vin-  
cent, daughter of Mr. P. Vincent, captain of  
the band, and the bridegroom Mr. George Cox.

After the unfortunate  
experiences on their last  
tour, the Society of Roving  
Ringers are thinking of organising first aid  
courses during the coming winter. Two hos-  
pital cases, minor spills, a plague of flies and a  
belfry trapeze act were some of their adventures  
this year!

The bells of the new Liverpool Cathedral  
have now been hung by Messrs. Mears and  
Stainbank. We have no information as to the  
dedication date.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at St.  
Mary's, Lambeth, was Miss Jennifer Atkins.  
This was the last peal sent to us by the late  
Mr. T. W. Taffender and was dictated when he  
was in bed stricken with his fatal illness.

'Please, Mr. Editor, don't let the B.B.C. pinch  
him for a script writer,' writes an Exeter reader  
in appreciation of F. E. H.'s 'Glimpse of the  
Future.' Unfortunately we cannot compete with  
the B.B.C. in the matter of salaries.

Ringers leaving England to settle in Australia  
can be sure of a warm welcome at St. Paul's  
Cathedral, Melbourne, and are invited to write  
to Miss Brenda L. Shepperd, 1, Nepean Street,  
Melbourne, S.E.6.

Reference was made in our issue of August  
17th to the deplorable state of the bells of St.  
Endellion's, North Cornwall. Last week a de-  
finite order was placed with Messrs. John Tay-  
lor and Co. for the recasting of the six bells  
to be rehung with new fittings in new frame-  
work.

Among the peals rung for the wedding of  
Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila Mary  
Hole was one on the Sunday following the  
happy event at their own church, St. Michael's,  
Sittingbourne. Here peals are only allowed on  
a Sunday because the church is situated in a  
built-up area.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Wedding congratulations  
to two of the ringers who  
participated in the 5,040  
Grandsire Triples at Exeter Cathedral—Mr. F.  
L. Harris (the conductor) and Miss Jean M.  
Brown. A congratulatory peal was rung at St.  
Kea, Cornwall, on July 28th.

Mr. A. H. Pulling has resigned the conductor-  
ship of Holy Trinity Cathedral Society, Guild-  
ford. His successor is Mr. F. A. Munday.

As a farewell to Miss Veronica Hunwicke,  
who has been a regular ringer at Monken Had-  
ley, Middlesex, for a number of years, and who  
is now residing at Gosforth, Cumberland (will  
Cumberland ringers please note), 1,080 Plain  
Bob Minor was rung on July 29th.

The Maidstone District of the Kent County  
Association honoured Princess Margaret's birth-  
day with a peal of Maidstone Bob Major, rung  
appropriately at Aylesford, the nearest eight-  
bell tower to Maidstone. The peal was rung  
without practice and was the first in the method  
for seven of the band.

Included in the band which rang the peal  
of Plain Bob Royal at Worsley were two visitors  
from Kent, who were holidaying in the North-  
West. Sergeant-Major Philip Tocock, who  
had arranged for them to stand in, was himself  
unable to ring due to being under canvas in  
Wales with the T.A. The peal enabled Jim  
Carter, of Ashton, to complete peals of Plain  
Bob from Minor to Maximus.

It was recently stated in 'The Ringing World'  
that it still remains open to the peal ringing  
fraternity to ring the first recognised peal of  
Triples on the celebrated bells of Exeter Cath-  
edral. An Exeter reader has written to say that  
peals of Triples have been already rung on the  
Thomas and Stafford eights by local bands  
and that only the Grandisson or back eight  
have yet to be completely conquered.

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## ADVENTURES IN THE EIGHTH ANNUAL TOUR

AT the annual meeting of the Society held at Birmingham in February, it was agreed to make East Anglia the area for this year's tour. So on Saturday, July 28th, in hot sunshine, with promise of more to come, we met, short as usual, at Chelmsford. Owing to a slight alteration in the arrangements, time was found for a ring at Springfield before ringing at the Cathedral. Here our repertoire was somewhat small, owing to absentees, and although Grand-sire Cinques was rung, the majority of the ringing was on the back ten.

Sunday morning saw us at Purleigh to ring for matins and during the afternoon some went to Banbury at the invitation of the Rector, whilst others went to East Bergholt where the curious 'grounded' ring of five was inspected. Here a remark by one member about 'a so and so waste of good bell-metal' appeared to irritate the local guide who was endeavouring to sell guide books. Ringing in the evening was at St. Peter's, Colchester.

At the hostel that night an attempt by one member to explain our mad English ways to a foreign visitor proved amusing as he was of the opinion that clarity depended upon volume!

Hadleigh and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, followed next morning, St. Mary-le-Tower being used to the full in the afternoon. Here Stedman Cinques was rung and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus, after a struggle. The six at Sproughton were visited that evening on the way back to the hostel.

During the night a thunderstorm rattled over us but cleared up in time for Stowmarket to be gained in the morning, where Spliced in four methods was enjoyed. At Stonham-Aspal, the ten went well to Yorkshire, the speed of which nearly turned the tenor man's hair grey.

### DRIED FRUIT NOT NEEDED

The eight at St. Mary Magdalene's, Debenham (of record length fame), went as well as we expected and, as we had had our lunch, dried fruit was not needed to ring two courses of Double Norwich! We were met at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Grundisburgh, by Cecil Pipe, who enjoyed listening to the Caters and Royal successfully brought round on this truly beautiful ten.

Next day the three towers in Sudbury, All Saints', St. Gregory's and St. Peter's, were visited and London, Rutland and Little Bob were touches worthy of mention. In the latter method the treble man was turning the tenor from behind before he was corrected and a fresh start had to be made.

The last tower of the day was Lavenham where a variety of methods were rung. Here the famous tenor was heard and the 'critics' enjoyed a long argument over tea on the subject.

After staying the night in the historic town of Bury St. Edmunds, we rang the ten of the detached tower of the Cathedral and the eight of SS. Mary and Peter's. It was at the former that we were interviewed by a female reporter of the local press and it was doubted if our secretary would wish to continue the tour!

### THE MALE VOICE CHOIR

St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Diss, were, unfortunately out of action, so at short notice a ring was arranged at St. Peter's, Palgrave. The last tower of the day was SS. Peter and Paul's, Eye (21½ cwt.), where Spliced was rung successfully. That evening a 'local' was taken by storm and the other customers were treated to a recital given by the male voice choir of the Society.

The sun shone upon us as we walked across the square to the Church of St. Mary, Bungay, the following morning. These rather quiet bells were enjoyed by the company, in contrast to the previous evening's entertainment. 'Elvenses' were not in the programme but, nevertheless, well attended before cycling the

six-odd miles to Loddon to ring on the pretty eight tower.

We shall always remember Beccles because after nearly a week of Miles Gray and his associates, this grand Taylor ring of ten was a very pleasant relief. It was said that one of the party stated that, in his opinion, Beccles tenor was far better than the one at . . .! But that, of course, couldn't be right; it would be sacrilege to even suggest it!

One of our members left us here to cycle to Leicester and I feel sure 'bloomin' peal grabber' was mentioned by somebody!

Our route, previously inland, now turned coastwards to Lowestoft where, at St. Margaret's, our second-week master took over and called for Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. On again to Yarmouth for hostel accommodation.

### ANCIENTS AND TOFFEE APPLES

I think members of an ancient national association would have been very surprised to see some of its younger members eating toffee apples but, alas, this was so!

The weather and the fates had been very kind to us up to this time but on Saturday they appeared to lose all interest. The rain looked like lasting some hours when we set out for Norwich and on crossing some railway lines in the road four of us came to grief. Minor cuts and bruises were sustained but none thought them serious. At Norwich, however, after a ring at St. Giles', Dennis Airey had to be accompanied to hospital, was X-rayed and sent home; he had apparently bruised his knee far worse than was realised.

We were met by Mr. Nolan Golden who helped us during our stay in Norwich. The six-bell tower of St. George's, Colegate, was visited and touches of St. Clement's and Double Court were ably conducted by the Master. A few yards along the road stood St. Miles', where we were delayed half an hour by a wedding, but when eventually we climbed to the belfry we were astonished to count only seven ropes. After rummaging in the 'floor between', the lost rope was secured and at last threaded through its guides but the fates once more took a hand when the slider of the treble jumped out.

Tea was found very satisfying at that national tea room frequented, I believe, by Birmingham ringers waiting for them to open, and ringing in the evening was continued at St. Peter Mancroft (37 cwt.).

### A 'DIZZY' EXPERIENCE

A hospital case and a broken stay were not sufficient. Three whole pulls of rounds on the twelve at St. Peter's and another very unfortunate occurrence took place when the stay of the second was broken and we all looked up to watch a trapeze act by one of our lady members. The height this lady reached was a matter of some disagreement and like the fisherman's tale, it became bigger and bigger. At any rate the tenor man on his lofty perch was prepared to swear that her feet were well above his head! Luckily, she was not hurt, only slightly 'dizzy'.

In the belfry was a set of handbells fully the size of fire buckets and though the members complained of blisters, the Plain Bob Royal on them was well struck. This evening, after another recital by the choir, we retired to our respective beds very pleased that the nearby cattle market was not inhabited.

On Sunday the weather had cleared and Wroxham was gained in hot sun. The six at St. Mary-the-Virgin's (9 cwt.) were set going well for service to Cambridge and Plain Bob. 'Elvenses' by the broads and hopes for swimming at Sheringham in the evening put us all in a good frame of mind. The bells of St.

Michael's, Aylsham, were well rung to Caters and Royal during the afternoon before continuing our journey to the hostel, and during that evening the antics of our soldier member demonstrating scaling the cliffs highly delighted us all.

### AFTERNOON OFF—TOWER GRABBING

On Bank Holiday St. Peter and Paul's, Cromer, and St. Margaret's, Paston, were visited in the morning. A request for an 'afternoon off' by the sea was made by some members when the tour was planned so Monday afternoon was allocated for this purpose. The company, however, decided that it was a waste of time and leaving the secretary to take his afternoon off, went hunting for towers to snatch! It was at one of these towers that, as the bells were running down beautifully in peal, a small girl in the churchyard was heard to say to her companion, 'What an awful noise, but I suppose they must learn sometime.'

On the following day the weather had worsened so much with rain and a strong wind, naturally against us, that at the first tower in Wells-next-Sea, we were an hour late and had to call it off. Coffee and cakes set us on our way once more and SS. Peter and Paul's, Fakenham, bells rang out to Cambridge Major; Norfolk was tried but did not go.

The rain had cleared when we set off to King's Lynn, stopping on the way at the six-bell tower of St. Faith's, Gaywood. St. Nicholas', King's Lynn, was reached in time for a ring at 5.30. These bells had not been rung for over a year and were consequently very hard work. They were very tuneful but the effort needed and the dust thrown up by our exertions must have made us a spectacle to any outsiders.

### FLY MENACE

The bells of the Norman church of St. Margaret (29 cwt.) were rung well to Caters and Royal in the morning. The weather had turned dull and sultry and the dykes and rivers of the Fen land contributed a great deal towards the numbers of flies that annoyed us. Upon arriving at SS. Peter and Paul's, Wisbech, it was necessary to 'de-louse' ourselves. Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal and well-struck Caters were rung.

The flies appeared to increase in number as we travelled south and at Downham Market the short-trousered members of the party certainly wished they had better protection. Insects crawling up one's back and neck whilst grappling with intricacies of Double Norwich was no joke but trying to suppress laughter at the antics of some of the band made matters distinctly worse!

However, once more a cup of tea acted as a reviver and set us again travelling. Littleport bells were soon going to Spliced Little and Plain Bob and, though the flies still troubled us, the sight of Ely Cathedral and the thought of a wash at the hostel cheered us on our way.

On Thursday the unfortunate plane crash in an Ely street, close by St. Mary's Church, prevented us from ringing but some twelve miles onward, at Mildenhall, St. Andrew's (16 cwt.), Cambridge Royal and three leads of Kent were enjoyed.

Back on to the main road and we were soon entering Newmarket, but at All Saints' a funeral service was taking place, thus denying us a ring.

South again to Cambridge where the twelve at St. Mary the Great (29 cwt.) were not as good as we had been led to believe but they were, however, set going to Cinques and Maximus. Phil Chalk, a member of the Society at the University, greeted us and had a pull.

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## Society of Roving Ringers—Cont.

## ANOTHER HOSPITAL CASE

Two towers lost in one day, a stay broken at Norwich, one of our number sent home, a plane crash and funeral, we thought we'd had everything but there was yet more to come. During the evening in Cambridge, one of the members, eating his supper in a cafe, had the misfortune to injure the back of his throat and he also was accompanied to hospital. All were very relieved to find him back with us in the morning, the injury being slight.

Before leaving Cambridge on our last lap to Saffron Walden, we visited St. Benet's where it seemed fitting to ring Stedman in honour of the great Fabian. It was here that this famous ringer learnt to handle a rope and the restoration of the tower was a tribute of the Exercise to his memory. We also rang the noble eight at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady (31 cwt.) to some good Bristol and Double Norwich.

At Sawston, St. Mary-the-Virgin, another mishap prevented us from completing a course of Double Norwich when the fourth rope broke. This was repaired before moving on.

Our last tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Saffron Walden (23 cwt.), proved very enjoyable and satisfying. Our Cinques conductor, having had some bad luck during the past week, excelled himself when we rang a plain course of Stedman Cinques very well. Some said, 'He said, "Go, Stedman," missed the bob at one and let it run home again!'

On Saturday morning we broke up and set course for our various homes, having covered 550 miles and visited 49 towers. Methods were Cambridge and Kent from Minor to Maximus, Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, Plain Bob from Minor to Royal, Yorkshire Royal, and London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and Lyme Surprise Major. Spliced Surprise in five methods was rung and all sorts of queer methods on six.

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and tower-keepers for putting us with us and to Messrs. John Chilcott and Tom Southam for acting as ringing masters and to the secretary for making his usual mess of things!

To ringers everywhere we would like to say there is only one Society of Roving Ringers; please beware of imitations! F. J. M.

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

## St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne

The annual meeting of the above Society was held on August 8th in the tower. The Very Rev. Roscoe Wilson, Dean of Melbourne, presided, 16 members being present.

Since the last annual meeting, membership has steadily improved, six new members having been elected, including Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, on their arrival from England last April. Their knowledge and skill have been a valuable contribution to the life of the Society.

During August Mr. T. Richards will leave for England, and Mr. N. Williams has been called up for C.M.F. Our best wishes go with them on their new adventures.

There is an improvement in the standard and striking of our ringing. Two quarter peals have been rung this year and two of our members have scored their first quarter peal. Progress, if slow, is at least in the right direction.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr. P. Gray; vice-captain, Mr. J. W. Spencer; treasurer, Mrs. J. Gray; secretary, Miss B. Sheppard.

It was decided to visit St. Peter's, Ballarat, in September.

Our aims for the coming year are to increase our members by making better contacts and encouraging young people to join our Society; also to try out Cinques and new methods.

After the meeting a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells. B.L.S.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—As one who has called the Original on numerous occasions, including 'around the circle,' also silent on handbells, I have been most interested in the recent correspondence on this classic composition and heartily endorse the statement by Mr. T. E. Sone that 'I still have no short cut to memorising the composition.'

In his book, 'Among the Bells,' the late Rev. F. E. Robinson writes that on April 14th, 1885, I conducted for the first time Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, having employed Loissette's method of artificial memory in getting up the calling. This is the only instance of which I have any knowledge of a ringer using a memory aid in learning the calling.

Having learned the calling when I was 16, and having no one on whom I could call for advice on the best way to learn it, I split the composition up into five parts, as shown, and reduced the calling as far as possible by adding the word Twice where a bell is called that number of times Before, or with a Double. My check on that being to know the bell entering the hunt at the last call. I also selected lead ends which I found easy to remember as a further check. This is certainly not a scientific method of conducting, but is one that has rarely let me down. Where I have shown the figure (5) in brackets there is an interval of five leads to the next call. In one of my early attempts to call the composition it proved

5B	5B Twice	5B Twice
3B	7D Twice	4D
4B	5D	3B
5B	7B	4D Twice
4B 3 Times	4B	3B (5)
3D Twice	5D	7B
7D	7D	7D
4D	5B 354672	3B
4B 546327	7B Twice	4B
4D	3D Twice	3D
5D Twice	4D	5B 354267
7D Twice	4B Twice	7D
3B	7D	3B
3D	5D	4D
7B	7B	7B
376524	473652	3B
		5D
		4B
		7B

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somewhat misleading to find that when I had called 4D my next Before bell was already being called Before and I promptly 'stood' the bells.

Where I have bracketed three calls there is a two-lead interval between calls: these bells will therefore dodge in 4-5 at the plain lead thus giving an indication that your next bell Before is in its correct position. Finally the 6th is not called into the hunt for more than four leads until 500 changes from the end at which point it is called in twice for periods of five leads.

I understand from Mr. Harold Frost that all the old St. Albans ringers could call this composition, a number of them knowing the bells Before also the number of leads between each call. We certainly know that both Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell were expert at calling it. It the correspondent whom you mention in Belfry Gossip is interested in knowing more about this composition and has access to back numbers of 'The Ringing World,' he will find in the issue for September 19th, 1930, page 602, a full-page article on 'How to Call the Peal,' and in the issue for September 26th, 1930, a further full-page on 'How Other People Learn It' (page 618). There are also interesting letters on this subject, among them one from the late C. F. Winney, in the issues for August and October, 1930.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

5B	7B
7D	3B
4B	7B
3B	3D Twice
3D Twice	7B
5B (5)	5B P.C. 253746
3B	3D Twice
5D	3D (5)
5B	3B
7B 672345	7B
4D Twice	7D Twice
7D (5)	7B 275346
5B	4B
3B	4D
5D Twice	3D (5)
3B	2BS WB
4B Twice	6B WS
643752	234567

B = Before D = Before with Double.  
P.C. = Plain Course. BS = Before Single.  
WS = Wrong Single.

## RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND

An insight into ringing at Christchurch, New Zealand, is provided by a letter written by Mr. George H. Claydon, of 73, Ottawa Road, Wainoni, E.2., Christ Church, N.Z., to Mr. Ernest Morris.

He recalls ringing with Mr. Morris nearly 50 years ago at a meeting at Leicester on the day of the long peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough.

'I have rung for over 40 years at the Cathedral here. We have had good bands, nearly pealable, and then they vanish overnight. . . . At the moment we have the Rector of Birmingham here and we are going to try to ring a peal of welcome. J. S. (Stan) Mason, of Birmingham, is out here with the R.A.F. and is coming down from Wellington to take part, so that will be two old St. Martin's men. (While I rang at Sutton Coldfield I used to practise in the Bull Ring on Mondays.) Ray Idle, from Northampton, is stationed at Oamann, about 200 miles south of Christchurch, and he is coming up take part.

'I expect you know that the great ringer, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, is dead. He left us his set of lovely handbells, so now we have three sets. We have loaned one to one of our old members, S. H. Barnett (see 'The Great Adventure'), who lives close to Wellington.

## WITHBURGA OR WITHIBURGA?

Dear Sir,—In the guide book to the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, there is a pedigree connecting Queen Bertha and Queen Sexburga in which the name of the youngest daughter of King Annas of East Anglia is spelt 'Withberga.' It is possible that the 'e' is a misprint as all the other names ending in 'burga' are spelt with a 'u'.

Sexburga, another daughter of Annas, married Ercombert, King of Kent, the grandson of King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha, who received St. Augustine in 597. After her husband's death, Sexburga founded a Benedictine nunnery for 77 nuns at Minster in 664 and became its first Abbess. However, about 670 she left Minster and retired to the nunnery at Ely, where her sister, Etheldreda, the foundress of Ely, was Abbess. On Etheldreda's death in 679, she became second Abbess of Ely and remained there for the rest of her life.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY M. EVANS.

Minster, Isle of Sheppey.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'A STANDARD OF PEAL PERFORMANCE'

Dear Sir,—The timely, provocative article by friend Joseph prompts the following, which may be of some general interest.

In the early 1920's one discussed, in 'The Ringing World,' the question of the invalidation of the truth of the performance by bad striking to a pronounced degree. Some years later a well-known composer and conductor, during a conversation on the subject of striking, recalled the article and provoked some further consideration which led to the following conclusions. They may be acceptable as a standard for performance assessment since they may be considered as not at variance with anything so far recommended by the Central Council; yet they are positive and definitive in effect when regarded as a whole.

(1). The conductor's word is final—right or wrong. 'Stand' in a specific 'performance' is his sole prerogative. In emergency a ringer can always indicate a request for 'Stand.'

(2). If the majority of the band disagree with the conductor as to a performance it is unlikely that he will persist in his view or intention.

(3). If a minority disagree with a conductor's decision or published report they may satisfy their consciences by excluding the performance from their personal records.

(4). All performances may be considered as falling, qualitatively, under one or other of three categories.—

(a) Perfect. (b) Passable. (c) False.  
And quantitatively, respectively, as:—  
(a) Few. (b) Majority. (c) Several.

(5). Only those in the first two categories should be allowed to be recorded, it being realised that the third includes 'corrected' performance, as explained below. And the consistent aim should be to surpass the second, of course. In other words the aim should be for tripless and even clipless ringing. But such aim needs definition.

(6). If by 'clipping' is generally understood the uneven spacing of bell-sounds until two strike together, then, while this spoils perfection and is, of course, to be deprecated, yet it is hardly to be regarded as invalidating the truth of a performance. Indeed, if this be due entirely to badly-going bells, then the ringers can hardly be blamed. So far we consider the striking to be not so bad as for two bells to strike in each other's positions, which we may include in the term—'trip.' How far then, may a trip be admitted, if at all, without risk of invalidating, i.e., 'falsifying,' a performance?

(7). The answer seems to lie in the more precise interpretation of the function of a conductor. This is often considered as being discharged solely by making the calls and correcting the coursing order till the touch or peal comes home. For specific performance there is, of course, more to it than that.

(8). While peal-ringing is essentially a team effort yet, except for non-conducted efforts, the conductor must be considered as ultimately responsible for the right and proper performance of the composition; that is to say he is who must be always and instantly aware of any departure from that due performance. In this lies the key to the whole problem. For if he is not instantly aware of a trip or shift-course then, unconsciously perhaps, erroneous change-rows are introduced into the performance and rung as 'regular,' until the error is spotted, at the course-end or the lead-end or even within the 'lead.' In all such cases of 'discovered error' the conductor who is completely honest is bound to recognise failure of true performance for that number of change-rows, and to terminate it. The performance comes, without doubt, into category (c), as above, i.e., it is FALSE, in both concept and effect.

(9). If, however, the conductor immediately spots a trip or shift in the actual moment of its commission and instantly gives directions which correct the trip, then it follows that the correct and regular production of change-rows appropriate to the composition only, though marred in execution, has not escaped from the mental direction of the one person ultimately responsible for the truth of the performance. This may then, in the absence of any greater error, be considered as 'passable.'

(10). In short 'keeping them from getting unconsciously wrong' may be considered as within passable peal standard, while 'finding them wrong and putting them right' may be considered as a false performance and below peal standard. This is not ideal, but it is admittedly a higher standard than that often found in practice. At best, it is merely a step in the direction of the ultimate aim.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

## NORTH CORNWALL EXPERIENCES

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read W. H. R. T.'s account of an outing to the prize ringing area of North Cornwall. I don't suppose the fact that a stay was missing on one of the bells at St. Teath worried the local ringers much for I well remember when ringing at Tintagel some years ago, for some reason I cannot remember, we had occasion to set the bells, and one ringer was very loth to let go of his rope, at the same time saying, 'I suppose they will be all right if we leave them like this.' The usual 'touch' of course, consisting of rising, some call changes, then falling without any break.

I have just returned from Tintagel and the tourists may be interested to know that the new ropes arrived during my stay. By the way, Tintagel Church is dedicated to St. Materiana and not St. Arthur.—Yours truly,

R. G. BELL

Watford, Herts.

## ALL SAINTS', HASTINGS

Dear Sir,—In September and October, 1940, the ancient and beautiful church of All Saints, Hastings, was badly damaged by enemy action, and although the usual forms were completed and every effort has been made by the Parochial Church Council to get a satisfactory decision, the War Damage Commissioners have, after arbitration, finally turned down our claim.

Not only the main church roof but also the roof and windows of the bell-tower were damaged; we are faced with the necessity of raising something in the neighbourhood of £5,000 for repairs.

May I appeal to all those in the ringing world who have visited our tower to help us to the best of their ability.

I may add, at the risk of calling down on my head the wrath of our ringers, that a number of them have volunteered to carry out in person the work required for preliminary first aid repairs to prevent further damage from rain through the main roof, and indeed they have already done this in the case of the bell-tower.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. FOSTER,

45, Belmont Road, Hastings.

## GREAT PAUL AT ST. ALBANS

Dear Sir,—Great Paul passed through St Albans on a Friday, staying in the London Road, near Alma Cut, for a short time, surrounded by a large crowd. To catch up with the lorry I hastened to London Colney, three miles distant, where I scribbled my name upon the bell.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. CARTMEL

St. Albans.

## SOME POINTS FOR PURISTS

Dear Sir,—There is little doubt that the announcement in the issue of August 17th of the unacceptableness of certain peal claims will have resulted in widespread comment and probably draw a flood of correspondence. Although these decisions will be very unpopular in some quarters, we have to accept them as being rules agreed to by our own elected representatives.

Nevertheless, it does seem grossly unjust and inconsistent to rule out an excellent method like Woodbine Treble Bob and a peal of Grandsire Doubles with some added changes in excess of 5,040 while other undesirable practices are tolerated.

If only units of 120 changes may be added to peals of Doubles, why are quarter peals of Minor, for example, published, consisting of 720, 360 and 180 changes? As 720 is the extent, the remaining 540 changes must be repeated once; but I cannot see why separate 360's and 180's beginning from rounds should be allowed. Surely 1,260 changes of Minor should consist of one true 720 plus one true 540. To the argument that the Council's Decisions concern peals and not quarter peals, I say, 'If truth be the standard for published performances of peals, then nothing less should be accepted for publication as a quarter peal.' It appears anomalous to me that, when rows need only repeat once, double repetitions should be tolerated.

It is high time, too, that many of the (so-called) different Doubles methods were disallowed. In Grandsire and Stedman Triples, for example, ancient calls, once necessary to produce true peals, have now been superseded, as more modern composition has proved they can be dispensed with. Why then cannot a Doubles method have one recognised Bob and Single, and not pretend to be something different because it borrows a Bob from some other accepted method? What is sauce for the Triples goose should be for the Doubles gander.

In my next contention I know I am inviting a shower of brickbats but it would be interesting to find out whether any ringers share this view. I am going to be so bold as to declare that if the Methods Committee are such purists, then they should take steps to invalidate all methods on the 'Little' principle. The basic standard methods produce Double and Reverse variations. As the treble in 'Little' methods cannot reach the back, no Double or Reverse methods are possible. As I see it, therefore, a useful method like Woodbine, a good stepping stone to other Treble Bob methods, is far more in keeping with the spirit of change-ringing than a freak method like Little Bob, which has been accepted as it has that magic formula which produces Plain Bob lead-ends. If ever a group of methods warranted the term 'bastard methods' then it is this unnatural family. The added fact that, with clear proof scale, no extent is possible, should have disqualified them from birth.

I suppose the next horror will be a group of methods with the treble's work the reverse of that in Alliance methods. Yes, it is a great pity Little Bob won't reverse to splice with it, isn't it? Perhaps this will indicate the absurdity of 'Little' methods.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

**COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On August 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Old Doubles, 360 April Day, 540 Plain Bob): Alan C. Cozens 1, Miss M. Elizabeth Roe 2, Tony Baker (first quarter 'inside') 3, Ivor J. Dickinson (cond.) 4, Kenneth D. Perkins 5. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On August 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (Pitman's): C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5. In memoriam Mrs. Malcolm C. Pilkington, benefactress of the church.



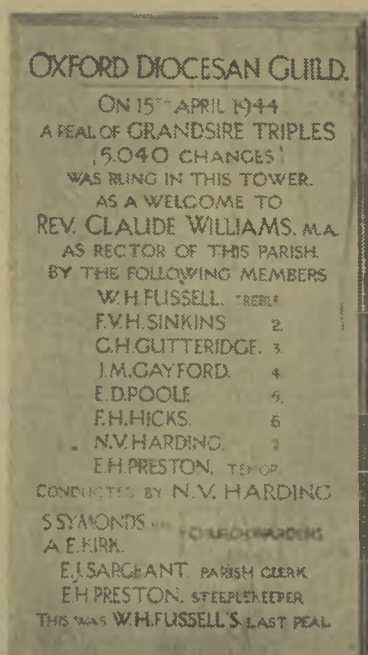
# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—22

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### AT PAINSWICK

He went to Gloucester in January, 1890, and walked to Painswick, the roads being very dirty, wet and rough. 'Very pretty cancel—north aisle ugly. Had tea with Mr. William Hale, the sexton (married last August); his sister (six feet high) came up in tower and helped to raise bells. Gloucester ringers came at five o'clock. James [I fancy this would be later, the Rev. H. Law James?] tried to ring the tenor, but being a small and young beginner, did not do well and would not have finished. Bells got out and "Stand" called. King, a very old ringer, came up and we rang a touch of Caters on handbells. Went in a pub, formerly kept by one of the long peal band. The landlord said the house was marked with figures and changes all about each room. His uncle was the late G. Mansfield and his father was a ringer. Walked back to Gloucester, a long, foggy and miserable journey.'



### MR. W. H. FUSSELL'S LAST PEAL AT SLOUGH

During his long stay at various centres in Herefordshire, Mr. Fussell called on many parsons, sextons, ringers and others, and his diary contains many 'side-lights' on the types and characters of the various people he met. Here is a sample: 'Rang at Chisbury 7.30 till 9.30—"Herbert Arms" till 10. The organist comes from Newtown and staid where I do—youth and fair player—Vicar and he came up in tower—small, chatty little man, bachelor, pleasant—false, harsh preacher.' . . . 'Rang at Clunbury 8 till 10, fair practice, seven present, showery evening—home at 12.30, moonlight. Heard of death of an old man, hanging himself (Morris) in an old shed near Clun. I suppose he was the man I spoke to about midnight, our last words "Good night" on my way home; see local paper.'

In all these journeyings to many towers over a wide area, Mr. Fussell gave advice on the bells, frames, fittings as well as drawing up rules for ringing, diagrams of methods, etc., and always, when any special effort was made he reported it to the 'Bell News,' 'Church Bells,' and local papers, to give encouragement to all concerned. He nearly always attended services for which he rang and often remarks on who preached and in what manner!

### HOLT'S ORIGINAL

We have recently passed the 200th anniversary of the calling of this composition and seen many remarks concerning it. Here is what Mr. Fussell writes in his diary in July, 1890: 'Rode into Mon. (Monmouth) in morning; went up tower, windows covered with felting to deaden sound. Attempted peal—Grandsire Triples; met at 3, started at 20 to 4, and was unsuccessful. Holt's Original in 2 hours 56 minutes. Good peal and well rung. Two hitches, one at 30 minutes and another at beginning of last 720 changes. All very pleased (see "Bell News"). No one but a conductor of the same peal for the first time can tell the doubt and uncertainty at times as to calling a certain bell before or not, with a double or without, in and out at three or four leads. I was inclined to call "Stand" owing to the dread of having missed a bell before.'

Mr. Fussell went back to Slough in July and thenceforth his activities were mostly in and around that district and in London. He mentions his last peal of the year at Windsor, finishing at five minutes to midnight. The Rev. Hallett rang in it and at the conclusion said a prayer. As usual, Flaxman tolled the tenor at midnight and again the eight bells were rung—the quick "call changes" and smart striking in the last part made a contrast to the first peal which was slowly and badly rung. All the members parted quietly and subdued on leaving the tower.'

Then like most ringers, I presume (the present writer included!), after all this writing up of visits to new towers, meeting fresh companions, ringing new methods, etc., Mr. Fussell finds (like we all do) it got too much for him to carry on his diary and so he ends it thus: 'This completes a diary of the ten years' ringing and all I intend to write for the future' From this time onwards he distinguished himself by the number of ringing tours he arranged. These not only included the ordinary summer holiday peal tours but journeys far afield, and, during his career, he was the first man ever to have rung peals in every county in England and Wales. He came several times into Leicestershire and, on occasions, stayed with the present writer.

Mr. Fussell was born on September 16th, 1861, at Upton-cum-Chalvey, in South Bucks, a parish now incorporated in the borough of Slough. As this diary of his shows, he made his first acquaintance with the belfry while still a schoolboy, when chiming and call-changes were the only things practised. Later, when change-ringing began, he quickly aspired to the art and his first peal for the newly-formed West Middlesex Association was Holt's Original, at Christ Church, Ealing, called by William Baron, in which he rang the third. Mr. Joseph J. Parker, the well-known composer of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, rang the second and it was his first peal. He became a member of the Cumberland Youths in 1881 and was also an original member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. From those far-off days he became a prolific peal ringer and scored over 1,000, this

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## OBITUARY

### MR. R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON

Mr. Robert Congreve-Pridgeon died suddenly at Steyning on St. James's Day (July 25th). His fascination for bells grew from an early age and when very young he would climb the belfry steps at St. Andrew's with his father, who was Vicar of the parish. He learnt to ring under the guidance of George Gatland, captain and verger at Steyning Church for 35 years and his first half-peal followed at the age of nine. We can believe that only parental counsel prevented a full peal at this early age. He conducted his first peal, Stedman Triples, in 1911, with Mr. Gatland ringing the tenor.

To his friends in Sussex it would appear that Southwark was the centre of his ringing affection for he would dwell at length on the merits of Kent Treble Bob on these bells, but we will remember his delight in calling Stedman Triples round 'at hand' in his native tower of Steyning, where the bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday, July 29th, to his memory. Ringers at Shoreham also paid tribute with a quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung half muffled. E. T.

### MR. GEORGE WILSON

The death occurred on Thursday, August 16th, of Mr. George Wilson, of Goring-on-Thames, aged 84 years.

Mr. Wilson had been a ringer at Goring since 1881, being one of a band which taught itself Grandsire Doubles on the five bells existing then.

The then Vicar had promised that when the ringers could ring 120 Grandsire Doubles he would give them a new treble. This bell was cast in 1889, the year in which the band joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild. They then went on to Minor and rang several peals.

The late Mr. Wilson kept up ringing till the end of his life and on Sunday, August 12th, was ringing the 7th to Grandsire Triples. He was always a regular service ringer and a really wonderful striker. Altogether he served 70 years as a ringer at one church and was for 62 years a Guild member, a truly wonderful record.

The funeral was on Tuesday, August 21st, the bells being rung half-muffled after the service, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by D. Taylor 1, J. Money 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, Miss P. Haines 5, J. Napper (conductor) 6, W. Irving 7, A. G. Strange 8.

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latter number being reached the day before the famous Australian tour started. All the papers, letters to ship's companies, menus and photographs concerning this tour are now in the present writer's possession and they speak volumes as to Mr. Fussell's wonderful organising ability. In 1935 the book entitled 'A Great Adventure' was published by the late editor of 'The Ringing World,' which gives a full account of this greatest of all ringing tours. Mr. Fussell died on August 29th and was buried on September 1st, 1944, at Farnham Royal, when a large and representative gathering of well-known ringers assembled to pay their last tribute to this great ringer. The Vicar sums up his tribute by writing: 'William Herbert Fussell, a Grand Old Man of bell ringers, passed to his rest at the ripe age of 83. Known affectionately as "Old Bill" he had spent a lifetime among the bells and bell ringers.'

THE END



# SOME AUGUST RINGERS' OUTINGS

## CHILVERS COTON

The Peak District and passing the famous Cat and Fiddle Inn, reported to be the highest inn in England was included in the itinerary of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, ringers on their outing on August 6th.

A start was made at 7.15 a.m. and by 8.30 the party were having coffee at Derby previous to visiting Bakewell for an hour and a half's ringing. Here Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, London and Bristol were rung.

Lunch was served at Macclesfield followed by a visit to the 12 bells of St. Michael's, which were rung with great enjoyment. Rounds for those who had never rung on 12 before, Stedman Cinques (three ringing their first course), Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal completed the ringing here.

On to Leek where Stedman Caters, Kent Royal, Bristol, London and Plain Bob Major were rung before a good tea at the Swan Hotel. Uttometer was the next call, being reached in the rain which had conveniently held off until evening. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Yorkshire and Spliced Cambridge, London, Bristol and Superlative were rung to the satisfaction of all.

Home was reached at 10.30, the earliest return on record. Grateful thanks are accorded to all who made the local arrangements and who met the travellers and gave them cordial welcomes.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

A visit to Burton-on-Trent, Loughborough and Nottingham was arranged by Sheffield Cathedral band and friends for their outing on Tuesday, August 7th. A start was made in pouring rain but after travelling a few miles, dull but fine weather was experienced.

The journey to Burton was through some of Derbyshire's choicest scenery and a short halt was made at Ashbourne.

After a sumptuous lunch at the Midland Hotel, Burton, the well-appointed belfry of St. Paul's was visited and ringing enjoyed. At Messrs. J. Taylor's foundry, Loughborough, Mr. C. Harrison welcomed the party and conducted them round the works explaining the various processes. A demonstration of bell-tuning proved most interesting. After a little practice, fair touches of Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung on the foundry bells. The Parish Church of All Saints was the next tower and a poor start was followed by some good touches on the fine ten.

Everything was in readiness in the spacious belfry at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and the ten bells were raised in peal—quite a good raise. The hour's ringing here was probably the best of the day, methods rung including Plain, Little and Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major, and rounds, etc., for the junior members.

Our thanks to Mr. Colin Harrison for his assistance at Nottingham and to the friends at Burton and Nottingham who helped to make the day so enjoyable and to show that there is a real spirit of brotherhood among Britain's church bell ringers.

H. O. C.

## QUARTER PEALS

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.** — On Aug. 12th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Frazer 1, H. S. Arbin 2, Miss S. Evans (first quarter of Triples) 3, F. Casley (cond.) 4, M. Soper 5, T. Pink 6, C. Ward 7, J. Pearl 8.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.** — On Aug. 19th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: A. Merrill (first quarter in method) 1, T. S. Astbury 2, J. Thomas (first quarter in method) 3, F. Ollier 4, E. J. Boffey 5, J. E. Warner, jun. 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, J. E. Brough (cond.) 8. Ring for the opening of Festival of Britain week.

## STANFORD-LE-HOPE

Ringers from St. Margaret's, Stanford-le-Hope, visited five six-bell towers in the Brentwood area of Essex for their annual outing. They were accompanied by non ringing friends, and ringers from Hornchurch, Romford and Dagenham.

A different ringing master was chosen for each tower and at the first stop, Epping Upland, this duty fell to Joan Hills. These bells are rung infrequently and the 'back-enders' found them rather heavy going. The least said about the striking here the better!

Alex Hammond took over at North Weald, where we were joined by Mr. King and two of the local ringers. These pleasant six were made good use of, and the four standard methods were rung.

On to Bobbingworth, where Jim Fleetwood, our next master, thought we would try some Oxford—the bells and ringers seemed to think otherwise! These steady six are rung from the church porch, and once again we had the pleasure of meeting some of the local band.

Ringings at Fyfield was preceded by a really first-class tea at the Queen's Head, where we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Blatch the local captain. The light six in this village have only recently been augmented from five, and here we had some of the best ringing of the day. Miss Chinnery took over as master, and under her direction we spent a very profitable hour. Oxford was successfully brought round, and all too soon we found that it was half past seven and time to go. In pouring rain we said goodbye to the local band and, with Mr. Blatch and his bicycle on board, the coach set out for our last tower of the day—High Ongar.

Here we were joined by Mr. A. A. Hilliar, of Bristol, and his daughter (now Mrs. Desmond Meyell). Bert Kenyon found rather disconcerting conditions for his term of duty here, for the gas had been turned off at the main and we had to ring by candle-light. In spite of this, Double Court was accomplished for the first time during the day and, fortified by the presence of Mrs. Meyell, we decided to attempt some Cambridge. No one would have been more surprised than ourselves if it had come round, but all agreed that, considering our chances of Surprise ringing are so rare, it was a good effort.

And so home, after a pleasant afternoon and evening enjoyed by ringers and non-ringers alike, despite the appalling weather. A word of congratulation to 13-year-old Wendy Cooper, of Stanford, and 15-year-old Lionel Woods, of Dagenham, neither of whom had handled a bell before this year, and both of whom rang Grandsire with a confidence and style which would have done credit to a more experienced ringer.

J. E. M. H.

## 5,184 Watford Surprise Major

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	W	H
32654	B	—	2
65324	—	—	—
65243	B	—	—
35642	B	—	—
54326	B	—	3
42356	—	B	—
62451	B	—	3
25634	B	—	—
53246	B	—	3
34256	—	B	—

Repeat the last eight courses.  
Contains the 5th eleven times and the 6th the extent, at home.  
Not yet rung

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Lewisham District

All the pleasure promised by the happy conjunction of a charming village, brilliant weather, 70 keen ringers and their friends and a ring of bells, was fully realised when the Lewisham District held its quarterly meeting at Shoreham. Ringing during the afternoon afforded an opportunity to all to indulge in their taste or to improve it.

After tea the business meeting was held in the churchyard, Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford) supervising the expeditious handling of the agenda.

Six ringers were elected practising members of the Association and the election of two non-resident members was ratified: Chelsfield was welcomed to reunion with the Association.

An invitation from the Surrey Association to hold this year's combined meeting at Epsom on Saturday, October 6th, was gratefully accepted. Dartford was chosen as the place for the annual District meeting to be held on Saturday, October 27th.

The members voiced their congratulations to Mr. G. H. Daynes on his recent memorable achievement of conducting Holt's Original at Eltham on the eve of his 81st birthday. Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar of Shoreham and to his band of ringers concluded the business.

Touches on a set of handbells at least 150 years old, kindly loaned by Mr. A. Bates, of Farningham, preceded a return to the belfry for further ringing. A few members visited Farningham on the way home from a very successful meeting.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### Northern District at Witham

The Northern District held a very successful meeting at Witham on August 18th. Sixty-three members were present from Braintree, Stebbing, Bocking, Bures, Sible Hedingham, Kelvedon, Boreham, Danbury, Newmarket, Black Notley, Goldhanger, Great Totham, Wansstead, Dagenham, Woodford, Portsea, Colchester and Isleworth.

A service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, conducted by the Rev. W. V. J. Naish, M.A., who gave an interesting talk, and Mr. Jack Osborne was at the organ. A splendid tea was laid at the Church House by the Witham ringers and their wives and friends.

Owing to the unavoidable absence, due to illness, of the District Master (Miss H. G. Snowden), Mr. J. Chalk presided over the business meeting. Three new members were elected and Rayne was chosen for the next meeting. It was reported that since the last meeting at Great Yeldham, the band was now learning to ring. An appeal was made for subscriptions towards the recasting and rehanging of the 21 cwt. tenor bell at Kelvedon which is badly cracked and cannot be rung. Votes of thanks to all who had made this meeting a success were passed and Mr. W. V. J. Naish and Mr. H. Richards, churchwarden, responded.

Ringings was then resumed on the Parish Church bells in a large variety of methods and the handbells were also rung.

## REJECTED PEALS

In registering a protest against the exclusion by the Peal Analysis Committee of two peals of Doubles, Mr. L. J. Clark, of Chelmsford, writes: 'The two peals in question, for obvious "special reasons," consisted of an appropriate number of extents plus an additional touch, to make (1) 5,200 changes for a 200th peal, and (2) 5,060 to celebrate a 60th birthday.'

The Editor wishes to make it clear to correspondents that the publication of a peal in 'The Ringing World' does not mean that the same is acceptable to the Peal Analysis Committee or to the Central Council. A peal receives its final approval by the adoption of the report of the Peal Analysis Committee by the Central Council.



## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

In response to the Rev. J. M. Turner's letter we have received the following touches containing Whittington, Queen's and Tittums.

## 461 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

From Mr. C. Sharples, Blackpool  
234567

672453 2  
346572 1  
723654 2  
357246 3  
463725 2  
574263 1  
635427 2  
526374 3  
675243 3  
546732 3  
275346 1  
542763 3  
S 625437 3  
376542 2  
P.L. 325476 2

## 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

From C. A. Levett, St. Leonards-on-Sea  
234567

352746 5S  
463275 2  
524763 1  
275346 5S  
462537 2  
754362 1  
357246 5  
463725 2  
574263 1  
635427 2  
526374 3  
745632 2  
267345 1  
452736 2  
234567 3

This is a very old touch of 336 with a bit tacked on the front.

## 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

From M. J. Butler, Southampton  
234567

S 762453 2  
S 357246 2  
S 263457 1  
S 572346 2  
S 275346 4  
632475 1  
326475 4  
543726 1  
S 475632 5  
S 234567 2

## 306 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

From G. J. Gammon, Wellington, Som.  
1234567

S 1762453 2  
S 1357246 2  
— 1463725 2  
— 1574263 1  
— 1275346 5  
— 1632475 1  
— 1326475 4  
— 1753642 2  
— 1267453 1  
Plain 1246375 1  
Plain 1234567 1

## 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

From H. H. Higson, Bishopstoke  
234567 1 2 3 4 5

263457 S S S  
546237 —  
643527 S —  
532467 —  
234567 S S

## MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER'S

## 200 PEALS

While on holiday in Norfolk, Miss Kathleen Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, scored her 200th peal with one of Plain Bob Royal at Aylsham on August 12th. Her total is made up of 160 on tower bells and 40 on handbells and includes no less than 87 in 16 different Surprise Major methods. The peals are as follows:—

Royal.—Spliced (3 methods) 1 (hand), Plain Bob 2 (tower), 1 (hand).

Caters.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 6 (hand).

Major.—Surprise, Spliced (4 methods) 1, Ashstead 1, Beaconsfield 2, Brighton 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 32, Cambridge (New) 4, Cranbourne 1, Hughenden 1, Lincolnshire 4, London 8, Norfolk 2, Painswick 1, Rutland 2, Superlative 10, Yorkshire 16, Treble Bob, Kent, 2, Double Norwich 17, Plain Bob 17 (con. 2), 17 (hand), Spliced (Plain) 8 methods 1 (hand), 7 methods 1 (hand), 6 methods 1 (hand), 3 methods 1 (hand), 2 methods 4 (hand).

Triples.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 4, 5 (hand), Spliced (4 methods) 1.

Minor.—9 methods 1, 7 methods 10, 4 methods 3, 3 methods 3, 2 methods 1, 1 method 1 (hand).

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (hand).

Tower 160, hand 40, total 200.

## OUTING

## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX

The Hellingly Ringers, accompanied by friends from Bexhill, Eastbourne, Hailsham and Mayfield, set off on August 11th on their fourth annual outing. Fortunately the Vicar of Hellingly and the people's warden were able to accompany them.

A start was made at 8 a.m. and, passing through the beautiful countryside of Sussex and Kent, Gravesend was reached at 10.15. Here, unfortunately, a coach was found to be missing. Eventually it arrived half an hour late and what a lot of explaining was needed from the occupants! The journey across the Thames to Tilbury was a novel experience and it was difficult to keep the younger members from ringing the ship's bell! Once on the hard road again we headed for Brentwood where Mr. Sitch was patiently awaiting us at St. Thomas's Church.

The bells, a lovely eight (tenor 19½ cwt. in E. flat), were soon set going to rounds. Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Leaving Brentwood at one o'clock we headed for Writtle. After a little delay in finding the key the eight bells (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.) were raised and set going to various methods including Oxford Treble Bob.

A move was then made to the highlight of the day—Chelmsford Cathedral. This noble twelve (tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in C) gave many of the younger members their first pull on twelve. A course of Bob Royal and Double Norwich on the back eight with the help of Mr. L. J. Clark, concluded the ringing here, which was not too impressive.

The last ring of the day was at Cudham which was reached amid a downpour of rain. This very light ten (tenor 10½ cwt.) proved a very handy weight for almost everybody. A course of Bob Doubles was rung on the front six with a tenor of 3½ cwt.! A fairly good course of Grandsire Caters concluded the ringing of the day. Home was reached (for the lucky ones) by 10.15 p.m. F. H. H.

Will all secretaries please note that the minimum rate for a notice is 2s. 6d. (still one penny a word).

## NOTICES

## New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

Other Notices one penny per word, minimum 3s.

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## SITUATION WANTED

BELLRINGER seeks situation in horticulture, poultry or garage work. Married, no family. Accommodation required. 6 or 8 bells. Interviews, third week in September.—Box 9376, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 9376

## PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

## MISCELLANEOUS

'VILLAGE BELLS.'—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals are submitted.

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

## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, September 1st, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. George's, Camberwell, 4.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 21st.—A. B. Peck. 9324

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. (No tea arrangement).—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, September 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9262

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Philip's (8), September 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—A. Bennett. 9383

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), September 1st, 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9342

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on September 1st at 3. Tea 5.15. A service will be held, if it can be arranged, at 4.30. 9301



**LADIES' GUILD.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, on September 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—Frances M. Laflin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 9333

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice meeting at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, September 1st, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9365

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Quarterly business meeting, Balcombe, Saturday, September 1st, 3 p.m. 9370

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual silver cup contest at Beighton (6) on Saturday, September 1st. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 9359

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Monday, September 3rd, 7.15, practice St. Mary's, Lambeth, and first Monday in each month. Wednesday, September 19th, 7.45, advanced practice St. Stephen's, Westminster, and third Wednesday in each month. All welcome. 9400

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, September 3rd, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9389

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, September 8th, Newton St. Loc. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Notification for tea, essential by 6th, to Rev. — Russell, Rector, Newton St. Loc. 9378

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, September 8th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells (8) available 2 till 9. Numbers requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, September 5th, Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 9398

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9391

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nether Alderley, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Short meeting to follow. Visitors most welcome.—W. Stevenson, Hon. Sec. 9363

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham, September 8th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by September 3rd, to Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 9397

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Ilkeston District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 5th, at latest, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvininside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe. 9343

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Turners Hill (8), September 8th. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's, 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 9385

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ingatestone (6), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available after tea. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9356

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fyfield (6), September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. There is a taxi service from Ongar Station. 9355

**EVESHAM BELL TOWER.**—Dedication of ring of 12 bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Saturday, September 8th, at 2.30. Service will take place at the base of the tower. 9384

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield, September 8th. Names for tea, by September 4th, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Glos. 9339

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), September 8th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 9367

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), September 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea.—Mary Drew. 9375

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Lugwardine (8), September 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Please notify, by September 4th, J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 9373

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday; September 6th, to W. Rogers, 7 Park Terrace, Much Hadham, Herts. 9329

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by September 3rd, to Mrs. Robinson, 7 Gade Valley, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9392

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, September 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9357

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Saturday, September 8th. Final Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Everybody welcome, ringers and non-ringers.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 9349

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The outing will take place on September 8th, to the South Coast. (Price approximately 14s. inc. meals.) Coach leaves Guildford 8.30 a.m., returning 9.30 p.m. Will interested members and friends please write immediately to Mrs. Howard, Kilmuir, Oakdene Road, Godalming. 9362

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Next meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, at Cosy Cafe, Maxstoke Lane (2s.) only to those who notify, by Tuesday, September 4th, Mr. W. C. Rhodes, 10, Maxstoke Lane, Coleshill.—Margaret Beamish, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9335

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8) on Saturday, September 8th, at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, September 5th, to Mrs. Parfree, 28, Lower Farm Cottage, Corston, near Bath. 9386

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9396

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, September 8th, at Hale (6). Bells 3. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (price 2s.). All names to Mr. J. Dunbavin, 21, High Street, Hale, Liverpool.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9393

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Practice meeting, September 8th, at All Saints'. Hamer (6), in the afternoon from 3 p.m. Christ Church, Healey (6) in the evening. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 9368

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Stand Church, Whitefield, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcomed. Cups of tea, etc., are to be obtained at a nearby snack bar.—J. Porter 9403

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by September 5th, to D. F. Harris, 116, Cropston Road, Anstey. 9380

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Half-yearly meeting, Boston, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Field Street Mission Room. It is most important that names for tea should reach Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by Monday, September 3rd.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 9336

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 8th, Walthamstow, St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, 3.30 to 5. Tea, Lyons Cafe, 5.30. Business and further ringing, St. Mary's, 6.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 9372

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Waddesdon, September 8th. Recently rehung bells (6) 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea, by September 5th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9360

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks, South Bucks and South Oxon Mid-Bucks Joint.—Saturday, September 8th, Watlington, Oxon, at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than September 4th.—H. Badger, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 9369

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Brightwalton (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names, by September 5th, to Mr. A. Sayer, Brightwalton, Newbury. 9374

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Henley, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 6.15—8.30 p.m. 9340

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough (6), September 8th. Names for tea essential before September 5th, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9381

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—September meeting at Hodnet (8) on 8th. It is hoped to arrange tea. Ringing 2.30 p.m.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 9395

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Brighton, Saturday, September 8th. Bells: Good Shepherd 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' during evening. Tea 4.30; names by Wednesday, September 5th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 9377

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—Ringers' Sunday, September 9th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (please notify). Ringing: Matins and Evensong, 9.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. All are welcome.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodland Road, Hassocks. Tel. 703. 9347

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea, by 4th, to Mr. H. Upex, Church Cottage, Cuckney, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 9346

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, September 8th, at Heptonstall. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea—apply, before September 5th, to Mr. W. Southwell, 42, Longfield, Heptonstall. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9321

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker (8) on September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea not later than Monday, September 10th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9390

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall, for those who notify, by September 10th, Frank Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9377

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Britford, September 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 4.30 for those who send their names, by 11th, to J. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. 9399

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, September 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. 9382

**MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.**—Corporate Communion, September 16th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying, by September 13th, W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 9394

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury District.—Rededication of Horringer bells (8) after rehangings, Sunday, September 16th, by the Bishop. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea and ringing after the service, by permission of the Rector.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 9401

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting and contest at Liversedge, September 22nd. For teas, notify, by September 15th, F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Sec. 9366

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton Latimer, September 22nd. Details later.—J. Staniforth. 9387

**SNOWDEN DINNER.**—York, September 29th, 1951. Tickets 9s. each. Applications to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. 9364

**WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Alderton 1, Mrs. Lathbury 2, R. Lathbury 3, B. Calcombe 4, G. Barnett 5, L. Houghton (cond.) 6.

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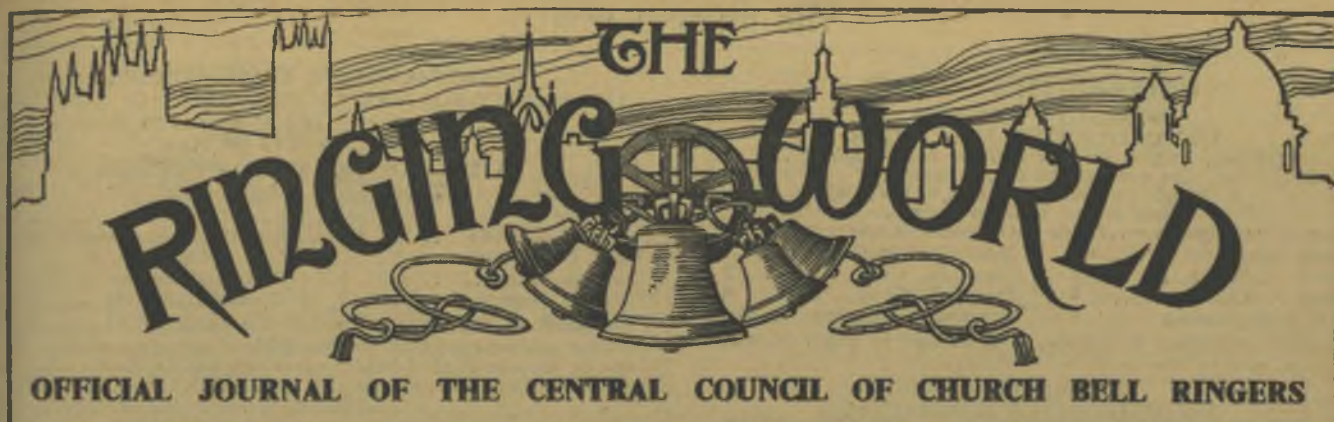
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## RECRUITMENT

**D**URING the past 60 years or so the Exercise has witnessed the rise and decline of some famous companies of ringers, such as Burton, Brighton, Kidderminster, Ipswich, Caversham, etc. These bands made much ringing history in their day, and are now quiescent—certainly not the force they were in their heyday. Other bands have replaced them in prominence, such as Birmingham and Leicester. Is it possible that history will repeat itself and that these and other centres of high achievement will meet with the same fate as their predecessors?

Why is it that after having reached a high standard of excellence these old bands have gradually faded out of the picture? Almost everybody in the Exercise can supply the answer—failure to bring on young ringers to replace losses caused by advancing years and death. The difficulty is to make way for and train the novice when there is a first-class band. What is to be the position of the novice in regard to Sunday service ringing where there is an experienced band of long standing? His participation will lower the standard of ringing and the reputation of the tower; on the other hand, the young ringer will feel that the long probationary period of months, it might even be years, is not worth the candle. One famous tower meets the difficulty by the creation of two companies—the second twelve ring for morning service and the expert band for evensong. Where there is a reserve like this with promotion the future of the company seems reasonably assured, providing, of course, good fellowship is maintained in the tower.

It is regrettable that this is not universal; in many places a short term outlook prevails, and bands which have reached a good standard in striking and method ringing are unwilling to give the necessary tolerance to learners, failing to realise that unless sufficient encouragement and opportunity is given to capable youngsters, a decline will come to their company, as it has to others. We were all 'lame ducks' when we commenced ringing (some of us still are!).

It was very noticeable that the old bands spoken of above were very united and were jealous of their good name. There is a thought—unity. In many small towns

there are towers with only a sprinkling of ringers—not sufficient to perform anything on a spectacular scale—but if these towers amalgamated and pooled their resources, progress could be made and results achieved.

Our methods of recruitment need overhauling. Too much is left to chance and often the wrong type of youth is allowed to join a band. In the Boy Scout movement and the Church Lads' Brigade there is a wealth of well-disciplined youth to draw from. Do we tap these sources? Have we any arrangement with the Boy Scouts' Association or the Church Lads' Brigade whereby we could draw recruits? Then there are choirboys who have reached that awkward age when their voices break and who are then at a loose end regarding church work. This is just the time when they should be attracted to the ringing room and made to feel they are really wanted.

Our methods of instruction are too haphazard—there does not appear to be sufficient uniformity. Youngsters to-day will not be bullied into efficiency; they must be encouraged with all the patience which can be extended. The writer would greatly like to see an official standard book of instruction produced—obviously a job for the Central Council. It may be said that this has already been done; possibly so—but has it been sufficiently thorough? Results show a deplorable lack of uniformity. The standard work on Change Ringing by Troyte has undoubtedly been the means by which many thousands of ringers have gained their first rudimentary knowledge—even though the wording is a trifle ambiguous—but what the writer has in mind is the production of a text book for an instructor, which will enable him to gain good results from his pupils in the shortest possible time. If the system of instruction could be made attractive and interesting we might be able to avoid the high percentage of waste which now takes place—it has been said that two out of every ten learners fail to maintain interest and are lost. If this is so, what a colossal waste of effort!

Young ringers who have received elementary instruction in village towers often migrate to the larger cities, and, given the necessary encouragement, soon make the grade. Does this exonerate the ringers in the larger centres from all responsibility for giving elementary instruction? Hardly so. They should do their share.

J. F. S.



## UNIVERSITIES' TOUR

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 6
HARRY MILES .. .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 7
*EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3	PERCY W. CAVE .. .. 8
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. 9
E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Conducted by PERCY W. CAVE.

\* 200th peal.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT WILLS HALL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 3-4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. S. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*RONALD EDGE .. .. Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 5
†JOYCE LEWIS .. .. 2	†DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 6
†RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 4	PERCY W. CAVE .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

MARIE R. CROSS .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 6
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. COURT .. Treble	*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	†GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 6
*JULIA M. PRESTON .. .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 7
*FRANCES A. EDGAR .. .. 4	†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method for the Association.

## TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29½ cwt.

*EDWARD BARKER .. .. Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 2	†CLAUDE COUSINS .. .. 7
FREDK. WIGMORE .. .. 3	NORMAN HARDING .. .. 8
†WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4	†TONY PRICE .. .. 9
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 5	*WILLIAM ROSE .. .. } Tenor
	JAMES H. RAPER .. .. }

Composed by J. J. CARTER (C.C.C. 30). Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's visit to King's Lynn during Festival week. Believed to be the first peal on the ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

BARNABAS G. KEY .. Treble	ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 6
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 8
NOREEN BRAIN .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 9
GORDON HARRISON .. .. 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HALEY.

Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.

First peal as conductor. A farewell peal for the conductor before leaving to join H.M. Forces, and a welcome to Angela May Key, daughter of the treble ringer, born August 15th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 8
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 9
WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of Princess Margaret's coming-of-age.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	MICHAEL E. CALLOW .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Royal in the method by all.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. O. F. ROGERS .. Treble	JOHN H. LOTT .. .. 6
HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 3	JOHN W. WARD .. .. 8
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 9
SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 5	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Wilfred Taffender, late general secretary and trustee of this Association, and son of the present General Master. The above composition was called to seven peals by the deceased.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 6
JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 8
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PRITTLEWELL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. 5
WILLIAM S. MAY .. 2	GERALD FROST .. 6
*WILLIAM PERRY .. 3	DONALD COOMES .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

\* 60th peal together. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank C. May. Also in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. J. Wright, former curate of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and Sheila Featherstone, of Prittlewell.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. 5
HILARY HAZELL .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NORTHWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ilkeston Variation.

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

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 6
†DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. 7
‡W. GEORGE TURNER .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.  
‡ 25th peal. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for all except treble and 6th.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. WALKER .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
*RALPH BIRD .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* 150th peal and 50th for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN SIDDLE .. Treble	HARRY WILD .. 5
*ALFRED ASHTON .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
JOHN PEARSON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Matthews' Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. Treble	JOYCE HEARN .. 5
MARY PEMBERTON .. 2	FREDA D. MURKITT .. 6
FRANK V. SINKINS (86) .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. 7
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 4	ALAN RIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Triples. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,344 Rutland, 1,280 London, 1,152 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire, and 384 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 128 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER .. Treble	*FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung as a farewell to Frances Edgar, who is leaving London.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for the Sileby Festival celebrations.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMANS .. 5
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. 2	*A. RYAN PRICE .. 6
†DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
†FREDK. J. BAILEY .. 4	†DAVID S. VOSS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Donald G. Clarke.

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## GOUDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS .. .. Treble	ROBERT G. FREEMAN .. .. 5
MARGARET ROWLAND .. .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

## PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*J. DOUGLAS B. LEYLAND .. Treble	A. EDWARD REEVES .. .. 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 2	†FRANK REYNOLDS .. .. 6
G. ARTHUR BELL .. .. 3	RICHARD BENSON .. .. 7
FRANK J. MAUDE .. .. 4	‡CHARLES H. HARDISTY .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

## YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WALTER G. SOAR .. .. Treble	*MARK J. BARKER .. .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal in the method.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PATRICIA S. GATTY .. .. Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 5
JAMES CARTER .. .. 2	ALAN WARD .. .. 6
WILLIAM HARRISON .. .. 3	†DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 4	JAMES B. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First eight-bell peal. † 50th peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolstencroft and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Wimpenny. Mr. Wimpenny and Mr. Wolstencroft have been ringers at Ashton for over 50 years.

## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ARTHUR CHAMPION .. .. Treble	JOSEPH GODDARD .. .. 5
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. .. 2	ALEC CAIRNS .. .. 6
RICHARD BENSON .. .. 3	FRANK JOHNSON .. .. 7
BURLEY WALSHAW .. .. 4	JACK CLEGG .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

To commemorate the peal of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung here 45 years ago. Joseph Goddard ringing the 3rd on that occasion. The conductor's 25th peal on tenor bells.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ARBORFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Bartholomew and April Day, eight of Plain Bob, two of Stedman and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN FROOME .. .. Treble	JOHN A. HARLAND .. .. 4
*ALFRED G. STREET .. .. 2	STANLEY G. DAY .. .. 5
Laurie Hall .. .. 3	*MAURICE J. DAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. DAY.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all.

## BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

JANICE PARSONS .. .. Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. 4
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

## NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

LESLIE EVANS .. .. Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. 4
DENNIS SHARPLES .. .. 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 3	*DESMOND J. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

\* First peal. Leslie Evans has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALAN HEMSLEY .. .. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 4
STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. .. 5
ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD .. .. 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal. A birthday peal for Frank H. Hicks.

## NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*BERTIE BEE .. .. 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
*AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Parker, father of the tenor ringer and grandfather of the treble ringer

## MULLION, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELAINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. JAMES VINCENT .. Treble	JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 4
*MARION L. LIDGE .. .. 2	HARRY MILES .. .. 5
JOAN E. NIBLETT .. .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

## TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MRS. T. J. MARRIOTT .. Treble	LEONARD WARREN .. .. 4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.



## WINFORD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Treble	† HENRY BALL .. .. . 4
* ALFRED G. HAZZARD .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 5
† MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal in six methods 'inside.' † First peal in six methods.

## WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* ROY TAYLOR .. .. Treble	* DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 4
WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
* GORDON CRAINE .. .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

## SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 4
FRANK W. LACK .. .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	BRYAN S. COPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except conductor. In honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

## DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. Treble	DAVID SMITH .. .. . 4
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	* WILLIAM HORNBY .. .. 5
A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' A first birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the second. A. G. Lawrence has now completed the circle at the above tower.

## BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 4
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5
JACK BRAY .. .. 3	* PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* 100th peal.

## EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

* EVELYN M. CAPON .. Treble	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. 4
† C. JOHN PIPER .. .. 2	* BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal in four methods on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.



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## MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 4
*BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	*R. GORDON CORBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE T. BUSSEY .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 4
†KENNETH L. BROWN .. .. 2	*A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

## STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

GERALD L. BOWEN .. .. Treble	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. .. 4
*G. BOUGHTON .. .. 2	†ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. .. 5
JOHN H. PAGETT .. .. 3	JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*DONALD H. METTAM .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2	†HUGH LONGLAND .. .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Longland and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Clarke, to the conductor and his son, Rodney, aged seven.

## ST. MELLONS, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLONS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. MONK .. .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 4
*DYLLIS L. HULBERT .. .. 2	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. .. 3	GODFREY CHOLLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung by the service band in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams.

## WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. LAMER .. .. Treble	RONALD G. LARTER .. .. 4
DENNIS W. GREEN .. .. 2	JOHN S. POWLES .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in two methods by all (members of local band), except conductor.

## ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STYTHIANS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOAN E. NIBLETT .. .. Treble	†HARRY MILES .. .. 4
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. .. 2	†FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells. First peal of Surprise Minor in the county and for the Guild.

## WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six six-scores each of Place Bob, New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4
EDMUND P. CROWDY .. .. 2	*KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods of Doubles for the Association. Believed to be the fastest peal on tower bells by this Association. First peal of Doubles by all except the treble ringer. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, and the Rev. H. R. Tate, curate of St. James's, Moss Side, Manchester, whose marriage took place at St. Paul's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on August 22nd.

## ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten six-scores each of Kennington, Old Bob, April Day and twelve six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS (15) .. Treble	*ANTHONY J. BAKER (14) .. 3
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 2	KENNETH D. PERKINS (13) 4

IVOR J. DICKIN (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

\* First peal. Average age of band 16 years and 2 months. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving the district.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CORNER HOUSE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Clifford Pleasure, 360 April Day, 1,440 Grandsire, 2,520 Plain Bob (11 callings in all).

Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD BEALE .. .. 1-2	JACK W. DREW .. .. 3-4
REGINALD C. BEALE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal in five methods by all.

## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT OLIVE HOUSE, HORSEBRIDGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Northrepps, four extents each of Old and Norfolk, and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3-4
*C. JOHN PIPER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal in eleven Doubles methods. Believed to be the first peal in eleven Doubles methods for the Association.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 1-2	†RONALD C. NOON .. .. 5-6
*JOHN KING .. .. 3-4	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.  
\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Major 'in hand' for the Guild.



**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, J. Bramley 2, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 3, J. Bennett 4, J. Udale 5, A. Bradshaw (first quarter) 6, T. Thornber 7, R. Barrow 8. Rung for the Belgrave festival celebrations.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Donohoe 1, W. Parrott (first quarter) 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leach 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, J. Clarke 6. First quarter since the tower repairs were completed.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moir (first quarter) 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss S. Green 3, R. Poston 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris 6.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower on Aug. 25th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, C. Stannard 2, S. Sturgeon 3, A. Ballam 4, R. Simmonds 5, D. Rowlands 6, J. Banks 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Godship 9, H. Doel 10. Rung fully muffled in memory of H. W. Foulger, who was a member of the company for 20 years, interred at Great Barton on Thursday, August 23rd.

**CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Stella Kingdon 1, D. Peers (first quarter Minor) 2, R. B. Morris (first quarter Minor) 3, J. Bagley 4, B. Harris 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tuck 1, Miss J. Tubb 2, D. Gant 3, Miss S. Klofacz 4, J. Fowler 5, Mrs. E. Smyth 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, K. Tuck 8. First quarter of Triples for 2, 3, 4 and 6. For H.R.H. Princess Margaret's birthday.

**DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Lintern (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, W. Starr 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Page (first quarter Stedman) 1, Pat Page 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, J. Meade 4, W. H. Glasspool 5, Joyce Cox 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, D. W. Longman 8.

**FRENSHAM, SURREY.**—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Butler (first quarter) 1, S. Meadows 2, Anne Heath (first quarter doubles) 3, E. J. Heath 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Denyer 6.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,224 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Evelyn M. Capon 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepney 3, C. J. Piper 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Treble Bob by all and by the local band.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Richardson (first in method) 1, H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, A. R. Chapman 4, C. E. Brown 5, S. Penfold 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, W. J. Carter 8.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Bassett 1, W. Morland (first quarter) 2, A. Bassett (first quarter of Minor) 3, S. J. Ponting 4, A. Relfe (cond.) 5, J. Bassett 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

**NEWPORT, I.O.W.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, E. Drake 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Denness (first quarter Triples) 4, C. Champion 5, S. Moody 6, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. C. Scott 8.

**PENTRE, RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAM.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, G. Williams 2, J. Edwards 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, J. Evans 7, H. Crabb 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Page, for many years leader of the St. Peter's Society.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss B. Harris 2, Miss P. G. Kitchen 3, H. Eldred 4, F. Blondel 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. Rung for the opening of Festival Week.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Joan M. Exeter (first quarter on treble) 1, P. Rayfield (first quarter) 2, W. A. Wood 3, S. M. Evans (cond.) 4, S. V. Rayfield 5, G. Wood 6. In honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's birthday.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, J. Philips 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock 4, C. W. Ottley 5, R. F. Deal (cond.) 6, J. Bullock 7, A. T. Langstone 8.

**SELSTON, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 19th, 540 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Cheese 1, G. Lindley 2, F. G. Rawson 3, K. Rawson 4, F. Ball 5, A. L. Rawson (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 4.

**SHIPBOURNE, KENT.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. French 1, D. Cave (first quarter) 2, Miss S. Jenner 3, W. H. Goodwin 4, Miss D. Colgate (cond.) 5, R. Fairweather 6. Rung for the christening of the son of Major P. V. F. Cazalet (patron of the living).

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sharplin 1, F. J. Wood 2, J. Sunnocks 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, F. W. James 6.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Violet Farrow (first quarter) 1, H. Keynon (first quarter 'inside') 2, Joan Hill 3, A. Hammond 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, H. Chinnery 6. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Also a 69th birthday greeting to the tenor ringers.

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## THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

Out of the 1,038 annual postal subscribers  
399 have kindly sent the sum of 1s. 5d. or more  
to cover the increase in postage. Is your name  
amongst them?

The memorial service to  
Thomas Wilfred Taffender  
will be held at St. Mary's,  
Lambeth, on September 15th. It was at this  
church that Mr Taffender rang his last peal,  
immediately after which he had great difficulty  
with his sight.

A reader from Lancashire writes: 'What did  
the Lancashire Association secretaries think  
about the "cartwheel" at Mossley?'

When sending in a peal from Youlgreave.  
Mr. Francis R. Lowe writes: 'I have enclosed  
a small donation of 5s. towards the publication  
of peals in "The Ringing World."' Thank you,  
Mr. Lowe

The peal of Minor at Paul, Cornwall ('Ring-  
ing World,' August 24th), was not his 'First of  
Minor' but 'First of Minor in four methods,'  
writes Mr. Gordon Walford, from Wellington,  
Somerset.

Owing to a typographical error in last week's  
'Ringing World,' it was stated that the Roving  
Ringers' tour in East Anglia was the eighth of  
its kind. It was, in fact, the fifth.

To help forward the ringers of Hamilton  
Cathedral, New Zealand, Mr. A. White, of  
Auckland, their nearest bell-ringing neighbour,  
makes the journey of 80 miles once a month.

The ringer of the second bell in the peal of  
Stedman Triples at Caldicot, Mon., on August  
25th, was Brynley J. Parry. He is only 12 years  
of age and rang his bell faultlessly. This young-  
ster is to be commended for his outstanding  
performance.

A correspondent writes us that Mr. Frank  
V. Sinkins is the second oldest ringer to ring  
a tower-bell peal. On August 22nd he took  
part in a peal at Burnham for Princess Mar-  
garet's birthday, his age being 86 years and 7  
months. Mr. James Wilkins rang a peal one  
month after his 87th birthday.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A short account of the  
history of Evesham Bell  
Tower and its Bells will  
be broadcast in the Midland Home Service at  
6.30 p.m. to-day (Friday, September 7th) in the  
programme 'Around and About.'

The conductor of the quarter peal of Sted-  
man Triples rung at Ealing, Middlesex, on July  
29th, was Mr. H. J. Gaylard.

Mr. E. Eade, of Buxted, Sussex, would like to  
know if there are any other churches with the  
same dedication as at Buxted, St. Margaret,  
Queen.

Prebendary E. V. Cox calls attention to one  
of the clues in 'The Times' crossword puzzle  
of August 23rd: 'Robert with a crown among  
the bells (3. 5).' The solution, 'Bob Major,'  
we feel certain is apparent to all our readers.

The peal of Doubles at Winford, Somerset,  
on August 21st, besides being a birthday com-  
pliment to Princess Margaret, was also in cele-  
bration of six silver weddings, viz.: Mr. and  
Mrs. B. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. Worle, Mr.  
and Mrs. R. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. Patch,  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Stock and Mr. and Mrs.  
E. Ball, all of Winford.

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wich (8s. 6d.). The last-named says his remit-  
tance atones for the 'sins of omission' of some  
five others in his county. Mr. F. White, of  
Ipton, in sending £1. any surplus to go towards  
the same object, says he is now debarred from  
ringing but retains his interest in the art and in  
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## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR

BRISTOL WEEK, AUG. 3rd-11th — SMALL PARTY SHARE LARGE SURROUNDINGS WITH W.A.E.  
SUMMER SCHOOL — C.C. PRESIDENT TRAVELS 1,424 MILES TO PARTICIPATE — RINGING IN  
WESTERN COUNTIES

BY invitation of the University Association, the 1951 U.A. ringing week was at Bristol, with headquarters at Wills Hall set in ideal surroundings on Durdham Downs. Opened in 1929, Wills combines the quadrangular form of the Oxford and Cambridge colleges with all the 'mod. cons.' of to-day: and though having acquired a ring of satellite dwellings to meet the demands of an expanding university, is still able to seat all its 250-odd students in the great dining hall. Our party was 'small fry' for the staff (in contrast with its overwhelming effect last year at the small hotel in Lincoln I), and it took just a little time for the large W.A.E. summer school to realise our presence ... but it did!

Early arrivals on Friday were served tea and the atmosphere of past 'weeks' was soon recaptured. But there were new faces to the summer gathering, and we were thrilled to have with us our president, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who had motored down from his Highland home. Evening ringing was at Emmanuel, Clifton, where we were met by Mr. H. S. Gregory, who before the war was with Stephen Wood at Clifton Parish Church. As we recalled, both Church and Stephen were the victims of air raids at Bristol. Our president quickly assumed keen interest in the raising and lowering of the bells, which he maintained throughout the week to the benefit of many of us. Later that evening a small group assembled in the secretary's room for committee duties (selecting Saturday peal bands this time) while the lucky majority indulged in freedom!

Except for peal attempts the whole week-end was spent in Bristol, which, despite the loss of bells by enemy action, still has rich fare to offer. On Saturday morning we visited the ancient city church of SS. Philip and Jacob, Old Market, and the modern Church of St. Ambrose, both of which are proud possessors of vigorous bands. Mr. Edwin J. Brown greeted us at the former, and the 'going' of the bells (eight, tenor 20 cwt.) left nothing to be desired. It was no 'surprise' to hear that the Sunday band ring a whole array of 'Surprise' methods and the air of leadership was very refreshing. For their weight (tenor 11½ cwt.) the eight bells of St. Ambrose's gave good account of themselves and a whisper about their 'pealability' was overheard all right.

The afternoon peal attempts were at Mangotsfield and Wrington. The band sent into Gloucestershire lost Superlative but better luck attended the efforts of those who went to the Somerset tower, for ever to be associated with the name of Maier Hesse. Stedman Caters in 3½ hours is a tribute to the perfect 'going' of the superb bells with their 37-cwt. tenor; and it was not spoilt by speed—or if so the president of the Central Council and Joe Dyke were parties to the crime! Non-pealers rang on the light octave at Holy Nativity, Knowle (church blitzed, tower intact), where William Cave instructed the band for the bells when installed; and also ascended the tall, slender tower of St. Stephen's to try the recently-rehung ring of ten. There was also opportunity for ringing at St. John's-on-the-Walls (six, 11 cwt.), and St. James', Horsefair (ten, 28½ cwt.), where the Bristol City Branch were meeting.

On Sunday we divided up into groups for service ringing and spread our resources to maximum extent. We were privileged to ring on the twelve bells at famous St. Mary Ratcliffe both morning and evening (where the Master, Mr. E. Hancock, warmly welcomed us), and twice also on the tens at St. Stephen's and St. James'; while once during the day we were at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (eight, 22 cwt.), Em-

manuel, Clifton, St. John's-on-the-Walls, Christchurch (still another ten) and at Stoke Bishop (six, 13½ cwt.).

### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

At lunch we were privileged to receive as guests, Sir Philip Morris, vice-chancellor of the University, and Lady Morris; Colonel Kendall, warden of Wills Hall, and Mrs. Kendall; Professor S. H. Piper, president U.B.S.C.R.; and Professor R. J. Brocklehurst, captain of the ringers at Stoke Bishop. Demonstration handbell ringing preceded the group photograph which will long be treasured by all.

After supper U.A. again played hosts at Wills, this time to the ringers of Bristol from both City and Rural Branches of their Association, a happy, combined company of nearly 70. Our president spoke appreciatively of the great welcome being accorded us, and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Mr. John G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, responded simply but effectively.

So came Monday and our first excursion, with the expected mixture of cars, motor-bikes, auto-cycle and humble pedallists. First stop was at Long Ashton, of Cedar Institute fame, where at the Church of All Saints, with its glorious 30-cwt. tenor octave, we were met by Mr. Yeo, a grand old man of the bells, and his Vicar. Thence to Wraxall (eight, tenor 23½ cwt.) and already the richness of Somerset towers had been sampled and appetites whetted for more. A course of Somerset Surprise suitably expressed our appreciation. It was a trifle difficult finding the old church at Nailsea and a rather frightened dog effectively kept us at bay until Leonard Derrick came to our aid. An adjoining 'Ring of Bells' was then visited and packed lunches kept good company with local cider as approval of our Somerset environment steadily (?) mounted. Before finally parting company with Nailsea and Leonard, Ronald Clouston had viewed grandfather clocks, and Joyce Lewis been presented with a fragment of Nailsea glass. Onwards to the Bristol Channel at Clevedon where St. Andrew's Church (eight, 14½ cwt) was our venue, and then to St. Peter's, Portishead, where the first ladies' peal was rung. By this time the Bank Holiday weather was fast deteriorating into a deluge which was experienced in good measure en route to Abbots Leigh, but fortunately the journey home over Clifton Suspension Bridge was short and hot baths and dinners proved excellent restoratives: so much so that most members endeavoured to visit two evening practices, at St. James's and Stoke Bishop, an enterprise which if anticipated would have benefited from a modicum of direction.

### CORPORATE COMMUNION

On Tuesday morning a service of Corporate Communion was conducted by Canon Peacey in the beautiful Wills Hall Chapel. The day's peal efforts both came to grief, at Winford (six, 16 cwt.) a missed 'bob' preventing Joe Dyke from approaching one step nearer his century of Somerset towers: while at Banwell (eight, 23 cwt.), tower-sway helped to jeopardise a peal of Cambridge. Non-pealers had much better fare, first at Backwell and then on to the newly-restored bells at Yatton (eight, 24 cwt.), where a wonderful job has been done by the bell-founders to elevate this ring into the premier class. Here the overhead view of the bells recalled the unique set-up at Buckfast Abbey. Other towers visited this day were Congresbury, a rather heavy-going eight with tenor of 35 cwt., Winscombe (eight, 19 cwt.) and following a ringers' tea at the Bell Inn, Wrington, Barrow

Gurney (eight, 14½ cwt.), which was reached only after most of the transport had piled up in a cul-de-sac to provide a good U.A. tale for the future. In the evening there was a further opportunity of visiting Redcliffe when we joined with the St. Philip's ringers in their monthly practice.

A claim that Wednesday's tower itinerary provided a feast of ringing without equal would be difficult to refute. A 35-seater coach absorbed the whole party except for one car-load, and first call was at Chewton Mendin of wide renown; perhaps it was understandable that the touch of Spliced Surprise was not curtailed sufficiently to leave on schedule. Next, Wells Cathedral, the heaviest ten-bell tower, where half a course of Cambridge Royal fittingly ended our ringing, and then Evercreech, not long since augmented to ten, where we were glad to meet Henry Sanger whose youthful band is making such tremendous progress. At Queen Camel the stately tempo of the heaviest six was experienced with no little thrill, but Somerset just misses being able to claim the heaviest eight, for Sherborne lies over the border in Dorset. The Abbey Church, with its warm coloured stone striking a contrast with the greyness of Somerset towers, has a beauty of its own and the bells and Abbey, we felt were worthy of each other. The return journey was more devious than intended and we reached Ditchat 45 minutes late, but not too late to enjoy this further Somerset 'prima donna' among octaves (tenor 24 cwt., like Chewton Mendip and Yatton), or to hear a favourable comment on the perfect lower from Joe Dyke who had motored over for his final glimpse of us. Back at Wills full justice was done to a cold supper and about 10 p.m. we embarked on a general meeting of the Association.

Two peals were scored on Thursday morning. Double Norwich at Bitton and New Gloucester at Marshfield: non-pealers en route to Bath ringing at Keynsham and Newton St. Loe, and in Bath at St. Mark's, Lyncombe. After lunch we were made extremely welcome at All Saints', Weston, which church boasts a band of over 20 loyal and keen ringers, and then at Twerton. Unfortunately Bath Abbey bells were not available owing to a broken clapper so visits were made to the sixes at Bathaston and Bathampton. On our return journey to Bristol some brisk ringing was effected on the very light octave at Corston (tenor 9½ cwt.). At 9.30 p.m. the Order of Compline was sung unaccompanied at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stoke Bishop, this being taken by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow.

### THE LAST FULL DAY

Friday, our last full day, discovered a fully-mechanised fleet of seven cars and four motor-bikes heading north into Gloucestershire, a complete change from the Somerset days. Calling first at Henbury (eight, 20½ cwt.) where the stone tombstones to freed African slaves of over two centuries ago had recently been painted, the column advanced to Almondsbury, another octave ring, thence to Olveston. The cider here at lunch was more potent even than the Somerset products but perhaps it was the very receptive state of the crowd of happy but tiring ringers. In the afternoon we visited Thornbury a first-class eight (tenor 24 cwt.), the detached tower at Berkeley where three leads of Clifton Royal were rung and finally Stone with its midget six (tenor 7½ cwt.) in its midget tower.

So our farewell social evening had arrived. All week we had more than held our own with the summer school (indeed they displayed much more interest in us than we in them). Like us.

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## Universities Association Tour—Cont.

they too were due to make merry and far-sightedness on the Wills staff had transplanted us from our adjacent common room to the lounge and conservatory at Down House, one of the annexes. It was a warm August evening and while daylight lasted we lingered on terraces, seemingly relaxing for the first time since we arrived. Slowly we became drawn into the warmth and lightness indoors, slowly too our own spirits melted and vaporised into a spirit of jollity. Mr. Lewis told Scotch yarns, York-Bramble as well as mystifying us spun some excellent stories, certain members of U.B.S.C.R. rang tunes on handbells—results of secret and assiduous practice during the week—and we danced to Percy Cave's piano medleys. When we returned to Wills the summer school was already abed.

At breakfast on Saturday morning our president expressed appreciation to the University of Bristol Society for the wonderful time they had given us, mentioning particularly Jack Worrall, its secretary, who had undertaken the preliminary arrangements, and Ivor Trueman, its Master, who had taken over the main organisation and seen it successfully through. Tribute must also be paid to Marie Cross for her sustained efforts as Ringing Master, catering for the needs of every individual, no mean achievement by any standards, and hers were high. Except for final peal attempts, the week was over for another year. Of these, Bob Major was lost at Wotton-under-Edge, but Cornwall Surprise at Dursley succeeded. Regrettably the afternoon attempt of Cambridge Royal at St. Stephen's had to be abandoned on account of time limitation. It will be recalled from a recent note in Belfry Gossip that there was to have been an attempt at Redcliffe, but this naturally gave preference to Canon Swann's farewell peal.

Looking back on this Bristol Week with with deepening pleasure one is amazed at the wonderful harmony achieved among a party of all ages. Everyone pulled his or her full weight, everyone felt enriched in experience. This account may indeed fit fittingly close with a quotation from a letter from Mr. Lewis:—

'My mileage was 1,424. The journey to Bristol via Tring was 616 and back from Bristol via Dursley and Cheltenham 516, and I did 292 on ferry service. I rang in 38 towers of which 32 were new to me and I didn't count how many stairs I climbed. I shall certainly try and come to Nottingham, my native city, next year.'

For in 1952, from August 5th to 23rd, we shall again enjoy the hospitality of a University Hall of Residence, though on this occasion we shall not have an established Society to tend our needs but the opportunity of doing that missionary work for which the Universities Association was founded. E. S. J. H.

## OBITUARY

### MR. W. J. SIMMONDS

Mr. W. J. ('Bill') Simmonds, of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, band passed away on August 31st, at the age of 46 years, after a brief illness.

An enthusiastic member of the Cathedral band and of St. Martin's Guild, he was always most punctual and reliable both for Sunday service and other ringing and his passing leaves a gap that will be hard to fill. His kindly and cheerful good nature coupled with his keenness for anything connected with bells and ringing made him always most pleasant and congenial company.

Beside his worth in connection with ringing Mr. Simmonds was prominently connected with many aspects of parochial work at St. Chad's and he held the office of a churchwarden at the time of his death. Two of his sons are also ringers and members of the Cathedral band and St. Martin's Guild. Requiescat in pace.

W. E. B.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT MEETINGS

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Meeting at Hanbury

In these days of modern transport, a meeting at an isolated tower is always a doubtful venture but, thanks to the shuttle service of cars, the Guild was able to invade for the first time the Staffordshire village of Hanbury, on August 25th.

This village, situated rather off the beaten track in truly rural surroundings, will be remembered as the place of a great explosion, for on November 27th, 1944, the countryside for miles was shaken by the terrific explosion at a nearby ammunition store, resulting in heavy loss of life and considerable damage. A stained glass window was recently placed in the church as a memorial to those who lost their lives in such tragic circumstances.

The bells, recently overhauled, are a good octave of moderate weight, easy to handle but a little noisy.

Ringers were present from Burton St. Paul's, Repton, Ticknall, Rolleston, Ashby, Measham, Seales, Hoar Cross and Norton-in-the-Moors. Service in the church was conducted by Mr. Bennett (Lay Reader) in the absence of the Vicar.

Tea was served in the schoolroom and was preceded by a short business meeting with Mr. A. E. Greening in the chair. Four ringing members, including the Rev. F. Pickering, Vicar of All Saints', Burton, and four non-resident life members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Lay Reader, organist and lady helpers were proposed by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

The next meeting is to be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on September 29th.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Rochester District

Fine weather, a grand old church set on the North Downs overlooking the beautiful Stockbury Valley, and an attendance of over 70 ringers and friends from the Rochester, Maidstone and Lewisham Districts, combined to make this, the first District meeting held in Stockbury, a memorable occasion for all concerned.

After the rather steep ascent up the hill from the Maidstone road, the visitors were rewarded with a grand view of what must be one of the most lovely panoramas of the Kent countryside.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards, and the lesson was read by Mr. A. Dunk, one of the local ringers. Mrs. Walker presided at the organ and the singing was led by the surplined choir. Opening his address the Vicar welcomed the ringers to Stockbury and said that, as he knew nothing about bells or bellringing, he had been warned not to talk about them, but although the address was based on a text from St. Luke's Gospel, a word dropped here and there left the impression that he knew more about the subject than he had been given credit for.

After the service a marvellous tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives and lady friends in the Village Hall. Needless to say full justice was done to this, and the District secretary thanked the Vicar and all the local friends for making the meeting so enjoyable.

Mr. A. Dunk said that he would like to thank the District Secretary for his help in teaching the local ringers during the past 12 months, and asked him to accept the gift of a cigarette lighter that the band had subscribed for as a token of their appreciation of his services. After this pleasing little ceremony a return was made to the tower and the five bells were kept going with some well-known methods, and also some that were not so well known. B. W.

## LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

### New Zealand Visitors at Otley

The August meeting was held at Otley on the 25th. The bells were raised early and ringing was enjoyed throughout the time available. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, immediately after tea. The president was absent owing to a broken wrist and Mr. F. Hutchinson (vice-president) occupied the chair. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Boston Spa and Liversedge. The last-named tower was inadvertently omitted from the report of the July meeting; apologies are tendered to the members who made the long journey.

The usual business details were easily dealt with and one new member of the Otley tower, Miss Claire Mountain, was elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Gibbard and seconded by Mr. S. Keighley. Mr. Appleyard acknowledged the thanks and hoped everyone had enjoyed their visit to Otley.

The next meeting is due to be held at East Ardsley on September 22nd to enable members to attend the Snowden commemorative dinner at York on September 29th.

During the evening ringing, Professor and Mrs. Soaper, of Otago, New Zealand, came into the tower and showed great interest in the ringing and the bells.

## BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting was held at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, on a very wet day. A rather small but a very happy meeting was held and some good ringing was enjoyed on a really beautifully-toned ring of six bells in a variety of methods. Ringers were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Silkstone, Liversedge and Leeds Parish, with members of the local company.

Tea was served in the nearby schools. The business meeting followed, the chairman being the president (Mr. N. F. Moxon). An apology for absence from the Rector (Canon Coney), who was away on holiday was received. The business was soon disposed of and the following arrangements were agreed upon for the cup contest at Wath-on-Dearne on September 8th, the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 13th, and the next meeting at Horbury in November. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed as far as time would allow, good use being made of the bells.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting of the Society was held at Bridlington on the 11th. Thirty-five members attended, with visitors from London, Luton, Batley and Thorne. The bells were rung in standard methods during the afternoon on the fine ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.).

A service was held in the Priory Church, conducted by anon J. W. Lamb, assisted by the Rev. G. Storer, of Hutton Cranswick. A few people on holiday in the town came and joined in the service, and three ladies, who said they had been 'charmed' by the form of service used and the inclusion of handbell ringing, asked to be allowed to take tea with the Society and listen to more handbell ringing, if possible, a request that was quickly granted.

After the business meeting the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going to Treble Bob, Little Bob and Stedman.



# LEICESTERSHIRE VETERANS 'GET TOGETHER'

## A NOVEL GATHERING AT TWYFORD

UNIQUE in the history of ringing was the meeting arranged by Mr. Harold J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on August 18th, at Twyford and Ashby Folville.

Although the Leicester Diocesan Guild is one of the babies of the Exercise, it has behind it the traditions of the Midland Counties Association, from which it originated, and within its boundaries are belfry stalwarts and church workers of many years' standing.

Twenty-six elderly ringers assembled from various parts of the diocese and during the afternoon many stories of former days were overheard, from which it was obvious to the listeners that the whole complexion of ringing in the Leicester District had completely changed during the past 50 years. For instance, we were reminded of the alternative exit from St. Margaret's belfry, Leicester, to the street, and the reason why the Vicar had it bricked up. Many other interesting stories were narrated during the reminiscing of the various little groups of colleagues of former days. To those who find pleasure and satisfaction in pleasing others there was the reflection of happiness on the faces of all present.

Ringing commenced at Twyford soon after three o'clock, and, but for the break for the taking of photographs, continued until 4.30 p.m. All then attended a very delightful service conducted by the Vicar of Twyford (the Rev. C. N. Daybell), and it was obvious that much thought had been given by him in the selection of hymns, psalms and lesson, which were most appropriate for the occasion. In his address he congratulated the ringers upon reaching their respective ages and thanked them for the many years of faithful service to the Church.

A splendid tea in keeping with the usual Twyford standard had been arranged by Mrs. R. Spencer and her helpers.

### THE OTHER END OF THE LIFE LINE

After tea Mr. H. J. Poole said how pleased he was that so many of the elderly ringers had been able to attend. The idea first occurred to him following the 'Youth Rally' in the Leicester Diocese when no less than 70 young ringers (boys and girls) under 21 years of age met at Belgrave for a tea and social evening. He thought it would be pleasant to arrange an assembly of those ardent church workers at the other end of the life-line. Much thought had to be given to it and in order that no one should be missed, information was sought through each district secretary.

Twyford and Ashby Folville had been selected because both had easy-going bells, with ground-floor ringing chambers, and of course the name of Twyford had long been famous for the very fine ringers' teas. In expressing a very sincere welcome, he referred particularly to the very great pleasure of having with them Mr. John O. Lancashire, now 86 years of age, and the only surviving member of the band which rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells many years ago. He also made special mention of Mr. Josiah Morris (old Joe—the Rhythm King), who is still ringing handbell peals at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Lancashire replied and thanked Mr. Poole for all his trouble and kindness in arranging the meeting.

A move was then made to Ashby Folville for some ringing on the ring of eight. The highlight here was the ringing of some Grandsire Triples by a band of over 80's, whose aggregate ages totalled 659 years. They were John O. Lancashire, 86; W. Henson, 80; G. Thompson, 84; E. W. Cartwright, 81; J. E. Clarke, 82; W. Wills, 81; J. Morris, 84; and F. J. Sutton, 81.

At the conclusion of the ringing all were transported either to their homes or to some convenient public transport.

The meeting was a great success. Seldom do the older ringers have the chance of ringing together in such numbers and to the exclusion of others and appreciation for the opportunity was expressed on all sides.

### BIOGRAPHIES

Their chance of coming into the present day limelight is remote and no apologies are needed for appending brief details of each as a ringer and church worker:—

**LANCASHIRE, John O.**—86 years. His grandfather, Edwin Dolby, managed Lord Wantage's estate and lived at Ardington, Berks. As a boy he accompanied his grandfather to ring one of two bells usually rung at 8 a.m. on Sundays to indicate that there would be a service later on that day. His grandfather gave him the love of bells as he had been a ringer at Sutton Bonington, Notts, where he also played the bass viol in the days before organs were in common use. John O. was a member of the Leicester band which rang the peals of 'silent' Stedman on handbells and is the only surviving member of the band which rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques. Also made a name as a composer and will be remembered for his 'odd bob' peal of Stedman Triples. He was for many years a regular member of the St. Martin's (now Cathedral) band at Leicester.

**MORRIS, Josiah.**—Commenced his ringing at St. Margaret's, Leicester, over 60 years ago. He is now 84 years old and, as will be seen in 'The Ringing World,' is still ringing in handbell peals. His peal total is nearly 400 and it is hoped that before long he will accomplish his 400th peal. For seven years he was tower keeper at St. Mark's, Leicester, where the bells have not been rung—owing to the bad condition—for 30 years. By his ability on handbells 'old Joe' is known locally as the 'Rhythm King.' He still rings for services at St. Margaret's and will be remembered as the verger there for many years.

**THOMPSON, George.**—84 years. Commenced ringing at the age of 15 years at Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire. He still rings at Hinkley and joined that band in 1888.

**CLARKE, John E.**—82 years. Commenced ringing at Forthampton, Gloucestershire, about 1884, under the instruction of his father. He rings regularly at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, and has been a ringer there since the bells were put in in 1901. He has rung in 58 peals.

**CARTWRIGHT, W. Ernest.**—81 years. Commenced ringing in 1886. His first peal was one of Grandsire Caters in 1888 and was conducted by J. W. Taylor. For many years he was a member of All Saints', Loughborough, band, but in recent times has found the many steps to the belfry just that much too much for him.

**SUTTON, Felix J.**—81 years. Has been a ringer at Kegworth for 66 years and for the past 50 years has been captain of the band there. He has rung in ten peals.

**WILLS, Walter.**—81 years. Commenced ringing at Hinkley about 1888. For some years did not do any ringing, but upon the augmentation of Aylestone bells to eight, his love of bells was rekindled and he has rung regularly for services at Aylestone since then. He regularly goes out to Guild meetings and other ringing practices.

**COLLINS, Tom.**—81 years. Commenced ringing at Rothley, Leicestershire, in 1885 and remained there for 15 years. He has been a regular ringer at Mountsorrel for the past 51 years and has rung in six peals.

**HENSON, William.**—80 years. Was born at Market Bosworth and has been a ringer there for the past 60 years.

**BEADSMOORE, Ernest W.**—78 years. Has been a ringer at St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, for the past 61 years and has conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the bells there. He has also rung in peals of Surprise Minor and Major and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

**READ, Stephen.**—78 years. Started ringing at Easton, Hunts, in 1890. For the past 45 years has been a sidesman and regular ringer at Asfordby.

**LITTLEWOOD, Evander L.**—77 years. Regular ringer at Asfordby for 62 years. Was verger four years and sidesman 14 years. Has rung for five inductions at Asfordby.

**LOMAS, E. E.**—77 years. Has been a regular ringer at Asfordby for the past 53 years. He joined the Goscote Society for Ringers when 18 years old. He has been a sidesman at Asfordby for the past 25 years.

**MANCHESTER, Thomas E.**—77 years. Commenced to ring in 1907. He has been verger and sexton at Hose, near Melton Mowbray, since 1914.

**WRIGHT, William John.**—77 years. Commenced ringing in 1905 since when he has been a regular member of the band at Wymondham. He has rung in three peals of Doubles.

**NEEDHAM, Joseph.**—75 years. Commenced his ringing at Barwell and has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church for the past 66 years. He has been parish clerk for 43 years and was preceded in that office by his father and grandfather.

**SHARPE, W.**—74 years. Has been a ringer at St. Michael's Church, Hose, near Melton Mowbray, since 1902 and for the past 25 years has been a churchwarden there.

**NORTON, Joe.**—74 years. Joined the choir at Billesdon in 1887 and commenced to ring there in 1890. For the past 61 years has been a regular ringer and chorister at Billesdon.

**GRUNDY, John H.**—73 years. Rang his first peal in 1895 and for over 55 years has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Loughborough. He is also verger at the church and has held that office for many years. He has rung in quite a number of peals, some quite recently.

**CLARKE, William H.**—72 years. Commenced ringing at Thurlby, Lincs, in 1894. He rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee for which he was paid 5s. Was formerly a member of Knighton, St. Mary's, band, Leicester, and for the past 30 years has been ringing at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester.

**GRANT, John T.**—71 years. Commenced to ring at Peatling Parva, Leicestershire, when he was ten years old and later rang at Gilmorton. He came to Leicester round about 1917 and rang regularly at St. Mary-de-Castro until the bells were condemned in 1919. For the past 20 years he has been a member of the Cathedral band, Leicester.

**CADLE, Joseph.**—71 years. First started ringing at Long Crendon, Bucks. He has been a ringer at Hugglescote since 1900 and for many years was conductor of the band there.

**WALKER, George.**—71 years. Has been a ringer at Hugglescote since 1900.

**BOWLEY, E. H.**—69 years. Commenced ringing at Copt Oak in 1900 since when he has been a regular ringer there. He is also a member of the choir which he joined in 1891. Although he has only one arm, he is a very able ringer and rings the treble for the multi-method Minor band at Copt Oak.

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## Leicestershire Veterans—Cont.

**MARRIOTT, Ernest.**—67 years. Learned to ring at St. Martin's, Stamford, in 1903 and in 1904 went to live at Hull. He joined the Holy Trinity band under the conductorship of Charles Jackson and one of his choicest memories is a peal of Treble Ten in which he rang, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff and in which were the following other well-known ringers:—T. H. Taffender, Sid Palmer, William Pearson, Charles Jackson, Clement Glenn and James George. At the age of 24 years a physical disability in which he lost one leg put a stop to much of his ringing, but his interest did not diminish, and he is seen regularly at many of the Leicester Diocesan Guild meetings. He has been a regular member of the Wymondham band since he went to live there.

**SMITH, Edward E.**—79 years. Started ringing at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and rang there for many years. He afterwards joined St. Martin's band, Leicester, and for some years rang there with George Cleal, Sam Cotton and other Leicester stalwarts. He took part in Queen Victoria's Jubilee peal at St. Martin's. He recalls being in London when Queen Victoria died and took part in a muffled quarter peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He now lives at Thurnby, near Leicester, and for some time has not been able to take an active part in ringing.

What a grand record of church work the above-named ringers have to their credit. Is it not on the foundation laid by them and of others who assisted them that the present advanced ringing has been built? Such years of faithful service to the church reflects just what the church meant and still means to them. Is it not right and proper to ask: 'Does it mean as much to us?' There is little doubt that many of the rings of bells upon which we have the privilege of ringing to-day were maintained and in some cases put in the church towers by and through the enthusiasm of these stalwarts of so many years' standing. Let us not forget what we owe to them and let us further see to it that they are not forgotten. H. J. P.

## A DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Mellons, Cardiff, recorded elsewhere in this paper, was of special importance to the Sunday service band. It was rung to celebrate the double silver wedding of four of its members. Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams are all ringers, although ill-health has recently forced Mrs. Williams to give up. In addition, two other members of the Hulbert family, namely, the Misses Dyllis and Edna Hulbert, are both regular Sunday ringers at St. Mellons Church. Miss Dyllis Hulbert, who took part in the peal, is the first lady ringer to participate in a peal at St. Mellons.

Mr. George Monk, the treble ringer, will celebrate his 77th birthday in December, and he is one of the original band who started when the bells were installed in 1914. He taught the entire band to ring with the exception of Mr. Williams, who learnt at Rumney. Mrs. Williams was one of the ladies' band which was formed at Rumney during the 1914-18 war.

The tower captain, Mr. R. H. Addis, unfortunately had to withdraw from the band owing to a poisoned arm. Grandsire Doubles was chosen as being the method which the ringers knew best of all. The service band has, however, on its repertoire of methods (rung regularly for service, the following:—Stedman Doubles, Plain and Little Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The peal was a great credit to the members of the band and they look forward to repeating the performance in celebration of a double golden wedding. J. R. W.

## MORE AUGUST OUTINGS

IN SEARCH OF EXPERIENCE  
From Wales to England

In contrast to the general movement of touring teams from the East to the West, Saturday, August 11th, saw an excursion in the opposite direction when the Sunday service band of Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, left that village at the early hour of 7.30 a.m. for a visit from Wales into England.

The scheduled time of arrival at Machynlleth, 18 miles distant, was 8.25 a.m. and dead on time the Rector, the Rev. L. Hughes, and Foreman Davies, as well as Mr. H. B. Fearn, were there to lead the visitors into church. After the opening prayer by the team's Vicar, the Rev. O. Geoffrey Rees, M.A., some Grandsire Triples and Doubles were enjoyed.

A quarter of an hour was gained on the schedule to Newtown by 10 a.m., despite the impediments of steep hills, narrow, sinuous roads and cattle on the highway. The Rector, the Rev. H. S. Willis, had already raised the bells, and, following the opening prayer by the Rev. E. E. T. Jones, curate of Llanbadarn Fawr, the band, joined by the Rector, indulged in a short session of Grandsire Doubles. They proceeded on their way only after accepting a kind and pressing invitation to Newtown again in the near future.

An unofficial break for refreshments cost the party 15 minutes' delay here but the time table was duly honoured to Welshpool, where the curate, the Rev. Albert Edwards, M.A., was thus able to renew his association with the Rev. O. G. Rees, and where Montgomeryshire ringers were assembled in force to welcome the West Walians. They joined in a touch of Triples conducted by their captain.

St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was reached at 12.45 p.m. with a welcome from Messrs. Beddow, Owen, Brooks and Willcox. For the youngsters it was a unique experience to take part in the ringing of the twelve. These back bells, especially, leave one with memories of melodious resonance.

When lunch was completed, St. Michael's was the first on the programme but, unfortunately, it was not possible to do more than raise and lower the bells in this tower. There was compensation at St. Mary's where all ten bells beneath the 210 feet high steeple were manned by the tourists before Messrs. A. Owen and Ernie Willcox helped with some Grandsire. Of all the bells of Shrewsbury, these undoubtedly possess the best tone and cannot but delight every musical ear. The friendly quip of an affable constable on his beat outside, after the allotted half-hour's ringing, was 'You called a Bob in the wrong place.'

Condover, five miles distant, was the next rendezvous, the tower from which 'beautiful' ringing spreads itself across the hills and plains of southern Shropshire. Ringing from the floor of the church to the length of 60 feet ropes was certainly a novel experience for the adolescents. Towards the end of the half-hour, Mr. H. Lloyd, of Barrington, irresistibly called by the sound of the bells, arrived by motor-cycle, and he then acted as guide to the driver on the country lane journey to Berrington Church, approximately two miles distant.

This was the last tower to be visited and nothing that had happened in the course of the ringing tour surpassed the six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung by Messrs. A. Owen (St. Mary's, Shrewsbury) 1, E. Winstanley (Llanbadarn Fawr) 2, Ernest Cox (Berrington) 3, W. H. Lloyd (Berrington) 4, Ernie Willcox (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury) 5, and W. Ward (Llanbadarn Fawr) 6. This was conducted by Mr. Lloyd before the bells were dropped in peal in fitting climax to a delightful day's ringing.

There still remained the 80 miles' return journey along which everybody from time to time would note the comfortable coach, the

good shopping at Shrewsbury, the improvement of the weather from three o'clock onwards, the relaxation and singing through Mid-Wales, and the heavy rain and mist which came on near the Plinlimmon Mountains as they slope down to Cardigan Bay.

There is already an eagerness to save modest weekly shillings for next year's event, when it is hoped that the six ringers unavoidably absent this time will be among the party. As the Vicar so aptly put it: Mae hwn in siwr o fod yn brofiad i'r clochdyddion o gyd. (This is sure to be an experience to all the ringers.)

## STAPLETON, BRISTOL

On August 18th, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Stapleton, whose ringing of Stedman Doubles was such an outstanding incident (ahem!) in a recent edition of Ted Ray's 'Calling all Forces' programme, took another opportunity of practising rounds on four different six-bell towers in Gloucestershire.

We thought it at least good form not to set off without the ringing captain so the start was a little delayed while a phone call to his wife succeeded only in worrying her to death because he had left home in good time. However, a belated bus brought not only its own but also our 'conductor' and we were soon under way.

Four more stops to pick up the rest of our party and an uneventful ride brought us on time to Wickwar (tenor 12 cwt.), where a quick review of our capabilities showed that although we could form two distinct bands, each capable of ringing up to Bob Minor, we should have been unable to make even one Triples team.

However, a well-filled hour passed all too quickly and yet the enjoyment of it was soon surpassed by the beauties of the drive towards Woodchester, near Stroud. The weather was perfect and from the heights of the Cotswolds we could see across the Severn to Sugar Loaf Mountain and beyond to the Brecon Beacons in Wales—a truly memorable view.

We were sorry to drop down once more into Woodchester but the whole of our party was soon fully occupied by the two attractions of our visit—the bells (tenor 13 cwt.) for the ringers, and the Roman Villa, with its famous mosaic pavement, for the non-ringers.

The archaeologists scored over the campanologists who found the bells somewhat lacking in tone, 'go' and audibility—the two trebles are hung ten feet above the other four. Early in the proceedings, those less stalwart had faded away, ostensibly to 'hear what they sound like outside' (Belfrymanship for 'you can keep 'em'). We covered most of our repertoire and, with two of the local ringers, completed a successful 'fall'. Thank you, Woodchester!

Our non-ringers, on the other hand, were greatly impressed by the Roman excavations, which have attracted 40,000 visitors in the last six weeks and the proceeds of admission at 1s. per head go towards the upkeep of the church. £2,000 in six weeks! Start digging, you hard-up parishes—you never know!

To ensure a prompt get-away, tea was arranged at the next stop, Stonehouse. Everyone did justice to a good meal, and then what should have been an hour's ringing was extended by twenty minutes because of the qualities of the bells, and here we rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Erin Doubles and Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob.

Before leaving, we thanked Mr. Tom Price for all his help in arranging tea, parking facilities, ringing at Stonehouse and for many helpful hints for the day's programme.

Reluctantly we made for Stone, our final stop of the day, where, with gentle handling, the tuneful little six (tenor 7½ cwt.) gave us an enjoyable hour. The 'Berkeley Vale,' opposite the church, claimed its gradual toll and when those of us in the tower finally called 'Lower away' we had been beaten to it. R. G. B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHARGES FOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am in agreement with your correspondent who suggests a fee for the publication of peals. A charge of one penny per ringer, or say a standard charge of sixpence per peal would be no hardship and could be easily collected and sent by the person submitting the peal.

It would create little administrative work since publication of the peal would act as receipt of cash and evidence to 'The Ringing World's' auditor of so much income to be accounted for.

After all, a good proportion of our paper is devoted to peal ringing matters and it is only fair that we should help the paper during a difficult period.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

NOTE.—Any donations that accompany peals or quarter peals are most acceptable.—Ed.

## PATERNAL CONCERN!

Dear Sir,—I write to give you warning that I intend to promote a Bill in Parliament to have church bells destroyed and bellringers exterminated. I also propose to sue someone for damages.

Some time ago my son caught the disease, and started a band or team or whatever it is called. He now spends most of his time touring the country ringing. Result: although I own a car it is never available for my use. I have a typewriter which is becoming sadly worn through typing strings of figures which I am told are 'methods.' I used to have someone who could do my shopping for me—I must now do my own. I find myself dreaming of minors and majors and bobs and doubles. Worst of all, I get impatient if 'The Ringing World' does not arrive on time.

As I like to be fair I enclose a small contribution towards the cost of briefing Counsel for the Defence.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR M. MORRIS.

Childer Thornton, Cheshire.

## AN UNWRITTEN RULE

Dear Sir,—In congratulating the bands who rang peals at Sherborne and Wyke Regis during the Kent ringers' tour, may I remind those responsible of an 'unwritten rule' of the West Country—that peals rung in an area covered by a Guild should be recorded for that Guild. It seems strange that peals rung in a neighbouring Association were rung for that Association, but when the touring bands were welcomed into the Salisbury Guild the two peals scored were recorded for the Kent County Association.

The explanation given in the report of the tour by A. P. C. does not cover the point.

I should hate to think it was through lack of courtesy or the fact that life ringing members' subscription had been increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s.

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—I am informed by Mr. C. W. Roberts that he has discovered falseness in a peal of 5.100 Stedman Caters, rung at Gosforth, Northumberland, on August 16th, 1930.

It is included in the 1929-1930 report of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and I shall be pleased if ringers in possession of this report will mark the figures accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. DAVIDSON.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## EAST KENT'S FRIENDLINESS

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a Kentish holiday I feel I would like to offer a word of thanks and appreciation to the ringers I met in the eight towers I visited.

I met with the utmost kindness and friendliness and would especially like to thank Mr. F. Cheal, of Rainham, who gave me such a grand welcome: also Mr. Knight and his band at Rochester Cathedral who helped me through my first attempt at Bob Royal 'inside': whilst at Canterbury Mr. Unwin and the Cathedral band enabled me, to ring my first attempt at Grandsire Cinques—with some measure of credit, I believe.

Greetings and thanks to Messrs. Mannering, Baker and Head, at Maidstone, also St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, as well as to Mr. Dobbie and his band at Sittingbourne, where I found a delightful ringing chamber, lovely bells, and a most helpful and friendly company. At Gillingham Parish Church I found a band of keen teen-agers who ring call changes quite well but are anxious to go ahead with chameranging if help can be obtained from one or two competent instructors, and it seems as if there is in this tower good material ready for development. At Rochester I received enquiries about Mr. W. Shute, of Ferndown, whilst Mr. J. T. Dyke's name is a household word at Canterbury.

So here's thanks once again to those likeable ringers of Kent who helped to make so pleasant and memorable the visit of an ordinary ringer of unknown quality.

J. B. P.

Dorset.

## THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I thank the following peal composers who so kindly sent me musical touches containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington changes:—Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester; Mr. J. T. Dyke, Bath; Mr. Wm. T. Slson, London. S.W.6; Mr. Wm. Shepherd, Addlestone, and an anonymous writer who sent me a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the whole three required changes, 30 calls, all bobs.

Now I want eight expert ringers to let the B.B.C. and musicians know what music can be had from a well-tapped touch. These musical touches ought to be published so that all ringers can perform them and give greater pleasure to the British public.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northamptonshire

## A DUPLICATE

Dear Sir,—I feel sure it would interest all those ringers who keep records to know that Nettleham Surprise rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, on June 23rd, 1951, had already been rung at Withyham on March 21st, 1948, and named Withyham Surprise. I have it noted as a method by E. W. Tipler.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. HOARE.

Watford.

## KENT RINGERS' TOUR

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in your issue of August 24th Mr. Cannon's account of the visit to Somerset and Dorset and especially that he had visited Coombe St. Nicholas', Whitestaunton and Wambrook. He stated: 'It is probable that the change ringing on two of them, at least, was the first on the bells.' I do not know to which two he refers but I am pleased to be able to say that I took a band of ringers to Whitestaunton and Wambrook in the spring of this year and change ringing was rung in both towers.

Incidentally, I was sorry to learn whilst on holiday in Cornwall that one evening I probably missed Mr. Cannon and his party by about eight miles.—Yours sincerely

E. T. P. FIELD

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

### IN COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Turner's letter inquiring whether there are touches containing Whittington's change, I should like to submit a few musical touches of Grandsire Triples, resulting from a little private war between Mr. Tom Farr, of Windsor, and myself, before the war.

Among my touches I found a 322 containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's, which I called, and remarked to Mr. Farr that I thought it possible to produce such a musical touch in less changes. Mr. Farr next week presented me with a 308, to which I replied the following week with a 294. Mr. Farr, I thought, broke the rules in winding up the contest with a 252 containing Whittington's at handstroke—I had not even considered using a handstroke row!

The touches referred to above are:—

322	234567	308	234567	294	234567
S	762453 2		752634 1	S	762453 2
S	357246 2	S	327546 3	S	357246 2
	263457 1	S	563427 1	S	643725 2
	572346 2		275346 2	S	526374 2
S	275346 4	S	362475 1		675243 3
	362475 1		753246 2		546732 3
	543762 1	S	357246 4		275346 1
	625374 2	S	643725 2		362475 1
S	526374 4	S	526374 2		753246 2
S	475632 2		475632 2		267453 1
S	234567 2	S	234567 2	P.L.	234567 2

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S 762453 2

S 357246 2

S 643725 2

S 526374 2

345726 1

673245 1

736245 4

P.L. 723564 1

S 467352 2

234567 1

Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

## 322 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Here is a service touch composed by the late William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, containing Whittington's, Queen's and Tittum's:—

234567

1	572634	S
2	345267	—
3	563472	—
2	275346	S Whittington's
1	362475	S
2	753246	—
4	357246	S Queen's
2	643725	S
2	526374	S Tittum's
2	475632	S
2	234567	S

Yours faithfully,

B. G. KEY.

Burton-on-Trent.

## CAPTAINCY OF MARDEN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I find in August 24th issue of 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Cannon has conferred upon me the captaincy of the Marden ringers. This is entirely untrue.

While Marden has such a keen and conscientious Sunday service ringing band, led by their very able Ringing Master, Mr. Fred W. Mitchell, they will have no need of my help in this direction.—Yours sincerely,

S. GEOFFREY WATERS

Marden, Kent.



## OUTINGS—Cont.

## NAILSEA, SOMERSET

Ringers from Holy Trinity, Nailsea, with friends from neighbouring towers, held their annual outing on August 11th. An early start was made at 8 a.m., and from the opulent comfort of a brand new luxury 41-seater coach, reputed to have cost more than a heavy ring of twelve, the tourists viewed with equanimity the almost continual rain which fell that day, the only apparent adverse effect being a modification of Clifford's sartorial style, the headgear he affected on this occasion having more of a continental motif instead of the Edwardian elegance to which he usually adheres; still, he remembered the gallon jar, so all was forgiven!

This year the tour eschewed foreign parts and kept within the confines of native Summerzet, to Leonard's evident satisfaction. The first stop was on Sedgemoor at Meare; originally an island surrounded by an intensive lake; it was one of the residences of the Abbots of Glastonbury, part of whose manor is incorporated in a farm adjoining the church. The heavyish ring of six here proved a bit odd-struck, but the ringing was quite up to standard. At Ashcott, a new augmentation and rehanging job from the Loughborough foundry made things much easier and it was with reluctance that the party left in order to keep to their schedule. Somerton was reached at 12 noon, and while waiting for the tower key, the magnificent roof was duly admired. After ringing came lunch, and a hurried look around this old town with its ancient town hall and 17th century market cross.

The heaviest rain fell on the trip to Barrington, where the ladies braved the downpour in order to visit the great house. Barrington Court, now the property of the National Trust, but they could only admire the outside as the house was not open that day. Here the ringers made good use of a noisy little ring of six, but unfortunately the church, like the manor, was locked, and the only glimpse available was through a squint in the ringing room. The greatest treat of the day came at Ilminster with its magnificent heavy ring of eight hanging in one of Somerset's finest central towers; the church here is well worth a prolonged inspection, with its memorials to the Wadham family, who founded one of the handsomest of the Oxford colleges. The tourists had tea at Ilminster, a fully satisfying meal and ringing was continued until after 7 p.m., the time of departure, as they were loath to leave those superb bells.

The last call—for ringing—was at Montacute which, in addition to a noble church, boasts of one of the most splendid Elizabethan houses in the whole of England. The tall central tower here is reputed to oscillate to a greater degree than any other, and it is quite believable, as those ringers sitting out swayed backwards and forwards on their stools in an alarming manner, and the weather-vane on top of the tower careered round drunkenly to the dismay of some of the ladies; still, the Vicar, who welcomed the visitors, said the founders who had recently rehung the bells assured him that it was all quite normal, and the locals had become accustomed to this excessive movement, but it made ringing rather difficult as the bells are inclined to drop unexpectedly and they are anything but light to handle.

A final pause was made at Wedmore for liquid fortification on the way home. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and steeple-keepers through whose co-operation the arrangements were made and to the coach driver who manipulated his huge conveyance through some of the narrowest unsignposted lanes in the county without once losing his way. Ringing ranged from Queen's to Cambridge.

E. G. C.

## KEYMER, SUSSEX

Together with the Rector, and visitors from Twineham, Hurstpierpoint and Godshill, the ringers of Keymer, Sussex, and their wives and friends, held their third annual outing on August 11th.

The coach left Keymer at 7.30 a.m. and set out for Salisbury. The weather very quickly deteriorated and by 11 o'clock had settled down to a steady downpour—a downpour which continued all day. At Stockbridge the pleasant ring of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) was put to good use for about half an hour.

On leaving Stockbridge we made for Stonehenge but as it was still raining we did not stop and went on to Salisbury. Lunch was taken at Salisbury followed by ringing at St. Martin's. The eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) were kept going for three-quarters of an hour before we made our way back to the coach and started for Romsey. After tea at Romsey, Mr. A. J. Backshall (captain) presented Mrs. Romney and Miss Clark with two brooches as a 'thank you' for organising whist drives throughout the year. (To anyone interested, these can prove quite profitable!)

Tea over, the local secretary was found and permission hurriedly obtained to ring the Abbey bells—a smart piece of tower-snatching described by the local paper with the words: 'had the unexpected pleasure of being invited to ring an eight-bell peal on the bells.' (We assumed that it was either the fastest peal on the bells or else some parts had been left out!) The last ring of the day was at Wickham (six, tenor 13 cwt.) and the methods included Cambridge (with the aid of four visitors!). Kent, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

The homeward journey was made via Chichester and Amberley (where a stop was made for 'light refreshment'). We arrived home at about 11.30 p.m.—damp but 'appy'!

M. U. G.

## MID-DEVON BRANCH OUTING

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its outing on Saturday, August 25th. The party were augmented by members of other branches and the Teign Valley was the venue, where there are a number of six-bell towers.

The first call was at Trusham, where there is a handy ring of six bells, and where the tourists were met by the Vicar. After three-quarters of an hour's ringing, the next objective was Ashton, with its long draught of rope. From here the journey was continued to Christow, where there is a fine ring, after which a halt was called at a wayside cafe for tea. The next venue was Dunsford with its long draught and springy ropes and where it seems the bells require some attention. The last calling place was Tedburn St. Mary, where the bells have only lately been restored after being silent for over half a century, and, incidentally, it was the best tower of the afternoon.

Despite the inclement weather the venture was quite successful and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World'

September 8th, 1911

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON

The bells of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter have done duty for more than two centuries. The bell frame being now in a dilapidated condition, the church authorities have decided to have the ten bells recast, with a tenor about 35 cwt., and to place a new steel and iron frame in the tower to carry twelve. The approximate cost of executing this work will be something like £700, and towards this amount about £550 has already been subscribed or promised.

## NOTICES

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## MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Marv's, Nether Alderley, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Short meeting to follow. Visitors most welcome.—W. Stevenson, Hon. Sec. 9363



**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD**.—Turners Hill (8), September 8th. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's, 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 9385

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ingatestone (6), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available after tea. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9356

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fyfield (6), September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. There is a taxi service from Ongar Station. 9355

**EVESHAM BELL TOWER**.—Dedication of ring of 12 bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Saturday, September 8th, at 2.30. Service will take place at the base of the tower. 9384

**HEREFORD GUILD**.—Hereford District.—Lugwardine (8), September 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. 9373

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin. Dis. Sec. 9392

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9357

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Saturday, September 8th. Final Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Everybody welcome, ringers and non-ringers.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 9349

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 9412

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 8th. Walthamstow. St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, 3.30 to 5. Tea, Lyons Cafe, 5.30. Business and further ringing, St. Mary's, 6.30.—A. Boyack. Dis. Sec. 9372

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks. South Bucks and South Oxon Mid-Bucks Joint.—Saturday, September 8th, Watlington. Oxon, at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger. 9369

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Brightwalton (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. 9374

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Henley, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 6.15—8.30 p.m. 9340

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting at Hodnet (8), September 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Geoffrey C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 9424

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Brighton, Saturday, September 8th. Bells: Good Shepherd 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' during evening. Tea 4.30.—B. W. White. 9377

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, September 8th, at Heptonstall. Bells (8) 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler. Hon. Dis. Sec. 9321

**KEYMER, SUSSEX**.—Ringers' Sunday, September 9th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (please notify). Ringing: Matins and Evensong, 9.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. All are welcome.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodland Road, Hassocks. Tel. 703. 9347

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Bridgewater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cannington, September 15th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short. Hon. Local Sec. 9418

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, September 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo. Long Ashton. 9419

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Luton District.—Meeting at Westoning on September 15th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Bring food.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 9427

**BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH, KENT**.—The new ring of eight bells, recast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, September 15th, at 4 p.m. by the Right Rev. Bishop Guy Warman, D.D. All ringers are welcome to have a ring after the dedication.—Rev. Murray Walton, The Vicarage, Bromley, Kent. 9434

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Crewe Branch.—Astbury, 6 bells, September 15th. 2.30 p.m. Please send names, before 12th, to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9430

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Stoke, Coventry, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., arranged only for those who notify, by September 13th, R. D. Hayne, 149, Avon Street, Coventry. 9410

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, September 15th. This meeting is in place of the one at Morpeth which was cancelled. Names for tea, by September 12th, to J. Palmer, 104, Bedford Terrace, North Shields. 9417

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 15th. Morton (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 12th, to Mr. P. Wright, 26, New Street, Morton, Derby. 9435

**ELY ASSOCIATION**.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, September 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox. Dis. Sec. 9437

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cleeve on September 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tolhysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 9416

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, September 15th. Bells (8) open 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Ringing 6 to 8 afterwards. Names for tea by 12th, to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Saddington, Cirencester. 9440

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker (8) on September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea not later than Monday, September 10th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9390

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 followed by meeting (these arrangements subject to confirmation). All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.—J. Woods. Sec. 9433

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, September 15th. Bring own food.—S. Walmsley. 9432

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, September 15th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Breedon Cafe. Names by September 5th, to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Cont Oak, Markfield. 9429

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, September 15th. Tea 5 p.m.—Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen. Dis. Sec. 9415

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Wilfred Taffender Memorial Service, Saturday, September 15th. St. Mary's Lambeth. Ringing, half-muffled, 4.30-6 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. All welcome. 9470

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**.—Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, by September 12th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cynliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9439

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Village Hall, for those who notify, by September 10th, Frank Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison. Hon. Sec. 9371

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Britford, September 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 4.30 for those who send their names, by 11th, to J. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. 9399

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Okeford Fitzpaine, September 15th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 9404

**SALISBURY GUILD**.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury on Saturday, September 15th. Usual arrangements. Beamster available after 6 p.m.—C. H. Lathey. 9422

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, September 15th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. 9382

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Upper Beeding, September 15th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9408

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Mottisfont, September 15th. Bells 2.30. Lockerley after tea. Names for tea by September 11th.—M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9421

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, September 15th. 2.30. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. Derek Watson, 4, Palfrey Road, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec. 9479

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and the CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on September 15th at 3 p.m. For tea, notify, by Wednesday, 12th, P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 9420

**MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH**.—Corporate Communion, September 16th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying, by September 13th, W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 9394

**DEVON GUILD**.—East Devon Branch.—Luppitt, September 22nd. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than 17th, to Mr. E. Thorne, Luppitt, Honiton, Devon. 9402

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting and contest at Liversedge, September 22nd. For teas, notify, by September 15th, F. Hodgson, 103, Unlon Road, Liversedge.—A. Farrand. Sec. 9366

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton Latimer, September 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 19th, to Mrs. F. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Northants. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth. Hon. Sec. 9388

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Scottow on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, September 17th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9411

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Ardington on Saturday, September 22nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for which, notify by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon Berks. 9407

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 20th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 9409

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—St. Andrew's, Cotton. Dedication of the two new trebles and the opening of the bells, Saturday, September 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Ipswich. Service 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9300

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Otlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9379

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting at Eltham, September 29th. Details later.—A. B. Peck. 9436

**SNOWDEN DINNER.**—York, September 29th, 1951. Tickets 9s. each. Applications to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. 9364

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, October 13th. Tickets 10s. 6d. (juniors 7s. 6d.). Please reply and enclose remittance, before October 5th, to Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 9431

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## THE RINGING OF DOUBLES

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

**A**MONG many members of the Exercise there is a feeling that Doubles should be rung on five bells without the assistance of a covering bell. The Central Council does not insist on this condition, nor does it lay down that peals of Doubles rung with a cover shall not be recognised. But in the regulations there is an undercurrent of suggestion that peals of Doubles shall be reserved for five bells. In view of the Council's fierce and uncompromising opposition to peals of Triples rung on seven bells the view taken over Doubles may seem strange and perhaps inconsistent. In each case there is a curious odd-bell rhythm, and in each case it might seem that a covering bell was necessary to supply what was lacking to the ear.

The cases of Doubles and Triples are not, however, on all fours. While the rhythm of seven bells all changing is strangely incomplete and unsatisfactory, the rhythm of five bells all changing is not only reasonably complete to the ear, but is also possessed of a charm of its own. The late J. A. Trollope held that the ringing of Doubles, struck slowly and carefully on five bells, was one of the best forms of change ringing to present to the general public either direct or through the broadcasting medium; and there is much to be said for this view. One thing is certain. To ring, let us say, Stedman Doubles accurately on five bells is a great test of a ringer's powers of striking, and, more than this, of his ability to maintain a high standard of striking over a long period. On ten or twelve bells occasional minor faults or misblows may escape notice; on five bells every defect will be startlingly apparent.

Whatever views we may hold on the question of covering bells there can be no doubt that the presence of a tenor behind in Doubles brings one advantage. In Doubles 54's at backstroke are pretty well equivalent to 65's in Minor; and it is a rather striking and interesting fact that while nobody will tolerate 65's at backstroke in Minor, yet in the ringing of Doubles the corresponding odd effect of 54 behind at backstroke causes no comment. As is well known, half the six-scores of Grandsire Doubles bring up reversed tenors at some point, and in other Doubles methods a great number of extents perforce incorporate the same feature. By the addition of a covering bell the effect of 54 at backstroke (considered in Minor

to be a serious musical defect) is eliminated, and in this respect it may be argued that the cover justifies itself.

It is often urged that the desirability of ringing Doubles on five bells is based on the general principle that if there are six bells in the tower, then Minor should be rung and not Doubles. It is perhaps a negative argument and does not take into account the possibility of the ringers finding certain methods of Doubles more interesting than Bob Minor, or the desire of ringers to enjoy Doubles with a covering bell, whatever their proficiency. The argument also neglects entirely the question of handbell ringing, where any attempt to urge the ringing of Doubles on five bells only would inevitably land the Central Council in a labyrinth of controversy, involving, among other matters, single-handed handbell peals.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' September 15th, 1911

### A LETTER FROM THE ANTIPODES

We have received an interesting and welcome letter from Mr. Arthur E. Bames, of Melbourne, who is well known by name to members of the Exercise in this country. Mr. Bames writes:—

'I am sorry to say that the noble art has not many devotees here. It never was in a prosperous condition. . . . In Melbourne we have three rings . . . and the interest is so lukewarm that a combined team cannot be relied on. It is over seven years since a peal was rung in Australia, and only once since then has a peal been near accomplishment, namely, two years ago in Sydney, when a combined band . . . attempted Holt's original and lost it eight leads from home owing to the tenor man failing.

'About four years ago . . . we started on handbells with Bob Major. . . . Later we went in for Grandsire Triples and have rung some long lengths, the most being 2,940 in 94 minutes.

'I can assure you the way of a change ringer in Australia is very hard. . . . The native-born youth is not a glutton for ringing, possibly because no one in authority helps it along. I am afraid that this country will be like America, never a centre of change ringing. . . .'

[It is gratifying that, at the present day, ringing in Australia is in a much healthier condition. This is largely due, we feel, to the efforts of the New South Wales Association's founder and secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe.]



## MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

All peals were rung for the Midland Counties Guild.

### SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat,

EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 7
*JOHN UNDERWOOD .. .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

### BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN UNDERWOOD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ALAN CATTELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

### REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

### A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5
*JOHN UNDERWOOD .. .. 2	JACK BAILEY .. .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

### ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HORACE MYATT .. .. Treble	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

### NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 6
RHODA HEMMINGS .. .. 3	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7
SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 4	HENRY C. ADAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* 1,300th peal and marks the 45th anniversary of Mr. Ernest Morris's first peal.

### MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5024 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER .. .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

Rung on the eve of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of this church.

### ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	†RONALD BARLOW .. .. 5
*HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	†EWART H. EDGE .. .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ALAN CATTELL .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Superlative Surprise. A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Morris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

### DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	*PHILIP WHITAKER .. .. 6
*RONALD BARLOW .. .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 8
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. .. 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5	JACK BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore has now completed the Plain Bob group from Minor to Maximus.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. Treble	†JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 10
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 11
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.

### LINCOLN.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 8
HERBERT LOWMAN .. .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 9
JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. 10
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 5	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 11
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6	ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 8
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 9
ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 5	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 25th peal together. First peal of Pudsey Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.



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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	SAMUEL BIRCH .. .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING .. .. 5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

A compliment to Mr. D. W. F. Harrison and Miss M. E. Pym on the occasion of their wedding at this church. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stitch.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
*JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. .. 3	WALTER J. COPE .. .. 8
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 9
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 5	JOHN LUCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

\*50th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. Treble	†RAYMOND JOHNSON .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. 3	ALEC CAIRNS .. .. 8
RICHARD BENSON .. .. 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 9
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5	JOHN BENSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS.

\*First peal of Grandsire. †First peal on ten bells. Rung after the marriage of Miss Kathleen Grundy and Mr. Wilfred Howell.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. Treble	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 7
†DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANCK .. 8
†MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 4	DONALD COOMBS .. .. 9
†HERBERT G. GODDARD .. 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS (No. 2). Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\*First peal of Bob Royal 'inside.' †First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5
JOHN V. DAVIS .. .. 2	BRUCE B. ROGERS .. .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 7
MARY E. DAVIS .. .. 4	JOHN COLES .. .. Tenor
EDWARD F. M. SAMSON .. 5	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

A 'coming of age' birthday compliment to Miss Mary Davis.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

SAMUEL PINDER .. .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 5
JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE .. 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.. Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Edward C. Goby.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being four methods, viz.: 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung for the Festival of Britain celebrations.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

GEORGE A. PACKER .. Treble	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 5
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING .. .. 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 7
†WILFRED KERR .. .. 4	JOHN HOLLOWAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. Treble	R. LEIGH (St. Catherine's) 5
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 6
DR. F. S. POOLE (Sidney) .. 3	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JANE M. HOOKE .. .. Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	NORMAN G. MCCRUM .. 6
†DAVID S. HARRIS .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. Specially arranged for John B. Bennett, home on leave from Germany, and as a farewell peal to Terence A. Thorner, who is leaving to complete his National Service.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Holt's Original. .. Treble	JAMES SKEATS .. .. 5
ARTHUR HATCH .. .. 2	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 3	HARRY ANDERSON .. .. 7
THOMAS WILSON .. .. 4	JOHN BENSON .. .. Tenor
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON .. 5	

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung for the centenary of the incorporation of the Borough of Blackburn and to commemorate the augmentation of the bells at the Cathedral in 1851 from a ring of six to a ring of ten.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's reduced. Tenor 14 cwt.

R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. Treble	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 5
*MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (Cath's) 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selw.) 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's.) .. 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selw.).. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\*First peal in the method.



## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET FIDELL .. .. Treble	*EDMUND P. CROWDY .. .. 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. R. Keen, Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Anderson, Deputy Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. .. 6
†AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

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

## WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Treble	PHILIP COOTE .. .. 5
*PETER LONGLEY (13) .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
ARTHUR FIRTH .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. G. C. Briggs has now circled this tower. A Festival of Britain peal.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*ROBERT J. LINDSELL (14) Treble	ALFRED PERRY .. .. 5
ALFRED LITTLE .. .. 2	GEORGE SCHLUETER .. .. 6
FRANK HARRINGTON .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. 7
HENRY PRATT .. .. 4	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal. 85th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment for Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, who was 70 the previous Sunday. The ringing of the treble and the conductor of the peal are both pupils of Mr. Wiffen.

## CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GLADYS K. JARRETT .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. 2	HARRY SPRINGATE .. .. 6
LEONARD C. WELLS .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 6
*MARION GRAIN .. .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 7
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

TERRY R. HAMPTON .. Treble	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 6
†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	†JOHN PINFOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † 100th peal together. First of Yorkshire as conductor.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
DONALD COOMBS .. .. 2	SYDNEY PENFOLD .. .. 6
HARRY TURNER .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. 4	JOHN H. SITCH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	HAROLD PALING .. .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 2	*PETER NIX .. .. 6
*GEORGE E. PADGETT .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
*HERBERT LEWIN .. .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Double Norwich on an 'inside' bell.

## HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*WILLIAM F. TODD .. Treble	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 5
LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. .. 6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. 3	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 7
GEORGE CHERRY .. .. 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal of Major. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, Canon E. C. Kempe, on his retirement.

## HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	*PERCY NEWTON .. .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON .. .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	WALTER LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

\* 125th peal.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GORDON F. CLARKE .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 5
*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 7
†REG. D. HAYDEN .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

\* Has four times circled this tower. † First peal in the method.

## LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

E. ROGER MARTIN .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS .. .. 5
JOHN CHARNOCK .. .. 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH .. .. 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal in the method on the bells.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, five extents each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten extents of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DESMOND ROBERTS .. .. Treble	*DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. 4
RONALD H. MEWIES .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 3	*SIDNEY DANIELS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal in five methods.

DOWLISH WAKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 six-scores (10 callings), three variations of Morris's 240's, three of Price's 240's and two of Pitman's 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. HILL .. .. Treble	REGINALD C. BEALE .. .. 3
JACK W. DREW .. .. 2	REGINALD BEALE .. .. 4

HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal on five bells by all. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

OCKLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 4
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells and since 1931.

OXFORD.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 4
DAVID R. REED .. .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob and one extent of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARNER .. .. 4
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. P. Ruck, who was for 26 years organist and choirmaster at the above church.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JAMES L. FITZGERALD .. Treble	*DAVID S. VOSS .. .. 4
*YVONNE PORTER .. .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor for this Association.



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### COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 105 methods as follows: (1) Poynton, Elsham, Benington, Denton, Dunholm, Chelford, Bassingham, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Freiston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall and Bastow; (2) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Blaxhall, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhope, Stratton, Buxton, Little Bob and Crayford; (3) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril and Berkeley; (4) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract; (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Taxal, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, Morning Star and Elston; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Boge-done, Wilmslow, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Nelson, Ely, Bourne and Hull; (7) Plain Bob, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, College, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney, Windermere and Frodsham. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in 105 methods.

### ACTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT E. SUTTON .. .. Treble	†STANLEY SUTTON .. .. 4
M. ROY BOYER .. .. 2	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 5
J. BRIAN BOYER .. .. 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SUTTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. First peal rung by local ringers. Rung to celebrate the 800th year of the church.

### DAMERHAM, HANTS. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MARY T. MACKENZIE .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 4
†JOAN M. GRAY .. .. 2	†DAVID R. REED .. .. 5
†JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 3	JACK MUSSELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

### DURLEIGH, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*ARTHUR H. REED .. .. Treble	*WILFRED R. KENT .. .. 4
*CECIL T. CLARKE .. .. 2	*FREDK. W. SWEET .. .. 5
*RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

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

### LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*C. FRANK VEASEY .. .. Treble	OLIVER S. TUCKER .. .. 4
EDWARD E. KING .. .. 2	†ERNEST J. TRIM .. .. 5
JOHN E. METCALFE .. .. 3	†REGINALD C. HARDY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. KING.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. Rung for St. Giles' Day.

### PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT TREBLE	PETER N. BOND .. .. 4
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. .. 5
B. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

Witness: NORMAN J. SMITH.

\* First peal.

### SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, two of Hurdis-bras, four of Reverse Canterbury, six of April Day, eight each of Plain Bob and Old Doubles, ten of Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HUGH LONGLAND .. .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3
D. HENRY METTAM .. .. 2	HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4

FRANK R. MITCHELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

### STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	CECIL RADDON .. .. 4
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

### WINFORD, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. .. 5
*J. W. MASSEY .. .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal in seven methods of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### ENFIELD NORTH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

#### THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT 2, FENTON ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

JONATHAN F. EGGLETON .. 1-2	R. R. DALLE NOGARE .. 3-4
PHILIP L. COOPER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by PHILIP L. COOPER.

First peal of Minor by all. First peal of Minor 'in hand' in Australia. First peal on the Guild's new bells.

### EXETER, DEVON.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE BALLROOM, THE ROUGE-MONT HOTEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

### OXFORD.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 27, BANBURY ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 3,776 Plain and 1,224 Little Bob, with 86 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 1-2	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) 3-4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5076 SPLICED MAJOR

Being eight methods, comprising: 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,404 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 432 Reverse Bob, 336 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 228 Wellington Little Bob, and 216 Crayford Little Bob, with 401 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7-8

\* Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in eight methods. Arranged for Brian Warwick.



**BARHAM, KENT.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire and 780 Plain Bob): D. Colthup (first quarter) 1, Miss J. N. Roberts 2, J. Walter (first quarter of Doubles) 3, W. C. E. Goldup 4, P. Newing (first quarter in two methods as cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell quarter to the conductor. First quarter on the bells.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Lindsell 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. Pratt 3, J. Warner 4, B. Redgwell 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. L. W. Wiffen on reaching his 70th birthday.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Lidgley 1, W. Wood 2, Miss E. Symons 3, Mrs. J. D. Niblett (cond.) 4, R. Short (first on eight) 5, J. D. Niblett 6, G. Walford 7, C. K. Brewer 8.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss F. Pickford 1, J. Hodgson 2, D. Mellor 3, Miss N. Howes 4, Miss J. Dunn 5, D. Scott 6, G. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley (first quarter in method) 1, W. H. Pool 2, J. W. Drew 3, H. D. W. Bishop 4, F. Precey 5, E. T. P. Field 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Barrett 1, Madeline Smith 2, Hilda Landon 3, A. G. Bartholomew 4, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 5, F. Day 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss R. Poulton and Mr. W. J. Barrett (the conductor's father), who were buried the previous day.

**HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Fadden 1, R. P. Crump 2, B. Hill (first quarter of Minor) 3, W. G. Kingston 4, D. H. Kingston 5, J. Crump (first quarter as cond.) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's on Aug. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. R. Martin 1, Pamela Martin 2, P. R. Layton 3, E. Barker 4, D. N. Layton (cond.) 5, W. Rose 6, N. V. Harding 7, R. E. Price 8.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Hunt 1, P. Harding (cond.) 2, F. Slafford 3, C. Barber 4, L. Hitchins 5, T. Ladd 6. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Scott 1, J. Burt 2, G. Coussins 3, J. Coombs (first 'inside') 4, D. Stone 5, A. Cross (cond.) 6, W. Wellington 7, I. MacRobert 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann West (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, Joyce Cox 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, W. H. Glasspool (first quarter as cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: J. G. Nash 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, Miss E. Fadden 4, W. J. Bowden 5, S. G. Peck 6, H. Miller 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. Rung on the occasion of the coming-of-age of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. A. Theobald (cond.) 1, J. G. M. Scott 2, R. P. Crump 3, J. E. Crump 4, R. D. Tomlin 5, W. Rawlins 6. First quarter Surprise Minor by all except ringer of treble. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Wilfred Taffender.

**STEVENTON, BERKS.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Bunce 1, A. Bennett 2, J. Jones 3, J. Jarvis 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, E. Fletcher 6. First in the method for 2 and 4.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss G. Burchnell (cond.) 1, B. Hough (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. Moxon 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, A. Wilson 5, E. Midwinter 6, Mrs. M. Jahme (first quarter) 7, H. Midwinter 8. Rung to welcome home from Canada Mrs. R. T. Keal, wife of the Vicar, and their daughters.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss A. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, R. Davidge 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, W. Sidwell 6, F. G. Wilton 7, E. J. Bovey 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10.

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Cousins, jun. 1, S. Elsey 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodmell, jun., 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

**WALLINGFORD, BERKS.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Castell 1, D. Slade 2, A. Jarvis 3, R. Skinner 4, J. Money 5, F. Absolom (first quarter as cond.) 6, J. Berry 7, W. Tame 8. First of Triples by 2, 3 and 7.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): R. Dorling 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, W. Stannard, sen. 4, R. J. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Phillips (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, A. Boyack 3, J. Hales 4, C. Willmington 5, J. Grove 6, J. Crampion 7, B. Petty 8. A farewell to Miss Phillips, who is leaving to enter the nursing profession.

**WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Fox 1, Miss Ella Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, C. Yardley 4, H. Kirby (cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

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Out of the 1,038 annual postal subscribers,  
411 have kindly sent the sum of 1s. 5d. or more  
to cover the increase in postage. Is your name  
amongst them?

The Rev. F. L. Edwards  
tells the story of 'Those  
Church Mice' in the North  
Dorset Church Magazine. The very thought  
of a parson having to sacrifice part of his  
cheese ration seems to have evoked national  
consternation, he writes.

'The Rector has been receiving letters from  
all over the country recommending various ex-  
pedients for getting rid of the mice without the  
use of cheese. Two or three correspondents  
sent gifts of poison, and one a toy mouse; two  
firms sent mousetraps, while a sympathetic  
'Church Mouse' presented two traps and a  
piece of cheese!

'Meanwhile a representative of the Ministry  
of Agriculture has proffered his services and  
treated the chancel with a suitable compound,  
and we are hoping that we shall be free from  
visitations of vermin for some time to come.'

The new secretary of the Cambridge Univer-  
sity Guild is Mr. C. M. P. Johnson, of Selwyn  
College.

In connection with the Kent ringers' tour  
there is a correction in the peal of Double Nor-  
wich Court Bob Major at Heavitree on July  
21st. The composition rung was by Mr. J.  
W. Pritchard and the number of changes 5,184.

Mr. Peter Longley, whose first peal is re-  
corded this week, is the ninth post-war pupil  
of Mr. Norman Chaddock, whose first peal  
he has called. Mr. J. E. Turley, Mr. H. O.  
Chaddock and Mr. G. C. Briggs have taken  
part in most of these nine separate peals of  
Bob Major.

The peal of Superlative at Lancaster Cathed-  
ral on September 1st was primarily arranged  
for Mr. Edwin Jennings, who is visiting friends  
and relations in Lancashire. The band record  
their appreciation of Mr. R. Rainford (the local  
tower-keeper) and his family for their kind hospi-  
tality offer the peal.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. D. T. Matkin, of  
Bournemouth, had a dis-  
appointing experience re-  
cently. He had been invited to take part in a  
peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark and his  
train should have arrived in time to give him  
one and a half-hour's interval before the peal  
commenced—but it arrived three hours late  
and so Mr. Matkin journeyed up to London  
and had to return home immediately. Mr. J.  
Bullock took the vacant rope and a good peal  
was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H.  
Langdon and also to the Master.

The Rector of Stour Provost, Dorset, the Rev.  
William Uphill, who is secretary of the North  
Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild,  
writes in his parish notes: 'What is the proper  
bait for bats which refuse to keep themselves to  
'the belfry?'

Mr. Graeme W. Heyes, of 216, Asiot Street  
South, Ballarat Victoria, Australia, is anxious  
to read 'The Great Adventure.' Unfortunately  
this book is out of print. Can any reader  
oblige?

The quarter peal at Eaton, Leicestershire, on  
August 30th, was rung by members of the Lin-  
colnshire Constabulary with the exception of  
Sgt. Wray, who is stationed at Sleaford. The  
others are all from the Grantham Division. It  
is believed to be the first quarter peal ever rung  
by members of the Lincolnshire County Police.

The Rev. J. M. Turner begs to thank the  
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# MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD PEAL WEEK

## Ernest Morris' 1,300th Peal

THE annual week started on August 4th at the Church of St. Mary, Sileby, Leicestershire, with its massive west tower and fine ring of bells (tenor 22 cwt.)—one of the heaviest rings in the Diocese. A wedding delayed the start for the first peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major—which was successfully brought round in 3 hours 28 minutes with father (E. C. Gobey) on the treble and son (E. F. Gobey) on the tenor.

Sunday was a free day to enable us to join our respective bands.

Monday morning saw J. W. C. setting off by car to Coalville to pick up our Leicestershire friends, W. P. Whitehead, J. Underwood and Alan Cattell, the rest of the band travelling by bus or cycle to the Church of St. James, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs. Barton possesses a fine octave with a large ringing room. On the north wall of the tower hangs a block pendulum which was made by the local blacksmith and has seen service for over 100 years. It was here that our first lady ringer of the week joined us, Mrs. S. H. Jones, wife of the Guild's Ringing Master. Alan Cattell sent us off into Plain Bob Major, being given the figures only ten minutes before going into changes, rounds coming up after 3 hours 3 minutes, this being the writer's 100th peal.

A second peal was on the programme that day at St. Wistan's, Repton. Repton has a fine eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) with a long draught of rope, the sixth bell dating from 1518.

A peal of Bristol was successfully completed in 3 hours 12 minutes, this being the first in the method on the bells, with Walter Patrick as conductor. A most welcome cup of tea was awaiting us at 24, Brook End, known to all peal ringers who visit Repton.

Tuesday found 'J. W. C.' and his old bus on the Derby main road. H. Taylor and M. Bailey were picked up in Derby, and at Dale Abbey the father of the band, Ted Gobey (who gave the Ilkston variation of Kent and Oxford to the Exercise, despite the remarks of a famous ringing parson, who said Kent sounded like a saw with the middle teeth missing).

Greasley was our first tower of the day. Sam Pinder safely delivering Uncle Ernest Morris and young Alan in his old bus from Nottingham bus station. The Church of St. Mary is situated in a grand open spot, a real ringers' paradise, and the local captain, who lives in the Church House, often has to fill the gap for peal attempts.

Whilst awaiting our second lady ringer of the week (Miss Dorothy Templeman) Alan did his usual tour of inspection. Off into Cambridge Major at the command from Alan: alas, after an hour and five minutes' ringing we came to grief. To while away the time we rang touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge before lowering the bells in peal. The Church of St. Mary, Ilkston, was next visited. This edifice dominates the market place and has a lovely ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) dating from 1660.

Before the arrival of W. P. W. and old Sam, several of us took the opportunity of seeing Ted's new invention, a gadget fitted above the tenor whereby should the bell go up, with the clapper the wrong side, it can be righted by pulling a wire in the ringing chamber. Here we were joined by Mr. H. Myatt (Barrow-on-Soar), who has just completed an overhaul of the bells for Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Yorkshire was the method chosen, being successfully completed in 3 hours 2 minutes. Walter P. nobly turning in the tenor in great style.

Wednesday saw us at Kegworth, ancient 'Cogesworde', the church dedicated to St. Andrew, standing close to the main Leicester-Derby road, with a ring of eight bells, the two trebles being added in 1940. Here we were met by the local worthy, Mr. Felix Sutton (who

was made a member of the local band of ringers in 1888), a saddler by trade, having been in business in the market place for 66 years. Off we went once more into Cambridge, but alas, it just would not go, so Plain Bob it was to be. Much to the astonishment of the band, our conductor called 'Stand' after 47 minutes. Bang went Ernest's 1,300th peal with our conductor full of apologies for his error.

On Thursday the old peal bus left once more on its mission to collect our Leicester friends, the rest of the band doing a bus ride and a spot of hiking to Netherseale. This picturesque village stands beside the River Mease which divides the counties of Derbyshire and Leicestershire and was the home of the Guild's late president (Mr. W. W. Worthington), also its present president (the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, Archdeacon of Derby). The church, dedicated to St. Peter, possesses a fine octave (tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G). Miss Hemmings, our third lady ringer, joined us here. Alan once more sent the bells off into Stedman Triples, each one of us determined to get that elusive 1,300th for Ernest, and after 2 hours 46 minutes it was well and truly recorded, each one of us congratulating him in turn.

Measham was the next on the list as our afternoon tower. The Church of St. Lawrence has a handy eight (tenor 10 cwt.) and is a favourite tower of the Guild for peal ringing. For the second time that day Alan sent them off, New Cambridge being well and truly tapped out in 2 hours 45 minutes whilst a thunderstorm raged outside.

On Friday we travelled to the Church of St. Michael, Rocester, F. Wilshaw, R. Barlow and E. Edge, our North Staffs friends, meeting us there. The grand eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) are delightful for peal ringing. Superlative was the method chosen and was completed in 3 hours. During the last lead an alarm clock, which had been placed on a seat behind the ringer of the seventh, suddenly pealed forth, having been set for three hours, all except the culprit wondering what on earth was going on.

## SYSTON RINGERS VISIT SIX TOWERS

Ringers from SS. Peter and Paul's, Syston, Leics. on a recent outing visited six towers. As this is believed to be the first tour by members of this tower the route itself was not ambitious and covered the area round Long Eaton and Nottingham.

The first stop was at Breaston where the light six were rung to several methods including Cambridge. At Sawley we found that a wedding was about to begin and amused ourselves in various ways—the ladies of the party attending the service. Afterwards we rang short touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on the very easy-going eight.

Arriving at Long Eaton short touches of Triples and Major were rung. Some of our ringers found the small belfry rather disconcerting and were quite relieved when we adjourned for lunch. After this meal the first call was at Stapleford where we were unable to ring as another wedding was in progress. So on to Beeston.

Here we found the verger sweeping up confetti but the heaviest eight of the day were soon up and rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major. The highlight here was an all-ladies band ringing a touch of Doubles.

The last eight of the day was at Lenton. The bride was just coming out of church so once again we rang for a wedding. We were joined by a young lady from Chester in a touch of Bob Major.

In Nottingham we split up in search of tea. The search seemed to be highly successful as

After the peal, we found the Vicar designate mowing the lawn and, leaving off, he explained that he and his family were spending a holiday camping out, getting things ship-shape, prior to moving in during September. The Vicar's wife and two sons collected all the drinking utensils they could find to enable us to have a most welcome cup of tea.

Saturday came along all too soon, Duffield being our first tower of the day. Duffield was the home of the late Sir. A. Percival Heywood, Bart., founder of the Central Council of Change Ringers and composer of several fine compositions well known to the Exercise. He lies buried within the shadow of the tower he loved so well, a real Englishman in the true sense. The church, dedicated to St. Alkmund, has a fine ring of ten bells (tenor 17 cwt.) with a ringing chamber decorated with numerous peal boards. Our Stoke friends arriving on time were soon met by five of our Derby friends, whilst Joe went to collect the grand old man of the Guild, Ernest Beadmoore. Little Bob Royal should have been the method, but to enable Ernest to complete the Plain Bob group from Minor to Maximus, we decided it would be Bob Royal. The peal was completed in 3 hours 7 minutes, ably conducted by Jack Bailey. To crown his success, Ernest took us along to the 'local' for beer and sandwiches where we discussed various items of interest that had taken place during the week. Having wished Ernest and our Derby friends 'good-day,' we left Duffield in torrential rain for our last tower of the week, West Hallam. Fred, Ted, Sam and Walter were awaiting us on arrival, and after explaining our morning's achievement, the bells were soon sent off into Double Norwich, but alas, it was not to be, as our conductor set them up after an hour's good ringing owing to a bob being missed.

Thus ended our peal ringing week with eight recorded and three failures. Some 20 ringers took part representing five Guilds. The organisers would like to express their thanks to G. Armstrong (Barwell), to tower secretaries and incumbents

S. H. J.

various members found it necessary to 'sleep it off' on the way to our last ring of the day at Messrs. J. Taylor's foundry, Loughborough. There was some speculation as to whether there would be a wedding in progress but on arrival we were welcomed by Mr. J. Fidler instead of a bridal party! Bob Royal was attempted when we had found how to handle these very light bells. Grandsire Triples was doomed but touches of Bob Minor and Kent Major were well struck.

Between towers, handbells were rung to a number of methods from Doubles to Major. In all, 18 methods were rung during the day. Arriving home, the general opinion was that although this was our first tour it certainly will not be the last.

Our thanks are due to incumbents for the use of the bells and to all those ringers who made us welcome in their towers. B. S. P.

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Abbreviations: BL, Bristol; C, Cambridge; DM, Durham; LL, Liverpool; LN, London; N, Nottingham; O, Oxford; R, Reading; S, Sheffield; S.A., St. Andrew's.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

It is 40 years since the last quarterly meeting was held at Radyr. On Saturday, September 1st, some 50 members assembled and received a warm welcome from the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Pontin, M.A.). Radyr's bells, owing to objection in the past from inhabitants living near the tower, have never been regularly rung, but it is hoped now to train a band for service ringing. The Rector took the service and gave an inspiring address on the message of the bells. The visitors were afterwards entertained to a bountiful tea by the local ladies for which they were duly thanked by Mr. J. W. Jones.

The business followed with the Rector taking the chair. The secretary read two notices of motion, one to revise and bring up-to-date the rules, the other to divide the Association into Districts. The secretary also reported a satisfactory piece of news—that the contract had been let out for the rehanging of Llandaff Cathedral bells. Six new members and two life members were elected. Progress at Newport All Saints' and Cheostow was reported.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Pentre.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples. The next meeting will be at Mathern.

### A MEMORABLE DAY

The Ringers' Sunday held at Wormingford on August 19th will long be remembered by those who took part. A good congregation assembled for the service at the Parish Church, taken from the Essex Association form of service. The singing of the special hymns was much enjoyed, particularly by non-ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Sankey, and the address was given by Mr. Duncan Clark, the diocesan surveyor. The lesson was read by Mr. R. Duesbury, hon. secretary N.E. Division of the Essex Association. A feature of the proceedings was the demonstration of handbell ringing by Mr. S. H. Symonds and his colleagues from Lavenham.

The tea, given by ringers and friends, followed at the Vicarage, 25 being present, after which the Vicar thanked all those who had come to Wormingford that afternoon to encourage them. He hoped the practical result of the service would be an increased interest in bellringing in the parish.

The organisers wish to thank, through the medium of this journal, the secretaries who lent the Essex Association service sheets, Mr. S. H. Symonds, Mr. R. Duesbury and all ringers from far and near who made this Ringers' Sunday a success.

### RODBOURNE CHENEY

Rodbourne Cheney ringers accompanied by friends from other towers visited the Oxford district for their annual outing. The first stop was Sunningwell where the floor of the ringing room is about eight feet below the entrance from the stairs. A well-known member of the Oxford Guild was seen dashing through the village riding a Corgi, or similar animal, but he had no eye for ringers on this occasion.

Mr. Holloway met the party outside of Oxford and piloted them to Cowley where the light six pleased everybody. Some delay was experienced on the way to Kidlington owing to bridge repairs and Mr. Bill Judge had passed away the time by pulling up some of the bells for us. We only had time for three touches and the bells sounded grand in Double Norwich but nobody suggested trying to emulate Messrs. Washbrook and Co.

After tea at the Sterling Cinema, a move was made to Bladon. Although the village has no regular band, the ringing room was very tidy and the bells went quite well. Eynsham was the last call of the day and two of the local ringers had a pull with the visitors. Methods rung during the day ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge. W. B. K.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—Replying to the invitation of the Convener of the Methods Committee, may I recall that the nature of the subject, though vital, is not inductive of much comment from the Exercise in general.

The reason should be clear. Extension is an aspect of the study of Method Structure, and the latter is a branch of ringing theory quite distinct from that of Composition. But it is to Composition that almost every ringing theoretician has devoted his attention; the simple fact remaining that very little indeed has been paid to the study of Method Structure, which, in the very nature of things, nevertheless calls for prior consideration and resolution.

Indefensible as this past neglect may be, however, the fact must be faced that because very little about it has been established, those ringers who are latterly becoming 'structure conscious'—and I know of three or four of such who are top-ranking conductors—seem justifiably reluctant to offer comment on a matter the issues of which have so long lain confused and unfaced.

After devoting close study to Method Structure for many more years than I care to remember, I was honoured, nearly three years ago, by an invitation 'from an official source' to start the ball rolling. An opportunity was then taken to raise the matter in the Universities Association, from which body a resolution was forwarded to the Central Council. The rest is history. It resulted in the Methods Committee's present job.

I have naturally followed developments with more than ordinary interest; and have tried, from time to time to assist; since one's own investigations appear to have covered rather wider ground. But the Methods Committee, working hard to 'put the house in order' at long last, may rest assured that there is a considerable measure of interest in these issues, as far as I have been able to ascertain. I have awaited the present indication, however, before offering my own comment.

These columns are hardly appropriate for comment of such extent and technical nature as seems to be called for, and this is therefore being submitted to the Committee direct. But it may be of some general interest to say that it includes:—

(a) Queries to elucidate several points in the report as it appeared in 'The Ringing World,' i.e., for the general reader.

(b) The question of technical terminology, essential for advancement in any serious study of the subject.

(c) The unmentioned but vital subject of 'Development Groups.'

(d) 'Essentials' versus 'Desiderata'—on which notes have been published in my previous articles.

(e) The recognition of certain axioms, e.g., the 'cyclic' of Position Sequence, and its reverse cyclic—Bell Sequence.

(f) Wider consideration of the nature and effects of pivots. For example the table in the report may be given more briefly and yet apply more widely, i.e., to ALL hunt-controlled methods, odd and even.

(g) Requirement of 'proof' of some denouncements, e.g., 'no extension of Superlative.' In fact the Maximus rung is theoretically and mathematically exact and 'correct.'

(h) Grid-pattern modifications in relation to 'front' and 'back' reflective paths of the blue line.

The above have direct bearing on the question of extension, which, in any given case, becomes more positive the more such considerations are properly applied.—Yours very truly.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park,  
Netley Abbey.

## KENT COUNTY PEALS IN DORSET

Dear Sir,—In reply to my good friend, Mr W. C. West, the main reason why the peals at Wyke Regis and Sherborne were rung for the Kent County Association and not the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was because there were only two members of the Salisbury Guild in our party. I believe it is only possible for life members to be elected immediately preceding a peal if there is a majority of members present. In these cases, this was an impossibility. I agree that it would have been wiser to have had some of our party elected previous to our visit, as was done with the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild. That this was not done was due to an oversight on my part, for which I apologise.

It was certainly not intended as an act of discourtesy or because of the increased subscriptions. I have a strong affection for the Salisbury Guild and its ringers, and am looking forward to many more peals with the Guild to make up for the two omissions on our tour.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

## CONCERNING THE 'ROVING RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—I read with very great interest the account of the 'Roving Ringers' tour, but the last paragraph rather shocked me.

I am led to believe almost that the insult in the last paragraph was hurled at us. Was this necessary? Have we done anything to deserve it?

For my own part I think it rather in bad taste for our Society is yet in its infancy, and such insults as that contained in that last paragraph will do much to damage our expansion.

I understood that the Roving Ringers have a waiting list, so their objection cannot be one of membership.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK, Ringing Master.

Society of Rambling Ringers.

Branston, Lincs.

## MUSIC FIRST CONSIDERATION

Dear Sir,—I hope that, as a comparative newcomer to the Exercise, I will not be considered impudent in making a few comments on peals and methods.

One is prompted to ask, which is more satisfying both to the ringers and those outside the tower—a shabbily-struck peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles or the same composition magnificently struck, with a touch of 20 extra changes at the end? The answer would seem self-evident, but the first would go on record with the best of peals, while the second would be condemned.

I can't help thinking that Mr. Birmingham (August 31st) is being very unkind to the 'Little' Methods in decrying them as 'unnatural' or 'freak' methods. What, for instance, is a 'natural' method? If it is one with a Plain or Treble Bob hunting treble, Stedman is ruled out. Surely the prime test of a method is whether it is musical or not, rather than whether it is 'natural' (whatever that may mean). And there is no doubt that Little Bob is musical. Furthermore, once a band has mastered Bob Major, Little Bob would seem an excellent method with which to continue.

I doubt whether many ringers, in ringing Little Bob Royal would shed any tears, when they recollect that they can only ring 1,451,520 changes in the method, whereas, if they were ringing Bob Royal they might ring 3,628,800 changes.—Yours faithfully,

PETER N. DEVENISH.

Thorpe, Norfolk.

## A RINGER'S MOTHER'S STORY

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. Arthur Morris's letter, in this week's 'Ringing World,' he is indeed fortunate.

During college vacs. this is what I get. Sunday being the only day in which I can stay in bed after 7 a.m. 'Mother, don't forget tomorrow morning.' This means he wants to leave the house not later than 9.15 a.m., to cycle to Cardiff in all winds and weathers (usually the latter) and a distance of between five and six miles, to be 'in the tower' before 10 a.m. to ring for service; home for lunch, and on many occasions back for special service in the afternoon. Tea must not be later than 4.15 p.m. as he must be in the tower by 5 p.m. for service.

During Festivals such as Easter and Christmas he must be in the tower by 6 a.m. By the time the service is over it is a rushed breakfast to carry out a normal programme. One memorable occasion, mistaking the clock by an hour, had him cooling his heels in the tower at 5 a.m. on a bitterly cold morning.

'Do you mind if I bring a pal for the weekend, we are ringing so-and-so.' Or 'I am bringing two or three pals for lunch; they won't have time to get home before the meeting; do you mind?'

Do I mind? Of course I don't. It is his hobby and interest, and surely there are many worse, and his father would have been pleased.—Yours sincerely,

ANNIE WORRALL.

Cardiff.

## SERMON BELL

Sir,—I was interested to read in your correspondent's account of the Leicestershire Veterans that one of them, Mr. John O. Lancashire, had first become interested in ringing from accompanying his grandfather to ring a bell 'at 8 a.m. on Sundays to indicate that there would be a service later on that day' at Ardington, Berks.

At Chittlehampton, in 1824, one of the sexton's duties was 'To Ring up the Tenor or Great Bell at half-past nine on Sunday Mornings to denote the Sermon.' He was also to toll the Prayer Bell at 10.30 and 2.30, and to cause the bells to be chimed when the minister appeared.

The 9.30 bell is still rung, the ringers taking it in turn to ascend the tower and ring the tenor up and down. No one is sure of the origin of the custom, and now that there is a bell before service at 8 a.m. each Sunday which serves to mark Sunday morning, it is a pleasant custom which we are glad to continue. This is the only tower known to me where the custom has survived the war. No doubt your readers will know of others. There used to be a bell at Charles, in North Devon, at 9, and, I am told, at Winsford, in Somerset, at 8.—Yours truly,

J. H. F. ANDREWS.

Chittlehampton Vicarage,  
North Devon.

## CLEMENT TOSIER

Dear Sir,—I recently paid a short visit to a museum in Salisbury and among the exhibits were several examples of work by Clement Tosier. On one, a bell, he spelt his name Tosier. Seeing this, I questioned the curator, who told me that he also spelt it Tosear. The only explanation he could give for these variations was that Tosier would often start a job and then leave it half done whilst he went and had a good time at the 'local' before resuming. This may have been so as the lettering on some of his work seems to have been affected by his condition: the letters slope to right and left, but they are never horizontal! —Yours faithfully,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I. of W.



# SUSSEX YOUNG RINGERS TOUR INTO SOUTH WALES

## Fourteen Days Awheel

EARLIER this year the idea of organising a cycling and ringing holiday had entered the fertile brain of Norman Smith, one of Chichester's promising young ringers, and during the fortnight between August 12th and 26th this idea became an accomplished fact. Inspired by the grand example of the Roving Ringers, a party of ten gathered at Salisbury on Sunday, the 12th, for the great adventure. They came from the towers of Bosham, Chichester, Felpham, Storrington, Itchingfield and Aldershot, all being cyclists with the exception of the Bosham representative who, being aged and somewhat lazy this year travelled rather luxuriously on a motor-cycle!

The tour began with service ringing on Sunday evening at St. Paul's, Salisbury (tenor 12 cwt.), where we were met by the local ringers, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Doubles filled in the time until 6.30, when we had to go in search of our billets at the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (the latter for the three young ladies in the party). After service a visit was paid to the eight-bell tower of St. Martin's, Salisbury, where we were again welcomed by the local captain, and some good Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung on this rather difficult octave.

On Monday the first tower was the minor six at Wilton (tenor 8½ cwt.) which hang in an extremely slender tower which oscillates considerably. Our ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Kent and Plain Bob Minor was, however, quite well struck, before a hilly run to Mere, where the cyclists were somewhat late in arriving. The grand eight at St. Michael's was put to good use in Bob Major and Grandsire Triples before going on to the magnificent tower and bells at Bruton. This ring (tenor 25 cwt.) was the heaviest six which we visited and the bells are grand. The early arrivals rang Grandsire Doubles with the three local ringers who were awaiting our arrival and when the remainder of the party had had their fill, we continued to Evercreech where we were again met (although we were late in arriving) by two local ringers, one being 'Ginger', aged 13 (and a good little ringer too). They welcomed us on behalf of Harry Sanger, who was unable to be there, and the grand Taylor ten (tenor 21½ cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major.

The next tower was the very fine but rather noisy Taylor six (tenor 18 cwt.), at Croscombe, where Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and a good course of Cambridge Minor were rung. At Croscombe we were joined by Sam Harding of Catherington, on holiday in his car and we were pleased to welcome him to our midst for a day. Dinder (six tenor 14 cwt.) with its awkward clockcase in the ringing chamber, came next, followed by a picnic tea, during which emergency repairs to the motor-cyclist's pannier bags were efficiently carried out by Sam Harding (many thanks, Sam!). Then came the run down into Wells, where ringing was enjoyed on the fine eight (tenor 28 cwt.) at St. Cuthbert's before supper and bed at a C.T.C. hostel.

## CROSSING THE MENDIPS

Tuesday saw us en route for Wookey, where after some confusion due to some of the party going to the wrong church (at Wookey Hole, two miles away), the ring of six was put to good use in Cambridge and Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Then came the long climb over the Mendips to the magnificent tower of Chewton Mendip. This ring of eight, in the writer's opinion, is the finest for its weight (tenor 24½ cwt.) in the country, with the possible exception of the twin ring at Ditchat, and Chewton bells are a credit to Taylors. We left these grand bells with regret, after ringing Bob Major, Grandsire and two good touches of Stedman Triples, and continued on to Publow where we found another very good heavy six (tenor 21½ cwt.), and a welcome

from two local ringers. Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung before the run into Bristol where the party, with the exception of the motor-cyclist, were accommodated in the Y.H.

It had been intended to ring at St. John's-on-the-Wall, but due to the Vicar's absence on holiday our letter did not reach him in time and we were unable to gain access to the tower. However, after a somewhat tedious search for the key, we obtained permission to ring at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, opposite the hostel, in the morning, and this ring of eight was rung to various methods for half an hour on Wednesday morning before going on to Westbury-on-Trym, where we were met by the curate, the Rev. C. L. Sutch. This weighty six (tenor 23½ cwt.) proved to be really hard work, but our Bob Minor and Grandsire went quite well, considering the heavy 'go' of the bells. The nearby tower of Henbury with its ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) was next on the programme, and after ringing at this tower we unfortunately had to say 'au revoir' to Ernie Treagus, the Western Division secretary who had to return home at the call of duty—our efforts to persuade him to stay longer proved in vain! The party, now reduced to nine, then pressed on to the Severn Ferry and after a tiresome wait for the ferry boat, eventually arrived at Chepstow where Miss Jacqueline Evans had everything in readiness for us. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on this good old-style octave, after which the cyclists pedalled on up the Wye Valley to Tintern Abbey for a picnic tea, while the motor-cyclist had two punctures repaired! However, the party was reunited at St. Briavels and ringing took place on the light octave here in the evening with a large audience from the Y.H. in the Castle across the road, where the cyclists spent a pleasant, though somewhat 'spooky' night (why did the door keep opening?).

After ringing at St. Briavels in the evening we were very pleased to meet the curate who is a ringer and in charge of the nearby parish of Hewelsfield. We received an invitation to ring the five bells here in the morning, and all were at the tower promptly at 7.30 a.m. for a 'before-breakfast' ring. The bells are a good five, although the tenor (14 cwt.) is rather heavy-going, and are rung from the chancel. After ringing Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's, with Bob Minimus for the reverend gentleman, a welcome breakfast was enjoyed before the run to Newland, which proved a little difficult to find. We were met by the Vicar who very kindly said the Office for us in church before the ringing on the very fine six (tenor 16½ cwt.) in an equally fine tower. Then followed a downhill run to Monmouth, where Mr. Len Jones was waiting for us. These bells (tenor 20 cwt.) are quite a good old ring but are in need of rehanging, for which an appeal is about to be issued.

## THE WRONG ROAD

With the choice of two roads to Abergavenny it appeared that we chose the wrong one and an extremely hilly twelve miles made the party rather late to the town; however, one of the local ringers was patiently waiting for us and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the ringing on this very fine new Taylor ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) very similar to the rings at Luton and Selby Abbey. The next tower on the programme was the six at Llanelly Hill (which does not appear in 'The Ringers' Guide'—Mr. Dove please note!), but the tower proved so elusive that only the motor-cyclist arrived! The remainder gave up the search and wended their way to Brecon Y.H. for the night—the hostel also proved elusive but this time the search was successful!

In the morning the party, refreshed and rejuvenated, had the privilege of ringing on the fine octave at St. Mary's, Brecon (tenor 17

cwt.), after a hasty search for the tower key; it appears that the verger thought we were coming in September instead of August! However, all's well that ends well, and after refreshments we crossed the river to Brecon's other ringable bells (the five at the Cathedral are apparently unringable due to the state of the tower), the very fine Taylor six (tenor 12½ cwt.) at St. David's. Here again the church key proved elusive but eventually the bells were raised and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles and a course of Cambridge were rung, the local ringer remarking that it was the first time he had ever heard Cambridge rung on the bells! Then came a long and rather hilly run to Llandovery, in the Towy Valley, which proved to be the highlight of the tour. The Vicar, Canon Rees, met us at his church with the news that our ringing was to be recorded! A gentleman from Swansea was on hand with a wire recording machine and a microphone installed on the tower roof, and after a short touch of Grandsire to try out this fine Taylor six (tenor 8 cwt.) we recorded 120 Grandsire, a course of Kent Minor and touch of Bob Minor and finally a good lower in peal. We were then escorted to the Church Hall, where a truly magnificent tea was ready for us. We did full justice to it and were entertained meanwhile by listening to our recordings being played back to us. Permanent prints of the recordings are to be taken which should prove excellent souvenirs of the trip! Thank you, Llandovery and Canon Rees, for a really wonderful welcome!

## DODGING WITH THE PENDULUM

Setting out again, the six at Llandilo (tenor 12½ cwt.), further down the valley, came next. Ringing here was fair, probably partly due to the after effects of the tea and also the fact that the clock pendulum swings in the middle of the ringing room: one is apt to find oneself dodging in 3-4 with the pendulum! On again down the valley to Carmarthen where we spent the night in a C.T.C. hostel (the motor-cyclist having arrived first secured the best bed for once!). In the morning we rang at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, for a wedding, and staved to ring the happy couple out with rounds and attempted firing, before the 30-mile run, through completely 'bell-less' country, to Haverfordwest, the county town of Pembrokeshire. Despite a late arrival, the Master of the St. David's Guild, Mr. Harry Jenkins, and Mr. Gwyn Thomas, both from Tenby, were waiting for us. The striking on this anti-clockwise eight was only fair, partly due to the fact that most of the sallies were much too low for our party: ringing on a bare rone at handstroke is not conducive to good striking!

We set out on the '16 miles and 17 hills' between Haverfordwest and St. David's and when only half-way there the rain descended in torrents. It was a rather damp and bedraggled party of ringers that eventually reached the tiny village-city (I understand that the cyclists were even damped by the time they reached the St. David's Head Y.H.). In view of the weather we did not ring at the Cathedral that evening, but all were at the tower by 10.15 on Sunday morning to ring for service.

(To be continued)

## DEATH OF MR. WM. BRADFORD

The death occurred on Wednesday August 29th, of Mr. William (Willy) Bradford, of Stevenage aged 82 years.

Mr. Bradford had been a member of the Stevenage band for over 50 years. Whatever the weather he never missed a morning service at the Parish Church, and during the last few years, evensong at Holy Trinity Church, nearer his home.

The funeral was on Saturday, September 1st. The local band paid a tribute to the deceased by ringing handbells at the graveside and the church bells half-muffled afterwards. A. E. S.



## OBITUARY

### MR. HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

We deeply regret to report the death of Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., of St. Mary's, Lewisham, which occurred at his home on September 4th. He was well into his 89th year.

Mr. Warnett joined the Lewisham band in 1890 and became leader and tower-keeper in 1900, a post he held with zeal and efficiency until July, 1948, when owing to advanced age he handed over the reins of office to a younger man but still remained a member of the band, and rang for Sunday services and sometimes attending on practice nights. His last climb of the 67 steps to the belfry was on a Sunday in April of this year, but he continued to meet the band at the foot of the tower after the ringing on Sunday mornings until June, after which time his health gradually deteriorated. Thus he gave over 60 years of faithful and devoted service to the Church of St. Mary and the Kent County Association.

Mr. Warnett was a carpenter and joiner by trade and the last 43 years of his working life was with the firm of Thomas and Edge, retiring at the age of 84. Being an artificer in wood and generally handy with tools, it stood him in good stead for the many little repair jobs that fall to the lot of a steeple-keeper, of which he certainly was the ideal. As leader of the band he was one of the best, being of a happy and jovial disposition and most unselfish, always willing to share the calling with those of his band who inclined to that direction, and he always made visitors welcome to the tower.

In former years he was naturally to be found at the heavy end but owing to his age and a physical ailment his ringing of late was confined to a light bell. Mr. Warnett was not immune from trouble; one of his sons, a member of the band, was killed in action in World War I., on May 14th, 1918. A granddaughter who had lived and was brought up with him was also killed during an air raid on Lewisham in World War II. Previous to the last war he was twice knocked down by motor vehicles and taken, badly injured, into Lewisham Hospital. He became a widower in October, 1941. In spite of all this, he had a cheery word and smile for all.

A detailed list of Mr. Warnett's peals is not at the moment available but he had rung 291 and had conducted many of them, including all the standard methods of Triples and Major, and in his early years had also rung peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London, and a few on ten bells. He called Holt's Original many times, a composition of which he was a past master. The majority of his peals were rung for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Warnett's 100th peal, Holt's Original, at St. Mary's, which he conducted, was rung in September, 1905, this being the first by his son, Harry, jun., who is still a member of the band. His last, same method, at St. Mary's, and again called by him, was rung on April 20th, 1940, he being then in his 78th year.

The funeral service was on Sept. 8th at St. Mary's, and, in the absence of the Vicar, owing to the death of his mother, was conducted by the Rev. P. S. Lewis, M.A., curate, who paid touching tribute to the late Mr. Warnett as ringer and caretaker of the bells for so many years. The interment followed at Hither Green Cemetery. In addition to the family mourners, E. Mounter, I. Emery and G. Daynes attended to pay their last respects to their old friend, whilst the local band was represented by Jack Dafters (Mr. Warnett's successor as leader) and J. Bennett. Also in attendance were two representatives from the firm of Thomas and Edge. Among the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from the local band. In the afternoon a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory. May he rest in peace. J. B.

### MR. T. LAVER

Mr. Thomas Laver, of Heavitree, Exeter, whose death occurred on September 5th, aged 84, was for many years a devoted officer of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He was a son of a Bath builder but settled in Exeter (where he was connected with two business firms) in his early twenties.

His ringing career began in 1897 when Heavitree Parish Church was equipped by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with one of the finest octaves in the country. An enthusiastic company was formed and this rang not only twice on Sundays but practised twice a week. It went from strength to strength and made specialities of quarter peals and peals in various methods.

The office of general secretary of the Devonshire Guild was accepted by Mr. Laver about 1925 and he continued in it until 1940 when for eight or nine years he acted as hon. treasurer. He was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council for a few years. He assisted with the formation of restoration and instruction funds under the auspices of the Guild.

When, in 1915, Exeter Cathedral was linked with the Guild, he took on the hon. secretaryship and only relinquished it at the beginning of the present year. He was also an active member of Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club. About 50 peals including the first of Cinques by a Devon band on the Cathedral bells stood to his credit; he conducted some of them. Modesty and punctuality were his characteristics.

Exeter and district ringers paid their respects on Sept. 8th when the funeral took place at Heavitree, where the President of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) assisted in the service. Knells were rung at Heavitree and the Cathedral.

### MR. WILLIAM JOHN LEE

On Monday, August 27th, the death occurred of William John Lee, of 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth, after a prolonged illness at the age of 82 years. A Colchester man by birth, he came to Yarmouth in 1911. He was a coachmith by trade retiring at the age of 70.

Mr. Lee was a life member of the London County and North Southwark Association, the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association and a member of St. Nicholas' Bell-ringers, Great Yarmouth, and was secretary of East Norfolk Branch from 1929 to 1931 and chairman of East Norfolk Branch from 1935 to 1947. He was elected a vice-president of the Norwich Association in April this year. He had rung 36 peals for the Norwich Association.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 1st. A service was held in St. John's Church, Great Yarmouth, and the interment in St. Nicholas' Churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon L. J. Baggot, Vicar of Great Yarmouth. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 1-2, G. W. Fletcher 3-4, Nolan Golden 5-6, E. R. Goate 7-8. Among those attending were three branch secretaries, Mr. H. Tooke (North Norfolk), Mr. J. G. H. Harwood (East Norfolk), Mr. A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk), Mr. G. Walpole of Norton Subcourse (Branch representative of Standing Committee), Mr. G. Pipe, of Grun-disburgh, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead and Mr. A. Moy, Great Yarmouth, and Mr. A. W. Bird, Gorleston-on-Sea.

After the funeral the Yarmouth and Gorleston ringers rang the Gorleston Parish Church bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Lee, who had been a regular ringer there and had rung in a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples on his 80th birthday. Floral tributes were sent from the family and friends and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (President of Norwich Diocesan Association), East Norfolk Branch and Yarmouth and Gorleston ringers. J. G. W. H.

## BOLTON'S RINGING ACTIVITIES

For some time now youth has shown an interest in the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and that interest is manifested in the activities of matters appertaining to ringing.

On Saturday, August 25th, the monthly meeting was held at Newchurch, Culcheth. Here youth represented the majority of the members attending. Ten methods were rung, with the striking and higher methods being the predominant factor. There was something for everyone—rounds to Surprise. The Parochial Church Council provided a sumptuous tea which was served by members of the Mothers' Union.

The Rector, the Rev. E. A. Lee (himself a ringer), presided over the business meeting. The secretary reminded the members that he was arranging an outing to Loughborough in 1952 and he hoped towers would make this their 'annual.' Thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Parochial Church Council, the Mothers' Union and all who had made the meeting such a success.

Amongst the visitors was Christopher Gudgeon, from North Wales, who resided in the district until business compelled him to leave. He was a keen peal ringer and a very reliable conductor.

Another activity in the Branch was a ringers' service, which was held at Westhoughton the previous Sunday. The Vicar, the Rev. — Dimmock (a ringers' friend), invited ringers and friends to a special service. There was a packed church, the preacher being the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. During the service handbell ringers from Walkden rendered Handel's Largo, accompanied by the organ and a vocalist as background. The handbells also accompanied the organ in two of the hymns. No doubt this service will be repeated next year.

Another aspect in the Branch is the number of incumbents and curates who are learning to ring; this is a good omen for the future.

P. C.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The summer meeting of the Society was held at Trysull on August 25th. Trysull, on the Staffs-Salop border, has everything which goes towards the make-up of an ideal English village—a lovely old parish church, a manor house, a stream and mill, thatched cottages and well-kept gardens, a farm house and buildings in the village street and two old inns. In these days of building development it is surprising to find such an unspoilt village within seven miles of a large industrial town like Wolverhampton. It was probably even more surprising to many who attended the meeting to find that buses to Trysull are few and far between, thus making the village seem really remote.

The ring of six bells at Trysull Church is probably the best for its weight (tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.) in Staffordshire, and good use was made of these grand bells. This was Mr. George Oliver's first meeting as Ringing Master of the Society and he saw to it that everyone had as much and as varied ringing as they wanted. An excellent tea, to which 53 sat down, was provided at the Bell Inn. The service took place after tea, and in his address the Vicar, the Rev. R. de B. Coussmaker, described interesting features of the fine old church. Mrs. Joyner, of Rugeley, very kindly officiated at the organ.

As the bus for Wolverhampton left at 7.50 and the next was not until 10.30, ringing finished at 7.45, and so a most enjoyable meeting came to a close. The next meeting of the Society will be the autumn one at Rugeley on October 6th.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hagger (first quarter) 1, W. Woodward 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.



## A REMARKABLE RECORD

In these days of easy travel we often record peals by an individual ringer in a large number of towers. Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, holds what must surely be a record of a different kind. He has scored a century of peals in each of three towers, all at adjoining places—Crayford, Erith and Dartford. Mr. Audsley completed the 'hat trick' by scoring his century peal at Dartford on August 20th.

In addition to the above remarkable feat, Mr. Audsley has rung over a hundred peals on the fifth bell at Crayford. It was to this bell that he rang his first peal and he has rung at Crayford no fewer than 222 peals. His present score at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, is 149.

He has high figures at several other churches in the neighbourhood including nearly 50 at Christ Church, Erith, and round about 40 each at Northfleet, Swanscombe and Gravesend.

Behind this remarkable record lies the story of ringing enterprise of the inter-war years in this part of Kent. Mr. Audsley commenced ringing after returning from Germany as a prisoner in the first world war. He is a native of Crayford and but for his war service has lived and worked in the district all his life. His ringing career has been largely in association with two stalwarts now passed on, Edwin Barnett, sen., and John H. Cheesman. The former was responsible for more 'first performances' for the Kent County Association than any one man and was renowned for his ability as a teacher of ringing. The latter was of that select company who have rung more than a thousand peals.

It is not perhaps surprising that Mr. Audsley has called comparatively few of his peals but he is a conductor of no mean ability and has in particular great skill as a conductor of Stedman Triples. As a ringer he is equally happy on a light or a heavy bell and, among other things, has 'circled' the tower at Southwark Cathedral—which is something that speaks for itself.

Of a retiring disposition, he will probably be not too pleased with the writer for having said so much about him, but it is on such men that the whole structure of the Exercise depends, and the writer can only hope to be forgiven in time to ring in Bert's 1,000th peal.

## SHEFFIELD CUP CONTEST

The Sheffield and District Society held their annual silver cup contest at Beighton on Saturday, September 1st. Only four teams competed—Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham Parish Church, Bolsover and Handsworth—and the test length was a 360 of any method. All the teams rang Bob Minor with the exception of Handsworth, who rang Cambridge. The two judges were Mr. H. Rooke and Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop. There were no breakdowns and each team rang smoothly into rounds in spite of the fact that the bells are very difficult to hear at this tower because of the noise of the ropes above. The judges announced that Bolsover had 114 faults, Rotherham 176, Handsworth 155 and Sheffield Cathedral 120 faults. Bolsover were therefore declared the winners. The cup was presented to Mr. A. B. Cooper, captain of the Bolsover band, by Miss Sylvia Thorpe, of Sheffield, amid applause.

Tea was served in the Church Hall under the supervision of Mr. W. E. Wyld, of the local company, and this was followed by a course of Bob Royal on handbells. At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. N. Chaddock, Ringing Master of the Society, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday. One new member was elected. Miss Betty Bates, of Handsworth. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. T. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, brought the meeting to a close.

The next meeting is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on October 6th.

## OXFORD RINGERS VISIT SUSSEX

Eighteen members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from the towers of St. Peter's, Wolvercote, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Ifley, St. Ebbe's, Oxford and St. Aldate's, Oxford, together with 12 non-ringing friends, spent a most enjoyable day in Sussex on August 18th.

Leaving Oxford at eight o'clock, the first stop was at Milland, where the visitors were greeted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. French, who gave an appropriate start to the day by conducting prayers. Milland has a grand ring of six bells which, it was learnt with regret, are not often rung despite their being situated in a picturesque woodland setting.

On to Arundel where lunch was served at the 'White Hart' and where the non-ringers left to visit the castle and park or the sea, a few miles away. Climbing the steep High Street to the ring of eight at St. Nicholas' found the remaining ringers somewhat out of condition, which was probably partly the reason for some 'not so good' striking, despite the beautifully-hung bells and the efforts of that grand old veteran, W. H. B. Wilkins (of St. Ebbe's), now in his 81st year.

Thence on to Wisborough Green, where a Festival fete was in progress, for a ring on the six there, and to Dragon's Green for tea at the 'George and Dragon.' Here opportunity was taken to thank Mr. E. Treagus, Western Division secretary of the Sussex Association, for so kindly making all the arrangements for ringing and lunch and tea.

The next stop was Shipley, where members of the local band very kindly hung their coats on the iron bar which runs across the tower just in front of the entrance at head height, in order to save the party losing some valuable members! Again the bells (6, with a 9½ cwt. tenor) were a joy to ring.

At the last tower, Thakeham, the bells had also been well chosen for beauty of tone and pleasure of ringing. The best ring of the day was obtained here by the more able ringers with a touch of Spliced Kent and Oxford.

Returning to Arundel to pick up the remainder of the party the journey home was made enlivened by singing, led by the members of choirs from the four churches.

A very enjoyable day with perhaps not the highest standard of ringing, but with all resolved to attain a greater degree of efficiency.

## EASTINGTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Tuesday, July 31st, was the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Powls, of Roseneath, Eastington, Yorks. They were married at Wressle Parish Church by the Rev. R. Kennedy. Bellringing has been the principal hobby of Mr. Powls since he was a boy. He started ringing on January 6th, 1893, and at the age of nine he rang the 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. bell at Howden Church, and on Shrove Tuesday rang the 11 a.m. apprentices' bell. When a boy he rang the minute bell at Howden on the death of the Duke of Clarence. Mr. Powls has been a member of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers since 1922 and was at Eastington when the three ancient bells were recast into a ring of six in 1923. He was captain of the ringers until last year and for many years he devoted much time to the training of learners.

On Saturday, August 4th, he rang the treble bell to 720 changes of Bob Minor, the ringers being J. P. Powls 1, C. W. King 2, H. S. Morley 3, E. Philpot 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in honour of the occasion was rung at Eastington on August 4th by Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, C. W. King 2, H. S. Morley 3, E. Philpot 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6. It is interesting to note that the ringer of the second bell celebrated 45 years of marriage on the same day.

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### MEETINGS

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cleeve on September 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve 9416

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Sandridge (6). Saturday, September 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, St. Albans, Herts. 9473

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Wilfred Taffender Memorial Service, Saturday, September 15th. St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing, half-muffled, 4.30-6 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. All welcome. 9420

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury on Saturday, September 15th. Usual arrangements. Beamster available after 6 p.m.—C. H. Lathey. 9422

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, September 15th, 2.30. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. Derek Watson, 4, Palfrey Road, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 9428

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and the CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on September 15th at 3 p.m.—P. W. Semmens. 9413

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—265th Anniversary, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 18th, to C. D. Lauder, Spring Cottage, Painswick. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 23rd; ringing at 9.15 a.m. 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 9450



**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, September 22nd, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9641

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Luppitt, September 22nd. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than 17th, to Mr. E. Thorne, Luppitt, Honiton, Devon. 9402

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Campsall, September 22nd, 3 p.m.; cups of tea only. 9457

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Allendale, Saturday, September 22nd. Names and cash to C. T. Lamb for bus, leaving Central Garage 2 p.m., fare 6s. 6d. 9441

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, September 22nd (note one week early), Thornbury (8), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea—names by September 18th, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9449

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford and Farnham Districts.—Combined meeting at Worplesdon, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. 9466

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting and contest at Liversedge, September 22nd. For teas, notify, by September 15th, F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Sec. 9366

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8) Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9460

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton Latimer, September 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 19th, to Mrs. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Northants. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 9388

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James's, Birch-in-Rusholme, September 22nd (note date) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, business meeting following tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9467

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 22nd, St. John's, Coppull. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea (price 2s. 6d.) will be provided to those who notify, by September 19th, Mr. F. Morris, 3, Bentham Street, Coppull. Please make it a good meeting.—J. Burns. 9465

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at E. Ardsley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food; tea for drinking provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9448

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, September 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify Mr. Clarke, The Nook, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Service bus leaves Hinckley, Regent Street, 1.45. 9456

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—September 22nd. Meeting at Hounslow (8), 3-5 (Hounslow West Station). Cafes in Hounslow. 120 bus from 'The Bell' to Heston (8), 6-8.30.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9472

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, September 22nd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125 Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9447

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Scottow on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, September 17th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9411

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 20th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 9409

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Ardington on Saturday, September 22nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for which, notify by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 9407

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. Names by September 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9458

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Hemingbrough, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Names, on or before September 20th, to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9453

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—St. Andrew's, Cotton. Dedication of the two new trebles and the opening of the bells, Saturday, September 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Ipswich. Service 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas provided. 9300

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Otlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill (8), Saturday, September 22nd. Tower opens 2.30. Tea, followed by business meeting. 5. Names, not later than 20th, to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9464

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Section.—Meeting at Bronllys, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 9452

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9379

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8. Names for tea, by September 25th, to Mr. F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9.—A. B. Peck. 9459

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mossley, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea advise, by September 25th, Mr. E. Garside, Shenston, Waterton Lane, Mossley, near Manchester.—C. K. Lewis. 9468

**DUDLEY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Cradley on Saturday, September 29th (by kind invitation). Bells 2.30. Guild service conducted by the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president, 4.15. Will members kindly attend to wish God-speed to the Vicar, who is leaving? Tea 5.15 for those who send names, not later than Tuesday, September 25th, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9442

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton (8), Saturday, September 29th, 2.30. Tea at cafe nearby. D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9470

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Wiltshire Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Richards, St. Margaret, Southbrook Street Ext., Swindon. 9451

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Open Ringing Day at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, on September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Schools 5, for those sending names by Tuesday, 25th, to Mr. A. Davies, 46, Ulleswater Street, Leicester. 9444

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Saturday, September 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to Mr. W. de Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9446

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cosgrove, Saturday, September 29th. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to E. Lambert, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9443

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Co-op Cafe, Railway Street, York, September 29th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Private bar. Applications for tickets (9s. each) to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post Monday, September 24th. Minster bells available 11 to 12.30, 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.30. 9469

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wissett (6), Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than 26th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Notson Road, Southwold. 9463

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, September 29th. St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's. Bells 3. Tea 5, Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street. Election of District Secretary. Names for tea essential by 25th, to E. G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 9454

**THE KEMPSTON RINGERS** invite you to their tower on September 29th. Bells 2.30. Tour of church for non-ringers 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Social evening 7. Notify me for morning quarter peals at neighbouring churches, and send names for 1s. 9d. tea tickets (3s. on the day).—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9455

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, October 13th. Tickets 10s. 6d. (juniors 7s. 6d.). Please reply and enclose remittance, before October 5th, to Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 9431

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th. Accommodation for 150. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, shortly available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 9462

#### QUARTER PEALS

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Chambers 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. J. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob), tenor covering: E. Henderson 1, A. Cowan 2, R. Oliver 3, P. Draffan 4, R. Skelton 5, T. Dodd 6, T. Hargreaves tenor. Rung for the reopening of the Parish Church.



## FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

Basingstoke was the centre for the annual Festival held on Saturday, August 25th, when members from four Guilds—the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Oxford Guild (Sonning Branch) and Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District)—assembled. Eight towers in the surrounding district were open for ringing during the day. Good use was made of the opportunity to ring on the rather scattered bell-towers in the northern part of Hampshire and over 100 ringers attended including some from as far apart as Piddlehinton, Dorset, and Bebington, Cheshire.

A service was held in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, and was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Arnold, Priest-in-charge of Basingstoke, owing to the absence on holiday of the branch chairman, the Ven. A. W. Chuter, who apologised by letter and wished the meeting every success. The Rev. M. Sturtart-Kenny, Rector of Baughurst, Hants, gave an address appropriate to ringing.

An excellent tea arranged by Mrs. E. Austin was served in Church Cottage and thanks were very warmly given her and her helpers for their work. No time was lost after the meal was over and ringers made a move to the various towers where they were met and welcomed by the tower captains. Rain unfortunately upset the latter part of the day but the enthusiasts on bicycles were in no way put off and followed the more lucky ones in motor coaches and cars.

The towers open for ringing during the day were St. Michael's and All Saints', Basingstoke, Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Wootton St. Lawrence, Wolverton and Sherborne St. John. A pleasing feature was the number of young ringers attending the Festival.

J. C.

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## TWELVE-BELL TOWERS

By ALBERT WALKER

THE dedication by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the new twelve in the famous Bell Tower at Evesham, Worcestershire, on Saturday, September 8th, adds yet another to the growing list of twelve-bell towers, and it is well to be reminded that in the 'Clavis Campanologia' of 1788 there were only eight such rings, four of them being in London, while in Shipway's 1816 edition the number had increased to thirteen. A hundred years later there were 31 and they are gradually increasing until to-day the writer can count 56 twelve-bell towers in England and Wales. These include the new Liverpool Cathedral twelve now awaiting dedication, and at the time of writing there is an announcement in the public Press that these bells will be rung on September 25th when Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh embark at Liverpool for their American and Canadian tour.

The 56 does not include those twelve-bell rings that were destroyed by enemy action, viz., at Great Yarmouth and the London twelves at Bow, Cheapside, St. Bride's and Cripplegate—all a very serious loss, though there is no doubt that in good time these rings will be restored. The authorities at Cripplegate have already taken steps to replace their twelve bells.

We may ask what is the ringing position at all these twelve-bell towers and have they each a twelve-bell band to ring them! In some centres there is good progress and peals of Cinques and Maximus are fairly frequent. In others little news is published, although the bells may be rung for services, etc. The absence of information suggests a lack of recruits. Greatest factors against a full complement of ringers are the counter attractions of to-day which did not exist in the earlier years and also the call-up of youth for National Service. With this in mind, wherever possible youth should be encouraged to take up the art of ringing—starting, of course, on the lesser numbers.

Twelve-bell ringing requires very correct handling by each to obtain good striking, and for those who have not the facilities for twelve-bell practice, it is a greater proposition than going from eight to ten bells. The writer, having had facilities for twelve-bell ringing with a good company of ringers throughout the years and also the pleasure of meeting many ringers, has noticed the tendency of some, while keeping a fair handstroke, to ring the back-stroke blow much too close with resultant uneven striking.

Again each ring of bells according to their weights have their own pace and the number of changes rung per minute must be varied accordingly, for there is nothing worse, in the writer's opinion, than listening to twelve bells being rung too quickly. Each bell, whether large or small, must be struck with great care to obtain the necessary good striking.

## DOUBLES AND MINOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE question of Doubles and Minor has always been an interesting one. In the early days of ringing the word 'peal' referred to the extent in any method, and for this reason a six-score of Doubles or a 720 of Minor was designated a peal. The old text books show how to produce 'the whole peal' of Grandsire Doubles, and Jasper Snowdon in 'Ropesight' provides a variety of extents of Bob Minor with explanatory comments on each 'peal.' It is not unusual, too, to find in old records the account of 5,040 of Doubles made up of '42 peals,' or the mention of 'seven complete peals of Minor.'

With our modern conception of a peal it is not, of course, possible in the strictest sense to ring a peal of Doubles or Minor at all. The best we can do is to ring the extent so many times, the minimum being seven times in the case of Minor and forty-two times in the case of Doubles. Such a performance ranks as a peal, and rightly so, and is published in the same way as peals on higher numbers.

Less than sixty years ago, however, 5,000's of Minor and Doubles were not accorded the honour of a normal peal report. 'The Bell News' published such lengths in a special section under the heading 'Performances on Five and Six Bells,' and even then the Editor seemed not too well disposed towards peals on five and six bells. Frequently there were disparaging remarks, particularly about peals of Doubles, and on one occasion at least a highly meritorious performance on five bells was relegated to the column of touches with some caustic comments on the names of some of the methods. The Editor's action brought forth a protest from the Secretary of the Central Council.

At this time the clever six-bell ringers of the North were taken severely to task for their multi-method peals, in which they frequently rang 14 methods, performing a 360 of each method. A great battle raged over these perform-



ances, the more pedantic members of the Central Council arguing that only true 720's should be rung, and the six-bell men retorting that fourteen 360's in fourteen methods were worth far more than seven 720's of Bob Minor. The great champions of the Minor ringers were George Bolland and William Snowdon, and the struggle for recognition went on for several years. The Central Council never completely gave in on the matter, while Mr. Snowdon and Mr. Bolland never ceased to attack what they regarded as the unreasonable obstinacy of the ruling body of the Exercise. The matter found its rest only when the brothers Bankes James and Law James drew attention to the fact that it was possible to have two methods in a true 720. Light dawned slowly, but at last the six-bell men saw the possibilities revealed by this elementary splicing, and 360's ceased to be rung.

Since those days the splicing of Minor methods has advanced very far, but the ringers of Doubles have not yet perhaps realised the scope for splicing, nor has investigation gone very far into this interesting field.

## A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

### MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER <i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

### CULLOMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. <i>Treble</i>	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
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†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

### UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

GIBSON JACKSON .. <i>Treble</i>	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of London on the bells.

### TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

WALTER ALLMAN .. <i>Treble</i>	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

### LITTLEHAM, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
*GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### BOVEY TRACEY, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL AND THOMAS OF

CANTERBURY,

#### A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Treble</i>	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

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

### CHUDLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARTIN AND MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

### ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

#### THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.



**BODMIN, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of Lincolnshire in the county and for the Guild.

**MADRON, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal on the augmented bells, the most westerly octave in Great Britain.

**GULVAL, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

**ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

**A PEAL OF 5056 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	*GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

**ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 5
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

**ST. DENYS, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method, in the county and for the Guild.

**PROBUS, CORNWALL.**

**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**KENWYN, CORNWALL.**

**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being in 12 methods, viz.: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

FRED DUNKERLEY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed).

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise in the county and for the Guild.

**ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.**

**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENODER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	JOHN E. BIBBY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\*150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**HEAVITREE, DEVONSHIRE.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A compliment to Miss Eileen Bastow, of Moorside, Oldham, on the occasion of her marriage.



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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

### A PEAL OF 5070 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	CYRIL G. J. WATTS .. .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 8
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK .. .. 9
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. COLLINS .. 10
JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Earl of Shaftesbury, also to Messrs. Herbert Langdon and J. Frank Smallwood.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 6	CHARLES RICHARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE .. .. Treble	*WALTER FORD .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 8
*HERBERT LASKEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 9
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Little Bob. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. Composition contains 20 courses in Tittum and 32 in the 8-7-9-0 position.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Treble	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 8
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ELSIE WALKER .. .. Treble	LEONARD HILL .. .. 6
*JOHN R. HEAP .. .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
JOAN CARTER .. .. 3	JAMES CARTER .. .. 8
BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. 4	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 9
†NORMAN LEDGER .. .. 5	CHARLES L. CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

\* First 'touch' on ten. † First peal on ten. A memorial peal, fully muffled, as a tribute to Jack Stringfellow, a local ringer, who died in Australia as a result of a motor accident.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 6
BRYAN S. COLE .. .. 3	*HAROLD W. SMITH .. .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Superlative.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

### A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 5
*ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	*BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam J. Lee, of Great Yarmouth, elected a member October 11th, 1911.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT DISERENS .. .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
*MARION SKJNNER .. .. 2	†JOHN BERRY .. .. 6
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 3	PETER ANGER .. .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal on the eight bells since 1892.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	*JACK KING .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Stevens, the Vicar's wife, and William J. Lee, who was interred at Yarmouth that afternoon.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	
*JAMES L. FITZGERALD (13) Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. 5
†BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 6
†JOHN E. MORGAN (15) .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 4	DAVID S. VOSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble	JAMES W. METCALFE .. 5
JOHN F. WOOD .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7
JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.



SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.  
 THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 13 cwt.  

FREDERICK SHERATON .. Treble	ROBERT BELL .. .. . 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 6
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. . 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. . Tenor

 Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.  
 \* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.  
 THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt.  

B. SKELTON .. .. . Treble	*W. TYSON .. .. . 5
A. COWAN .. .. . 2	P. DRAFFAN .. .. . 6
*J. A. AINSWORTH .. .. 3	S. THOMPSON .. .. . 7
R. OLIVER .. .. . 4	D. DODD .. .. . Tenor

 Conducted by D. DODD.  
 \* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. Edmund Henderson and Miss Dorothy Towers, whose marriage took place the same day.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
 THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.  

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 2	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 6
†DAVID S. HARRIS .. .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
‡JOHN M. MYATT .. .. . 4	JOHN GRANT .. .. . Tenor

 Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
 \* First peal of Grandsire Triples and first in method on tower bells.  
 † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.  
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 19½ cwt.  

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. Treble	†DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 6
FREDERICK J. HOUSDEN .. 3	†CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
†COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 4	†HARRY TURNER .. .. . Tenor

 Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.  
 \* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung, with the congratulations of the band and Association, for the 82nd birthday of Richard W. Stannard, life member of the Association.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.  
 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,  
**A PEAL OF 5136 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR**  
 Containing 1,392 changes of Little Bob, 1,344 of Plain, 1,248 of Double, 576 each of Reverse Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, the 120 course ends, tenors together; 353 changes of method.  
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. . 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. . 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. . 4	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

 Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
 \* First peal of five spliced and on bells.

WHITCHURCH, CANONICORUM, DORSET.  
 THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.  

HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
JACK W. DREW .. .. . 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 7
ROGER KEELEY .. .. . 4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. . Tenor

 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.  
 First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the sixth ringer and also to the mother of the seventh ringer.



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**SIX BELL PEALS**

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JEAN HAYNES .. .. .Treble	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
*GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 5
*JOAN SMITH .. .. .3	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in six methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Haynes.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

HORACE BENNETT .. .. .Treble	†W. ALLAN RICHARDSON.. 4
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. .2	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 5
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. .. 3	†C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*G. GOULDING .. .. .Treble	R. TALBOT .. .. .4
D. WOODWARD .. .. .2	M. PAGE .. .. .5
J. WISEMAN .. .. .3	G. PAGE .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by M. PAGE.

\* First peal. First peal in six methods by all the band. Mr. J. Wiseman has now rung peals of Minor from one to seven methods. A farewell to Mr. R. Talbot.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Killamarsh. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD ..Treble	*ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Birthday compliments to Mrs. Barton (aged 88) and Miss H. Denman (aged 90), former residents of this parish.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4
GEORGE ROOME .. .. .2	PERCY AMOS .. .. .5
*ALBERT E. GOODMAN .. 3	HARRY WOODING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Specially rung to mark the 250th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Wooding.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN S. COPE .. .. .Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

A birthday greeting to Richard Cullingworth, of Ashford, Kent.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. .Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 4
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in three Minor methods.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of Killamarsh, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRETT .. .. .Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ERNEST PRESTON .. .. .3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

Rung during the Festival Week of this parish.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SYMONDS ..Treble	*WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 4
*PETER W. CROFT .. .. .2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. 5
*CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal in seven methods.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..Treble	MAX PAGE .. .. .4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 5
CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Quickest peal on these bells.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

*GILBERT POMEROY .. ..Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
†JOHN FOWLER .. .. .2	DAVID HOARE .. .. .5
RONALD G. BECK .. .. .3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 23 cwt.

*JOAN MCKINLAY .. ..Treble	†WILLIAM YOUNG .. .. 4
†LILY HUGHES .. .. .2	JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5
JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 3	†DAVID DUNSEITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CAMPBELL. Witness: AUBREY FIELDING.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles for all and on the bells. First peal on tower bells as conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London No. 2, Spliced Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob, Northrepps, April Day, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Spliced Morning Star and Earl Soham, and 31 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

First peal in 15 methods by all and first peal in 15 Doubles methods 'in hand' for the Guild. A compliment to Keith E. Lovett and Betty Smith, who recently became engaged.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,*

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London No. 2, Spliced Dream, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Earl Soham, Spliced April Day and Primrose, Place Bob, two extents of Northrepps, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 24 extents of Grandsire and one 240 (Morris's arrangement). Tenor size 11 in G.

\*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

\*25th peal. First peal in 17 methods by all. First peal in 17 methods 'in hand' for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4

\*HARRY POYNER .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

\*\* First peal in the method.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,*

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London, No. 2, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Shipway's Place Bob, St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, April Day, Northrepps, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, St. Nicholas', Wickenham, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Primrose, and Clifford's Pleasure, and 23 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

First peal in 20 methods by all. First peal in 20 Doubles methods 'in hand' for the Guild.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours,*

AT 8, BEVERIDGE STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5400 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 45 six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

\*ARTHUR BAILEY (Llangollen) 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

\* First peal.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Sept. 5, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,*

AT OAKLEIGH, ELMGROVE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY .. 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD .. 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A birthday compliment to Joan Bussey.

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### LATE NEWS

The new Liverpool Cathedral bells will be rung for the first time on Tuesday, September 25th, when Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drive round the city before sailing for Canada.

Mr. W. Fright, for 23 years secretary of the Hythe, Kent, band, died on September 11th, aged 89.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has rung his 100th peal on 12 bells at the third attempt. At Wolverhampton on July 26th, the clapper of the 11th broke after three hours' ringing, and at St. Martin's on September 4th the clapper of the third came out after eight courses.

His first peal on 12 was in February, 1923, and included some old stalwarts such as James George, Sam Groves, John Neal, James Shepherd (whose fierce moustache rather alarmed his namesake), Albert Scriven, Tom Russam and, of course, Albert Walker, who took part in the 100th peal.

The peal finished at 9.50 p.m. and, writes Mr. Shepherd, 'I do not think I am mistaken in recalling that we scrambled down from the tower to find that a certain well-known gentleman (who has lately been Lord Mayor of a prominent British city) had, with great humanity and deep insight, prepared refreshment at a nearby hostelry. May such deeds always be counted as righteousness!'

Owing to the church being required for other purposes, the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) meeting arranged for Bexhill to-morrow has been transferred to Christ Church, Eastbourne.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Boh Major at Bradford Cathedral on August 21st was rung half-muffled for Bishop Stanton Jones, who, whilst Vicar of Bradford, was instrumental in the restoration of the bells.

On September 4th the Ebbw Vale ringers and friends visited Llanelly (Brec.) and rang touches in the four standard methods on the occasion of Mr. Sidney Rackham's 75th birthday. Mr. Rackham has in his day been an enthusiastic ringer, with many peals to his credit, but is now unfortunately confined to his home through ill-health.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

In connection with the commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, at York, the Minster bells will be available for three periods on September 29th, viz., 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.—3.55 p.m., 4.45 p.m. (approx)—5.30 p.m. (approx.). The Silver Jubilee of the rededication of the Minster bells will be commemorated by choral evensong at 4 p.m. There will be a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association after evensong.

History was made on the bells of London-derry Cathedral, five of which were given by King Charles I. in 1638, by the peal of Plain Bob Doubles on September 8th. So far as is known this was the first peal on the bells by the local service ringers.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Syston on September 9th was, by a coincidence, rung on the wedding day of Derek Leonard Johnson, son of W. Len Johnson, a former St. Margaret's (Leicester) ringer. A similar peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Belgrave, Leics, on the day the bridegroom was born, 21 years ago—March 8th, 1930. Both peals were conducted by Ernest Morris.

A big query is placed by one reader against the suggestion that the first ladies' peal was rung at Portishead (see Universities Association Week). He submits that this was rung at Cubitt Town, but adds that Portishead may have been the first tower to have a ladies' band.

Miss Winifred Keys' 13th peal, at Milland, Sussex, had rather a tense finish. Towards the end of the sixth extent the fifth rope began to shed strands of hemp which came floating down through the holes in the ceiling. After an admonition from the ringer of the second that it would be better to forget the rope and ring Plain Bob, the peal came round satisfactorily. According to the Vicar, the peal was the first on the bells since well before the last war.

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# EVESHAM'S NEW TWELVE DEDICATED

## Early History of Bells Recalled

**B**ARELY was the second tower complete when, in the early autumn of 1539, its architect, Clement Lichfield, the 55th and last lawful Abbot of the Great Abbey of Evesham, was bullied into abdication in favour of a traitor to the Order of St. Benedict, who would soon hand over its possessions to Thomas Cromwell.

Seven years later, when the old gentleman's body was brought from nearby Offenham and laid to rest beneath the High Altar of All Saints', the fate of his beloved tower was still in doubt.

The Abbey was quickly becoming a crumbling mass, ravaged and plundered by a people who had now become wholly Protestant, but the townspeople, with whose support the tower had been built, were able to save it intact and the building became the property of the borough. The cost of maintenance was not provided for and restoration was made a charge on the rates, but on one occasion only when, in 1644, six bells hung in the tower, two pre-Reformation, three by Henry Bagley of Chacombe, and the tenor by Oldfield, of Nottingham.

In 1741 the front five were recast, two added by Abel Rudhall and the Oldfield tenor retained. This eight was rung until 1821 when the tenor became cracked, and was recast by T. Mears, of London.

In 1910 further restoration was necessary and, augmented to ten, the bells were hung in an 'H' section frame by Barwells, of Birmingham.

In the late 1930's examination was made of the fabric and extensive restoration was found to be necessary. Although postponed through war and the costs having increased by thousands of pounds, the Bell Tower Restoration Committee was established in 1947, and a greater scheme involving the bells and clock was embarked upon.

## RINGERS ACCEPT CHALLENGE

As time progressed and costs rose still further, an anonymous donor offered the cost of a new bell, if sufficient funds for a twelfth bell were promised before the year's end. This challenge was quickly accepted by the ringers.

After much discussion, it was decided to recast the ten and hang them in a new massive iron lowside frame, the work being entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. In addition, a new clock and carillon barrels were to be installed by Smiths, of Derby.

This work, together with the extensive repairs to the fabric, reached its climax on Saturday, September 8th, when, in ideal weather, the whole of the restoration was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev. W. W. Cash.

The service was held in the open around the base of the tower which dominates the landscape of the Vale; it was attended by the Civic Body and was conducted by the Vicar of Evesham, Canon T. Charles Jones, Rural Dean.

After the Bishop had committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar and the Lord's Prayer said by all present, the bells rang out for the first thrilling moments in rounds by the local band, and the beauty of tone was absorbed by all listeners.

## THE INSCRIPTIONS

The new ring, in the key of 'C' sharp, is tenored by a bell of 36 cwt., and provision is made for the addition of a flat sixth to provide a middle eight with a tenor of 14½ cwt. in 'C' sharp.

The new treble—the ringers' bell—bears the inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of James Hemming, J.P., Alderman of this Borough, Ringing Master in this Tower, who died June 23rd, 1947. Given by his fellow ringers and friends.'

'Oft as I sound,  
In every round,  
Praise God for him'

The new second:

'Give heed, ye folk, for as I chime  
I wed eternity with time.'

The inscriptions of the old ten are preserved and small additions made as follows:

No. 3. 'We praise Thee, O God.' In memory of Ellen Ettwell, obit September 26th, 1907. Barwell Founder, 1910 Recast, 1951.

No. 4. 'May Jesus Christ be praised.' In memory of Alfred Espley, obit March 17th, 1907. This bell is given by his wife and daughter. Barwell Founder, 1910. Recast, 1951.

No. 11. 'Ye people all who hear us ring,  
Be faithful to your God and King.'  
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 12. Rev. Henry Portmore Cooper, Minister. W. L. Phelps, E. Rudge, J. Thomas and W. Battersby, Churchwardens. 1821.

'I, sweetly tolling, men do call  
To taste on food that feeds the soul.'  
T. Mears fecit. Recast 1951 and named CLEMENT LICHFIELD. 'The law of his God was in his heart.'

Ringers and friends attended from places as far apart as Cheshire, Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Middlesex and South Wales, and critics were agreed that the founders have surpassed their skill and have provided this beautiful Lichfield tower with the finest ring of twelve bells, for their weight, within a radius of many, many miles.  
V. A. H.

## U.A. GESTURE OF GOODWILL

Behind the handbell peal at Enfield North, South Australia, recorded last week, there is quite a story.

Over a year ago, Mr. L. Cooper, of the Adelaide University Guild of Change Ringers, wrote to Dr. Hatcher about their affiliation to the Universities Association and remarked as an afterthought that their progress was somewhat hampered by lack of a set of handbells.

A few months later Dr. Hatcher wrote to say that he had been in touch with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who were retuning and completely renovating a set of 15 handbells (size 15 in C).

'You can imagine how thrilled we were,' writes Mr. Cooper, 'but better was to come—not only had Dr. Hatcher found the bells for us, but had, with several other U.A. members, donated £12 towards the cost of them "as a gesture of goodwill to your Guild in recognition of your enthusiasm and enterprise in being the first University Guild outside Britain."

'This is surely another instance of the glorious spirit of unity and fellowship which exists throughout the whole Exercise . . . It means so much to us to have our own bells, and we are deeply appreciative of the fine help given us.'

## BURTON DIAMOND WEDDING

Last week the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, the Rev N. Willis Price, and Mrs. Price celebrated their silver wedding and on September 8th Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Underhill, of Burton, celebrated the anniversary of their wedding at St. Paul's Church on Sept. 8th, 1891.

The latter forms a link with the famous band of the last century and early 1900's, in that Mr. Underhill, a signwriter, carried out the inscriptions on the boards in St. Paul's belfry, commemorating the illustrious Society's achievements.

Mrs. Underhill tells how she would go up to the belfry with her husband and watch him add new records from time to time.

To honour the two occasions, members of St. Paul's Society rang 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples after which the bells were 'fired'. After the ringing members of the Underhill family visited the belfry, bringing party cake, which was gratefully accepted by those taking part, who were:—L. Chamberlain 1, Noreen Brain 2, H. E. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, B. G. Key 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden (conductor) 7, B. Deakin 8.

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There are still many readers who have not sent the extra postage (1s. 5d.) for their 'Ringing World.' Please remit without delay.

## EVESHAM BELL TOWER



[By courtesy of the 'Evesham Journal.'

No. 5. 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'  
'Lord, through this hour  
Be Thou our guide,  
And by Thy power,  
No foot shall slide'

Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 6. 'Prosperity to our benefactors.'  
'The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.' Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 7. 'God bless the Church of England.'  
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast 1951.  
Rev. Canon T. Charles-Jones, Vicar.

No. 8. 'Glory be to God on high.' Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 9. 'Praise God in his Holiness.' Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast 1951.

No. 10. 'Come to thy God in time,  
Thus saith this pealing chime,  
Youth, manhood, old age past  
Come to thy God at last.'  
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.



# SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

## 54 Towers Visited on the First Tour

THE Society of Rambling Ringers had their first tour from August 11th to August 18th. Rendezvous for the majority of the party was Grantham Parish Church on August 10th. The first excursion followed the evening meal when the party proceeded to 'grab' Harlaxton (6, 12 cwt.) and a very fine six they turned out to be.

The night was spent in the luxurious (?) Grantham Youth Hostel and the next morning, in fine spirits and damping rain, the party went to Great Ponton (5, 15 cwt.). These are peculiar sounding bells; then came the light five (tenor 6½ cwt.) at Skillington. About two miles of cart track had to be negotiated before reaching Wymondham (6, 19½ cwt.). At Market Overton (5, 15 cwt.), the band was welcomed by the Rector and the tower captain, Mr. Scott.

After a very late lunch at Oakham came the finest eight of the tour—Oakham Parish Church with its tenor of 22½ cwt. Other towers that afternoon were Langham (6, 17 cwt.) and Belton (6, 10 cwt.). On returning from Belton one member of the band attempted to plough up the road with disastrous results (not to the road!).

The rain had not abated on Sunday as we journeyed to Uppingham (8) where we rang and attended matins. Here the worst ringing of the tour was not enjoyed. Thence onward midst much rain and joking about the Ringing Master's headgear, to Weekley (6). Evening service ringing was carried out at Burton Latimer (8) and Kettering (10, 23 cwt.). At Burton Mrs. Cope kindly provided an excellent tea which was much appreciated by the drenched ringers. In the evening, after the ladies of the party with the aid of J. M. T. had provided supper, a kind of epilogue to the day was ringing from 9 p.m. to 9.40 p.m. at Pychley (5).

### A WEIGHTY DAY

Monday was a somewhat weighty day with the fine-toned yet 'lumpy' eight (tenor 28½ cwt.) at Wellingborough and the two excellent-going eights at Higham Ferrers (tenor 22½ cwt.) and Raunds (tenor 22 cwt.). Thence onwards to Leighton (5, 21 cwt.), where these heavy bells could only be briefly sampled. At Spaldwick (6, 13½ cwt.), ringing was delayed until the key of the belfry could be found. Onward, then, at an average speed of 20 miles per hour to the anti-clockwise five (tenor 14 cwt.) at Brampton All Saints' (Huntingdon, 6, 8½ cwt.), Godmanchester (8, 21 cwt.), [Dove gives it as 14½ cwt. but the weight of the seventh is 15½ cwt.], and Houghton (5, 10 cwt.), with its unbelievably long draught without any guides, rounded off a good day.

Tuesday, apart from being the day on which the longest distance was covered, was uneventful. The towers visited were St. Neots (6, 14 cwt.), Bourn (8, 14½ cwt.), Haverhill (6, 12½ cwt.), Clare (8, 28 cwt.), and Castle Hedingham (6, 12 cwt.). The kindness shown by ladies at Bourn and Clare in providing refreshments is gratefully recorded.

Wednesday found us at Braintree (8, 11½ cwt.), where a well-known ringer listening outside told us that the lower was the best of the ringing. As to what this conveyed we were left in doubt!

The day's programme was the melodious eight (tenor 21½ cwt.) at Great Dunmow; Great Hallingbury (5), where much bucking and jumping of the frame, bells and headstocks and breaking of ropes was experienced; Standon (6), Braughing (8), Newport (6) and the fine twelve at Saffron Walden.

Sawston (8, 11½ cwt.) was the first tower visited on Thursday. This tower had previously been visited by the Roving Ringers, for whom we were mistaken by a rather irate gentleman! Then to Cambridge where good ringing was enjoyed at the R.C. Church (8), and not so

good at Great St. Mary's (12). Stedman was, of course, rung at St. Benet's (6, 12 cwt.).

### THE HEAVIEST FIVE

At Burwell a completely unsafe and almost unringable five (tenor 14 cwt.), was rung to a semblance of rounds while the frame waltzed, creaking and groaning, round the tower. On then to Fordham, with a moderate six. Then to Isleham (5, 25 cwt.), the heaviest five in the world. Here it took fully half an hour to pull the bells up, oddly taking two and sometimes three men to do so. Then, after a superhuman effort by both the ringers and the tower, the bells were rung to one plain course of Grandshire and 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. What a change the 'light eight' (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Ely made after the efforts on the heavy five. After a little argument with the R.S.M. at Ely Youth Hostel, the bells of Wilburton (6) were rung to close another eventful day.

The towers visited on Friday were the lumpy six (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Sutton, the easy-running six at Chatteris, the fine-toned six (tenor 15½ cwt.) at March, the deep-toned eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) at Peterborough and the minor five at Nassington. In the evening a call was made at King's Cliffe (6, 12½ cwt.), to the delight of the local band. The bells were the noisiest yet come across by any of the ringers.

Saturday found the band at All Saints', Stamford (6), where one of the band succeeded in setting fire to himself! Market Deeping's fine six (tenor 16½ cwt.) was then sampled. On then to Spalding and dinner, after which the bells were rung to the swaying accompaniment of the tower until a broken rope put paid to the proceedings! The twelve (tenor 12 cwt.) at Surfleet was very much enjoyed, the tone of the treble passing all expectations. Quadding (6, 10 cwt.) and Horbling (6, 9 cwt.) brought a very enjoyable tour to a regrettable close.

### METHODS RUNG

The total distance covered in nine counties was 460 miles, during which 54 towers were visited.

Methods rung were:—

Royal.—Kent and Plain.

Major.—Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain and Little Bob.

Triples.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—Cambridge, London, Primrose, Netherscale, Norwich, Bourne, Kent, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, College Exercise, Oswald, College Single, Original, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain and London Bob.

Doubles.—Grandsire, New, St. Simon's, Old and Stedman.

The first business meeting of the newly-formed Society took place after ringing at Horbling. Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, John E. Cook; general secretary, Margaret A. Swann; peals and tower secretary, John E. Cook. It was resolved that next year's tour be in the area of Oxford and be of two weeks' duration. The first week will be devoted to peal ringing and the second to tower 'grabbing.' The subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d., payable before April 1st, 1952. Any ringers interested in next year's tour should communicate with John E. Cook, Station Road, Branston, near Lincoln.

The party would like to express its thanks to the clergy and ringers who made this tour such a success.

J. E. C.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANC'S.** — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jenkinson 1, J. Taberner 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter by all except conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY South and West District

The August meeting of the South and West District was held on the 25th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, when upwards of 50 ringers attended. The belfry was soon crowded and several methods were rung before the business meeting commenced in the Church Hall.

With the Master, Tony Price, in the chair, the following new members were elected:—Life members: Miss D. M. Walden (Piddlehinton), Mr. E. T. P. Field (Buckland Newton), Mr. H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil) and Mr. M. Hatchett (Chalfont St. Giles); resident members: Miss M. Hawksley and Mr. B. Graves. The meetings suggested for the next quarter were Heston and Hounslow for September 22nd, joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon and Denham for October 20th, and Brentford and Ealing St. Mary's for November 24th.

After tea some ringers were lost to a meeting at Slough, but most stayed to tackle 'the best eight in Uxbridge,' as George Corke said, it being the only ring in Uxbridge. The bells and belfry are certainly beginning to show signs of neglect now that there is no team of ringers there, but despite this, after clearing a chime hammer from the treble, some quite good ringing was achieved, no doubt much to the annoyance of a dance being held across the road, on a level with the louvres. When all had had enough and the bells had been lowered, as if to make themselves even more popular, the ringers held up traffic on the narrow road as they emerged from the tower and had to be moved on by the 'arm of the Law'! Altogether, a good meeting.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western Division

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their quarterly meeting at Hepstonstall on September 8th. The 35 or so members who ascended the 'bank' to this lofty village of about 1,000 feet were amply rewarded by ringing on exceptionally good bells and by the fine views afforded from this breezy place. The present Church of St. Thomas a Becket, which is almost 100 years old, stands near an older roofless church, the outer buildings of which only remain.

The vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) presided at the business meeting. Mr. Alexander Marsh was appointed secretary in place of Mr. William Ambler. Members expressed the hope that Mr. Ambler would soon be restored to health and that the time would not be long when he would again be able to take his place at the meetings.

Methods rung included Bristol and Superlative Surprise and the bells being rung down at approximately 8 p.m. concluded a very enjoyable meeting. P. B.

## HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The meeting held in Ripponden on September 1st was reasonably well attended, this tower being on the outskirts of the district. Two dozen members sat down to tea. The short service was conducted by the president, the Rev. A. L. Minns.

The local company were heartily thanked for the excellent tea provided at such reasonable cost. We were pleased to see Mr. Jaine, sen., who had extended his holiday with his son, in order to attend this meeting.

It was learned with regret after the close of the business that Mr. H. Roberts, one of our members, had met with an accident: we wish him a speedy recovery.

The next meeting will be held at Kirkheaton on the first Saturday in November.

Methods rung on this recently-rehung light eight ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Treble Bob Major. Striking still leaves much to be desired, the best-struck touch being Treble Bob Minor at the close of the proceedings.

A. W. B.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## METHODS EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—At the Central Council meeting last Whitsuntide the Methods Committee report on Methods Extension was allowed to lie on the table for 12 months before being adopted, in order to give the Exercise time to study and, if necessary, criticise their findings.

The Methods Committee have spent two years on this involved and controversial subject, and now, after about three months, the Exercise are being spurred to speak or forever after hold their peace.

Let it first be said that it is appreciated that the Methods Committee have given the rank and file of the Exercise an opportunity to air their views before the final adoption of the report.

With the first part of the report (1950) there is no disagreement and their recommendations should meet with universal approval.

Beyond this it is most difficult to lay down hard and fast rules. All methods are individuals, having their own characteristics and should be treated as such. This is most important. From the Methods Committee report it would appear that there can be some departure from this—out of consideration for the practical ringer.

The practical ringer is surely as much concerned with the truth of what he rings as the mathematician who may devise it for him.

The most controversial issue seems to be the lead ends, or the pivot bell sequence. The Methods Committee state that there are 3,465 sequences in all (from Minor to Maximus). Are these all sequences or are they all the possible permutations? At any rate they discard them all but eleven. Possibly they have left some out that might be included or included some that might be left out.

To support this argument the following method is submitted for examination with its extensions to ten and twelve bells:—

12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
24135678	2413567890	2413567890ET
42315768	4231576980	4231576980ET
24351786	2435179608	2435179608T0
23457168	2345719068	2345719068T80
32547618	3254791086	3254791086T08
23456781	3527490168	3527490168T08
—	5372940618	5372940618T08
24365871	3527496081	57392E4T0168
—	—	7593E2T40618
12436587	3254769801	57392E4T6081
—	—	—
14263857	1537294068	537294E6T801
—	—	—
—	1352749608	197E5T302846
—	—	—
—	—	1795E3T20486

In examining this method and its extensions, particular attention should be paid to the coursing order of the bells, as they pass the treble, in addition to the places that are made in relation to it. Can it be said that they are not the same method? Yet the sequence of pivot bells is not one that is included in the Methods Committee table.

This method can be extended on all even numbers and forms an interesting study when carried beyond the Maximus. Changing lead ends result on each even number up to 18, and thereafter the lead end remains the same, 16 running out, and 18 running into the treble.

It may be said that this has no practical value, but it does show the individuality of the method as something that should not be ignored, or the extensions discarded because they do not fit into the straitjacket of the suggested restrictions. If ringing was a practical possibility on these higher numbers, then this method would, on 18 and above, conform to the suggested recommendations, and yet be unacceptable in its contractions.

The following chart of lead-end rows (hand stroke row) is also offered for consideration:—

8	1	8	7	6	5	4	3	2											
10	1	8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	3									
12	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	1	2	9	3	7	5						
14	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	13	3	11	5	9	7				
16	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	16	3	15	5	13	7	11	9		
18	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	16	3	18	5	17	15	9	13	11	

A method having these lead end rows throughout its extensions would be acceptable to the Methods Committee if constructionally true otherwise.

Now if the plain method given as an example be further examined, it will be seen that the half lead rows (hand stroke of the treble be behind) are exactly the same as the lead end rows (given above) only reversed.

The Methods Committee proposals would permit the one and bar the other, and yet an extension is true or otherwise by the time the half lead end (hand-stroke row) is reached. At this point it is possible to see if the pivot place, as determined by the parent method, can be made or not.

If it can be determined that a method has TRUE extensions, is the resultant lead end to be considered as more important than the way it has been extended?

In these days when all around can be seen a general lowering of standards, it is vitally important that in ringing the highest standards be maintained. TRUTH can only be established as a whole, and not in parts.

Thus may it be suggested that if an extension can be established as a true one, then let it be accepted as a true extension, same lead end or no. Nothing else to be considered.—Yours faithfully,

K. A. ROE

Wigston Magna.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung 'in hand' at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on July 25th, 1951.

The composition was a 5,120 by E. Timbrell, which is false at sight—if one happens to be looking for falseness—unfortunately, I was not!

I trust you, sir, and the members of the band will accept my sincere apologies.—Yours

F. W. GROCOTT.

Stoke-on-Trent.

## HOSPITALITY IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—Having recently returned from a very enjoyable three weeks' holiday in Cornwall (the third year I have been there) I should like, through the courtesy of 'The Ringing World,' once again to express my appreciation of the welcome extended to me. Especially I would like to thank the bands of ringers, scientific and otherwise, who gladly gave me a chance to ring either for Sunday service or on practice night, to the Redruth and Camborne ringers for providing bands for tours, to the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella for his kindness in allowing me to join in his enjoyable outing on Bank Holiday and to all those incumbents who so readily gave permission for the use of their bells even at a couple of hours' notice.

In respect of getting permission to ring, the name of my host, Mr. P. R. C. Williams, of Redruth, appeared to be an 'open sesame,' and to him I extend my hearty thanks: also my sincere regrets that for most of my holiday he was away ill. My best wishes go to him for his speedy and full recovery.

Once again 'Thank you, Cornwall' and may I have the pleasure of enjoying your hospitality and your bells again in 1952.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—The interest recently displayed in the Original prompts me to ask if the calling of the composition in one year by no less than 12 different conductors of one association is a record.

This was achieved by members of the Kent County Association in 1890, and several famous names are connected with it:—G. Lindoff, J. H. Cheesman (then only 18), Rev. F. J. O. Helmore E. Barnett who, with A. Moorcraft and A. Palmer, called the composition twice. W. J. Reeve, however, insisted on calling Penning's Original One Part—no mean achievement!

No reference is made to this in the Association's report, nor to the fact that two peals were rung on seven bells only; 'meeting one short for Treble Bob, this was rung instead,' and 'meeting one short, the second was left out,' the footnotes inform us.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich.

NOLAN GOLDEN

Dear Sir,—When the late Mr. J. A. Trollope was writing 'Grandsire' in the Jasper Snowden Series, I suggested to him that a chapter on conducting Holt's Original would be useful, and as he had never called the peal, I agreed to write it for him and to explain the system I use. It appears from recent correspondence on the subject that most conductors learn which bells are called 'Before' and where the 'Doubles' occur. It is, however, far simpler to learn where the 'Doubles' do not occur, and those who have not yet learned the composition and who are interested are recommended to acquire a copy of 'Grandsire.' There is no doubt that there is much more satisfaction to be derived from conducting Holt's Original than almost any other composition.—Yours faithfully,

Stanmore, Middlesex. E. C. S. TURNER.

## WROCKWARDINE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Few ringers outside Shropshire will have heard of the bells of Wrockwardine Church and fewer still will have rung them as they have been silent for a number of years and in urgent need of repairs. But not many churches can boast, as Wrockwardine can, that the average age of its bells is about 380 years.

The treble, the youngest bell in this ring of six, was cast in 1828 and bears the inscription: 'Long as Old Wrekin on His Base Stands Good.'

So long may Orleton boast the name of Cludde.

Unfortunately, Orleton no longer boasts the name of Cludde, yet Old Wrekin stands as firm as ever on his base.

The second bell is dated 1650, the fourth 1678 and the fifth 1616. The two oldest bells are the third and tenor, which are believed to be early 14th century.

This ring is now being restored by John Taylor and Co. It was intended that the second bell should be recast, but a faculty for this was not granted on account of the age of the bell and so a new bell is being cast to take its place. It is estimated that the work will cost about £600, a heavy burden for a village parish such as this. So far, nearly £400 has been raised. If any ringer would like to help to preserve this ancient ring, contributions would be gratefully received by Mr. V. G. Leake, St. David's, The Crescent, Wellington, Shropshire, or by the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

Wellington, Salop.

## THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I regret I am not entitled to the honour Mr. Turner confers on me by including my name under the heading of 'Peal Composers.' The touch I sent him was given to me by Mr. J. Minshall, of Macclesfield.

Another quarter peal (or touch of 630, if desired) will be found at No. 69 in Trollope's 'Grandsire,' which contains the three required changes.—Yours faithfully,

Chester.

JOHN KINGDON.



# SUSSEX YOUNG RINGERS TOUR INTO SOUTH WALES

## The Second Week

(Continued from page 588)

ON Monday morning the hilly road to Haverfordwest was again safely negotiated, followed by a run to Neyland and the crossing of another ferry over to Pembroke, where the heavy-going eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were rung to various touches. These bells are tuned as the front eight of a ring of twelve and sound very strange! Ringing in the evening took place on the recently-rehung eight at Tenby (tenor 12½ cwt.), where again Harry Jenkins and Gwyn welcomed us to their tower.

## A DAY OF DISASTER

Tuesday was a day of disaster. The cyclists arrived safely to ring on the pleasant light eight (tenor 11 cwt.) at Llanstephan, but after ringing found that the tide was too low for the ferry to be able to take them across to Kidwelly. This necessitated a 20-mile detour via Carmarthen, and then, as time was getting on and it was raining hard, they (let it be whispered!) hitched a lift on a lorry to the outskirts of Swansea and cycled out to Cilibion Y.H. in the Gower peninsula. This necessitated the cutting out of the ring of five at Burry Port and the six at Llanelli (the one which is in the book!), and we wish to tender our sincere apologies to Mr. Sage at Burry Port and the local captain at Llanelli for our failure to arrive. The motor-cyclist would also like to thank Mr. Sage for entertaining him to tea while he waited for nearly three hours at Burry Port!

However, once again, all's well, etc., and the following morning found the party only very slightly late at St. Paul's, Sketty, where Mr. Meredith welcomed us on behalf of Mr. Hoare, the local captain, who was unable to be present. Ringing on the recently-rehung octave (tenor 13 cwt.) here was much enjoyed, and afterwards Mr. Meredith entertained the party to refreshments in a local cafe, which was also much appreciated, before we left for Neath, where some good ringing took place on the fine six (tenor 9 cwt.) at St. Thomas's, and on the six (tenor 7 cwt.) at Cadoxton, where Mr. Lewis welcomed the party. The night was spent by the cyclists at the Y.H. at Ystradfellte ('How does one pronounce it?') and by the motor-cyclist at Aberdare.

Noon on Thursday found the party (early for once!) at Caerphilly, and Councillor Jones welcomed us to the belfry with its fine light Taylor octave (tenor 13 cwt.) at St. Martin's. Some good ringing was much enjoyed here before setting out on the next stage, to Newport, with a picnic lunch en route. One of the young Caerphilly ringers accompanied us as far as the next tower, Bassaleg, but unfortunately he departed without staying for a ring: not that he missed much, I'm afraid, as the six here (tenor 12 cwt.) are cast steel bells by Naylor Vickers, and about as bad as they could be!! A very little ringing sufficed here, but the grand twelve at St. Woolos' proved an excellent antidote to the Bassaleg 'tram rails'! These fine bells were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Caters (with the aid of the two local ringers who welcomed us) Bob Major, and rounds on the twelve. Having lowered the bells we were invited by Don Clarke, who joined us at Bassaleg with one of his young band, to visit All Saints': the invitation was, needless to say, accepted with alacrity, and this very good ring (8, tenor 15 cwt.) was soon going merrily to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob. All too soon we had to push on, en route to Chenstow, calling to ring on the truly lovely little Taylor six at Penhow (tenor 7 cwt.), which are rung from the ground floor just inside the south porch. Even now the really keen tower-snatchers were not satisfied, for after supper at the Chepstow Y.H. permission was obtained for a short ring on the fine six (tenor 10 cwt.) at Mathern.

close by! Here we said goodbye to Don and Bryn, and also to George Francis, who had managed to be with us again for a few hours, and in the morning we crossed the Severn Ferry to Aust.

## SHADES OF MERTON COLLEGE

The road to Bitton, the first tower of a very full day, necessitated a tour through the suburbs of Bristol which proved a little difficult to follow; however, everyone arrived safely! After a picnic lunch the bells were raised and rung for a short time to various touches. The organ was undergoing restoration here, and the trapdoor in the centre of the ringing chamber, having had a portion removed to accommodate sundry wires and chains connected with the work on the organ, the treble ringer had a pleasant view right down into the church (shades of Merton College and Southwell!). The next tower was informal, i.e., not on the programme, having been arranged for us by Roger Fry, who did so much to make this day a particular success for us. The ringing at Kelston (six, tenor 10 cwt.) was curtailed, as we were behind time, and while the cyclists followed a somewhat difficult short cut across the Avon to Saltford, the motor-cyclist hastened round via Bath and even then arrived at the six-bell tower of Newton St. Loe before them!

A ringing Vicar welcomed us to his tower and took part in 120 Grandsire, in the course of which Roger Fry arrived, having been looking for us at the towers at which we happened not to be when he got there! Unfortunately we were too late to ring at Corston, as the local ringer had given us up for lost, so we went on to Twerton, with its good light octave (tenor 13 cwt.) and very long draught without guides. However, striking was quite fair and the ringing concluded with a good lower in peal.

## AT BATHAMPTON AND BATHEASTON

Following some welcome refreshments at a coffee stall in Bath, we were able, through Roger's good offices, to enjoy a short ring on the very fine light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Bathampton. Later in the evening we also visited the tower at Bathaston, with a heavy ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.) and a swaying tower, which fact, probably combined with the potency of local cider, caused the ringing to be not quite as good as it should have been! Following refreshments (more of the aforementioned cider!) in the local, the cyclists retired to the Bathaston Y.H., after saying 'au revoir' to Roger, and thanking him for doing so much to make our day in his neighbourhood a very full and enjoyable one.

We were off in good time on Saturday—we arrived at Chippenham with 1½ hours to spare—a fact which made the 'tower-grabbers' bemoan the waste of good 'snatching' time! However, the fine recently-rehung octave at St. Andrew's was raised just before midday and put to good use for the time available in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

Then came a short run to Calne. Through the kindness of the local ringer who met us at the fine 17th century tower of St. Mary's, our ladies were able to sample some of their products for lunch! The fairly heavy octave here was put to good use before we set out on the road again. A call on Mr. Preston, at Yatesbury, gained permission for the use of this delightful five (tenor 9½ cwt.) for a short time and some good Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. What a grand little six these bells would make! On again to Marlborough, where, due to a late arrival, there was no one to meet us at St. Peter's, so, in view of the shortage of time, it was decided to 'scrub' ringing here—we wish to apologise to the local captain for not turning up on time. Two more of our party set out for home from here, and we said

'Cheerio' to Rex and Jean with regret—we were now reduced to six! As a result the ringing on the fine eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) at Hungerford was confined to Grandsire and Bob Minor on the back six! After supper in a cafe in Newbury, the cyclists arrived at Hannington Y.H. at 9.45, to find that supper had been kept hot for them, so they had to sit down and start all over again!

On Sunday the little party rang for service on the heavy six (tenor 18 cwt.) in the fine Norman tower at Kingsclere in the morning and on the heavy-going five (tenor 9 cwt.) at Newton Valence in the afternoon. This was the last official tower of the tour, and two more of our members left us at Liss on their way home to Itchingfield, while the Chichester and Bosham contingent finished the last day of the tour with service ringing on the fine little ring of four (tenor 8 cwt., approx.) at Trotton.

Thus ended a thoroughly enjoyable tour; all who took part wish to thank Norman for his hard work in arranging for towers and accommodation on the way. An alarm clock was presented to him by the party at Westbury-on-Trym as a token of their thanks. We would also like to thank most sincerely those who did so much to make the trip a success; the local ringers who met us at their towers; the numerous incumbents who so readily gave permission for the use of their bells; Roger Fry for guiding us round the towers in the Bath area; and lastly, but by no means least, Canon Rees and his lady helpers at Llandovery for their grand reception. Methods rung did not reach a very advanced level, but some good practice was had, particularly in Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Triples. At least one of our ladies, Winnie Keys, shows signs of developing into a good 'heavy bell man,' covering with many tenors in fine style; in fact the local ringers at Bruton and Kingsclere said it was the first time they had ever seen a lady ring their tenors! Thanks, Norman, for a very enjoyable fortnight, and we're all looking forward to the next time! P. N. B.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### South-West Division

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at Fyfield on September 8th when 48 members enjoyed ringing on this augmented six.

Rural Essex was at its best and made the difficulties of getting to this isolated part of the district well worth while. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. F. Blatch, who has done yeoman work in this part of the county.

Seventeen new members were elected and there is every indication that the Division has maintained its very good progress during the past year.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

### Swindon Branch

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at South Marston on September 8th and the attendance was adversely affected by harvesting operations. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. F. Harman) and tea was arranged by the local ringers in the village hall.

At the business meeting it was provisionally decided to hold meetings at Faringdon, Wanborough and Swindon during the next three months. Canon Harman welcomed the visitors and paid tribute to Mr. Tom Stone for his work in keeping the bells going. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London and York Surprise Minor.

**LYMPSTONE, DEVON.** — On Aug. 29th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Pannell 1, Miss J. Terry 2, S. Seager 3, R. Perry 4, J. L. Glanville (cond) 5, E. Bowden 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.



## ARELEY KING'S, WORCS.

—On Friday, August 31st.

1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J.

Hicks 1, A. H. Cheshire 2, T. Elcox (87) 3, G. Bowen 4, F. Fluck 5, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Thomas Elcox.

## ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On

August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. A farewell to Miss Sylvia Dean.

## AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On September 5th, 1,280

Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Gaylard 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, J. Bramley 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, H. G. Keeley 6, J. W. Drew 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First 'touch' of Surprise Major for 1 and 7. A birthday compliment to N. Mallett.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gordon 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison 7, J. Howard 8. Rung for the 18th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Swift's wedding.

## BENTLEY, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Doubles (480 St. Blaize, 300 Grandsire, 240 April Day and 240 Plain Bob): H. A. Sanderson 1, Miss D. Smyth 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Mrs. A. Smyth 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanderson, parents of the conductor.

## BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On September 8th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird 2, J. Weeks 3, H. Wren 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

## BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jeff Bolland 1, A. W. Ward 2, E. T. Samuel 3, E. H. Jallands 4, J. R. Jackson 5, J. Glover 6, G. W. Creasey (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8. Rung by the local Sunday service band.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moir 1, Miss S. Green 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, F. E. Roberts 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris.

## BURFORD, OXON.—On September 7th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: I. D. Harris 1, J. Keyte 2, M. H. Sindin (first of Stedman) 3, F. W. Soden 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 7, H. Francis 8.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's on Sep-

tember 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Miffin 1, Miss R. L. Gibbons 2, G. W. Bridgman 3, T. R. Davison 4, H. Heath 5, H. P. Marsh 6, G. R. Eyles (first as cond.) 7, D. H. Comley 8.

## CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On September 2nd, at St.

James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, W. A. Theobald 2, W. Prockson 3, A. E. Hoare 4, H. Miller 5, R. H. Begrie 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, F. Miller 8.

## CROYDON, SURREY.—On September 2nd, at St.

John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, G. Lodge (first on 'inside' bell) 3, C. Parks 4, P. Humphries 5, R. Abbott 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

## EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's, on August 19th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Diamond 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss A. I. Whitson 3, Mrs. E. L. Ross 4, J. B. Campbell 5, J. Newton (first quarter Grandsire Triples) 6, R. St. C. Wilson (cond.) 7, K. Y. Hayton 8. Rung for the opening of the Edinburgh Festival of Music and Drama.

## FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Miles (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, Miss E. Morse 5, W. A. Godwin 6, R. E. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. Buge 8. A birthday compliment to W. A. Godwin (captain).

## FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, F. Pack 2, W. S. Palin 3, H. Manuel 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, P. R. Jemmett 6, Miss E. S. Wyles 7, D. Eades 8. Rung before the service for sportsmen.

## FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, A. F. Warren 2, F. Goodall 3, Miss F. A. Edgar (first quarter as cond.) 4, F. A. Barker 5, W. P. Blake 6, B. Willis 7, L. E. Tubb 8.

## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On September 6th, 1,260

Bob Doubles: R. A. Osborne 1, F. H. Beency (aged 12, first quarter 'inside' 2), Evelyn M. Capon 3, C. J. Piper 4, P. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. Beency 6.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On September 2nd, 1,320

Plain Bob Doubles: O. Norman 1, W. Papworth 2, P. Rose 3, J. Parish 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Sutton 6. HOOLE, CHESTER.—On September 4th, 1,440

Doubles (being two 120's each of Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, four 120's and one 240 Grandsire): Rosely Crew (first quarter) 1, Shirley Golding 2, D. N. Peers 3, R. B. Morris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. First quarter in 4 methods 'inside' for 3 and 4. A birthday quarter for Samuel S. Wood.

## HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On July 27th, 1,260

Grandsire Double: F. Bishon (cond.) 1, J. Brown 2, R. Scarth 3, P. Bradshaw 4, E. Wilson 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung prior to the opening of the revived Hovingham Musical Festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

## LAMBETH, LONDON.—On

September 2nd, 1,280 Cam-

bridge Surprise Major: J. A.

Theobald 4, N. G. Hollingsworth 5, C. A. Hughes 6,

C. W. Otley 7, J. W. Ward (cond.) 8.

## LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine on September

2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 768 covering: A. Chapman 1, G. Hebborn 2, W. Clarke 3, S. Harrison 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, G. Wray (first quarter) 6, J. Turner 7, M. Hughes 8.

## LYDNEY, GLOS.—On September 1st, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: J. Long 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. H. Harris 3, J. W. Davis 4, J. L. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Long 6. Rung to mark the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watts.

## MARSDEN, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Grace 1, S. A. Jaine 2, F. Livesey 3, F. A. Jaine (cond.) 4, D. B. Cater 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung for the opening of the Colne Valley Festival of Britain week.

## MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Septem-

ber 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: R. Fraser 1, Sonya Evans 2, L. Lewis 3, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 4, E. Marshall 5, W. Langley 6, J. Pearl tenor. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3. A wedding compliment to Mr. T. Pink, a member of the local band.

## MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Septem-

ber 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. W. Soars 1, F. K. Thompson 2, G. J. Lowe 3, Miss M. A. Carpenter 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Wilmore (first of Minor 'inside' 6). First quarter of Minor for 4 and 5. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Collins, grandfather of the 6th ringer.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On September 8th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: Joan Hills (first quarter Stedman) 1, G. Butcher (cond.) 2, F. Cheal 3, J. Burles 4, G. Naylor 5, W. Rayner 6, G. Kenward 7, E. Naylor 8. Birthday compliment to Wilfred Rayner.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Stretton 1, F. Hooper 2, C. Briggs 3, A. Muddel (first quarter) 4, W. Midwinter (first as cond.) 5, C. Copp 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Midwinter.

## OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On August 26th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weise (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Lathbury 2, L. Houghton 3, Mrs. Smith 4, G. Curriess 5, G. Barnett (first quarter 'inside' 6), R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8.

## OSSETT, YORKS.—On September 6th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, Miss M. Davis 2, T. Hemmingway 3, F. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, D. Lockwood 6, J. T. Duffin (cond.) 7, L. Fisher 8.

## PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Doubles (600 Bob Doubles, 660 Grandsire Doubles): C. Hendon (first quarter) 1, C. Baker 2, F. Cherryman (cond.) 3, E. Sherwood 4, J. R. Avenell 5, R. Boylett 6. For the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Thompson, who was a ringer here for 62 years.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On September 1st, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, E. R. Rapley 2, L. D. W. Aifield 3, Miss E. Lonnin 4, R. Wilson 5, H. Weaver 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for the wedding of Anne MacLagan to Nigel Tyler.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hudson 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. A. Jackson 3, H. Spencer 4, W. H. Barker 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

## SOUTHOLD, SUFFOLK.—On September 9th,

1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, W. Kerrison 2, R. S. Payne 3, E. G. Grindell 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday.

## STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Septem-

ber 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Gaylard 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell (first quarter Surprise) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, R. Keeley 4, J. W. Drew (first quarter Surprise) 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise on the bells.

## STREET, SOMERSET.—On September 5th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: C. Evans 1, C. Wensley 2, W. H. Marsh 3, G. Greuter 4, G. Stith (cond.) 5, B. Chivers 6. First quarter Doubles 4 and 6.

## TOTTERHOE, BEDS.—On September 2nd, 1,360

Surprise Minor (720 London, 600 Wells): Miss J. Newman 1, J. Sinfeld 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. Broyd 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 St. Clement's).

## VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.—On August 21st,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Emerson 1, Margaret Izard 2, Naval Cadet Arkell 3, D. Boniface 4, A. King 5, A. Izard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, J. V. Donaldson 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose.

## WARSP, NOTTS.—On September 2nd, 1,440

Plain Bob Minor: A. Whittle (first quarter) 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

## WHITBY, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,264

Plain Bob Major: D. Elwick (13 years, first quarter of Major) 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. G. Turner (of Halifax) 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick 7, W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the service held in the Harbour by the Bishop of Whitby for 'the blessing of the fishing boats.'

## OBITUARY

## MR. E. BROOKS

A former president of the Barnsley and District Society, Mr. Ernest Brooks, of Hoylandswaine, Yorks, died rather suddenly on August 19th, aged 60. He is survived by his widow.

Mr. Brooks did much to encourage ringing at Hoylandswaine where he trained a band, single-handed, in 1930, and this band rang their first peal in 1931.

A good, safe ringer and a good striker, he rang 42 peals and conducted two. Most of his ringing was in Minor ranging from plain methods to Surprise. From 1940 to 1944 he was president of the Barnsley District and was vice-president at the time of his death. For nearly 30 years he served his church as a voluntary organist.

The funeral service was on August 22nd. He was buried near the tower of the bells he loved so well. Many ringers attended the service and ringers also acted as bearers. The bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. The many wreaths included one from the Barnsley and District Society.

## MR. CHARLES CRAPNELL

It is with regret that we record the passing, on August 27th, of Mr. Charles Crapnell, aged 87, of Ipswich. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Crapnell learned to ring at Clopton and Burgh and came to Ipswich in 1885. He was first associated with the Church of St. Mary at Quay. He joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1909, and became a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower company.

In 1925 Mr. Crapnell moved to St. Margaret's Church, and was steeple-keeper there for some years. He had been a member of the Suffolk Guild since its inception, but his five peals were all rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. He rang his last 720 in 1949 at St. Margaret's Church, in which his grandson, Dennis Crapnell, aged 14, participated.

The cremation took place at Ipswich on August 30th, the service being conducted by the curate of St. Margaret's, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

Mr. Charles Crapnell will long be remembered in Ipswich, where he was well known as a ringer. It was during the difficult time just after the ban was lifted that he was steeple-keeper at St. Margaret's, and his work there reflected his character as a faithful son of the church. E. C. E.

## BARNSELY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Hoylandswaine Cup contest was held at Wath-on-Dearne on September 8th. Four bands entered and the judges were Mr. H. Chant (Felkirk) and Mr. J. Buxton (Shelley). The result of the draw and the ringing was:—

No. 1: Cawthorne; 176 faults, 0 penalties, total 176.

No. 2: Sandal; 131 faults, 0 penalties, total 131.

No. 3: Shelley; 186 faults, 0 penalties, total 186.

No. 4: Silkstone; 88 faults, 0 penalties, total 88.

Silkstone were the winners and hold the cup for 12 months; they also received six pickle jars as individual prizes. Sandal were second and received six E.P.N.S. butter dishes. All except Cawthorne rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Cawthorne, who were the winners last year, having to ring a different method according to rule, rang Sandal Treble Bob. The test piece was 720 changes.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. V. Evans, presented the cup and prizes to the winning teams. The best thanks to the Vicar for allowing the contest to be held at Wath, also to the local company for all the arrangements made, brought to a close a very happy afternoon and evening.



# POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The fifth annual outing was held on August 18th in perfect weather. After the usual tour collecting the company we proceeded, via Westterham and Biggin Hill aerodrome, to the first tower, Downe, a handy six that was put to good use. At West Wickham we were met by Mr. A. S. Richards, and after raising in peal, the first touch was rung by the band of one tower, Kent, Plain Bob and Double Oxford followed, then a good lower. Most of the company stopped to have a chat with Mr. Hugh Mackinder, who was unable to climb the steps into the tower. At Croydon Parish Church we were met by Mr. F. E. Collins, with whose help the Guild rang its first touch of Grandsire Cinques on this fine twelve. There were rounds on ten and twelve, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, finishing with some lovely music as 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12 were lowered in peal.

At Banstead the party found a good Simpson-tuned octave, which was heard to perfection outside the tower, especially during a course of Yorkshire in which we did get those back strokes in. After most had sampled the local Woolworths' ice cream, a move was made to Windsor, via Hampton Court. As there was not time to ring before tea, a pleasant 20 minutes was spent by the Thames, while some rang handbells to an interested audience. At Old Windsor, we helped ourselves to the bells, a very quiet, easy-going octave which went well to Superlative, and provided the best lower of the day.

Arriving at West Clandon nearly an hour late, we found Mr. G. L. Grover patiently waiting. This noisy octave was soon raised and set going to Plain Bob, followed by the first Double Norwich of the day. By the time the bells were lowered there was a marked thinning of the ranks, as the wise ones knew that this was their only chance of getting something stronger than tea before the dash for home. Two had to be dropped at Horley instead of Godstone, to help make up time, but even so, as we arrived in East Grinstead we saw the last bus for Marsh Green disappearing. Two more were hastily ejected and the chase was on. The elusive bus was caught on the outskirts of the town and three more of the party were safe. By this time the Lamberhurst contingent knew the worst—they could not catch their last bus, but a collection among the rest realised a sum towards their taxi fare, so in the end all was well, and we heard the old, old story. 'We will get home earlier next year'! C. A. B.

## SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Before leaving for their outing on August 18th, Sileby ringers had to open the local Festival Week by half an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Mary's, commencing at 7.15 a.m. Friends from Barrow, Mountsorrel, St. Peter's, Syston, St. Peter's, Belgrave, and Leicester Cathedral were picked up en route.

The first objective was King's Norton, via Coventry and Birmingham Ring Road. Here Mr. Goodman met the party and a delightful hour was spent on the bells. Another pleasant hour was spent at Selly Oak and Mr. Roper guided the visitors to Harborne for lunch and to the church. The rush of weddings caused ringing to be delayed for half an hour, during which the vocalists of the party assisted in the choral service. An hour's ringing preceded tea at the Vine Inn. At the conclusion of the meal Mr. W. Swan thanked Mr. W. W. Draper for his excellent arrangements and welcomed the visitors. Mr. Draper and Mr. G. Walker, president of the Syston District, replied. Mr. Draper mentioning the company's indebtedness to Mr. Roper and the Harborne ringers for their assistance.

The Barrow boys then adjourned to the bus to ring a quarter peal on handbells, while the rest of the company enjoyed themselves in various ways until 8.20 p.m. when a start for home was made.

## ST. MELLONS

On Tuesday, August 28th, a party of 16 ringers from St. Mellons and district, with friends and relations making the party up to 37, set off for their annual outing. At Newport, Mr. J. W. Jones, who must certainly be one of the veteran ringers of the whole country, joined us and with the party now complete good progress was made to Abergavenny. In the back seat of the bus, the younger ringing element made their presence an audible as well as a visible feature by tune and method ringing on handbells. At Abergavenny, ringing took place on the majestic ten which are a great credit to Taylor's.

No one was unduly perturbed by the storms of rain which swept down from time to time, as the sun also shone for long periods. The next stop was at Hereford, where lunch had been arranged. It was not possible to ring at the Cathedral but many took the opportunity of visiting it.

Mr. Brookes, the local doyen met us at Lugwardine where ringing took place on the very nice eight. Here non-ringing members took the opportunity of visiting the ringing chamber, among them being two American friends. Thence to Leominster where an excellent salad tea was fully appreciated by all.

Ringling took place after tea at the Priory Church and a course of Kent Major on the back eight was the best of the day. Unhappily the rest of the ringing on this fine ring was very poor. On the way to Withington a very good course of Bob Major was lapped by those occupying the back seat. Two of our party—ringers, he it noted—were presented with a silver wedding card signed by all present, the outing falling on the anniversary. Mr. J. W. Jones, in making the presentation, wished the recipients, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert, the greatest happiness.

Mr. Reg Addis, the captain of the St. Mellons ringers, was warmly thanked for his work in organising the outing so admirably, as he has been doing for a number of years.

J. R. W.

## A CORNISH OUTING

Members of Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, under the supervision of Mr. W. Shute, spent a very interesting and enjoyable week-end tour in Cornwall.

The success of this was in no small way attributed to the hospitality and brotherly way all were welcomed at the village towers visited, especially at Lanteglos.

This tour commenced from Hampreston at 6.30 p.m. on August 24th, cars being the mode of transport. The party camped at Honiton on the first night, under canvas, and on the following night stayed in Lanteglos Church Barn because of inclement weather. Saturday was spent visiting and ringing at Launceston, Callington, Lewannick, Davidstow and Lanteglos. Before returning home the tourists paid a visit to the coast.

## 40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 22nd, 1911)

Brading, Isle of Wight. The Cambridge University Guild. On Friday, September 8th, 1911, in three hours and five minutes, at the Church of St. Mary, a peal of Little Bob Major, 5,040 changes (tenor 104 cwt.): Rev. A. H. F. Boughey treble, E. M. Atkins 2, Rev. H. L. James 3, Rev. A. G. Langdon 4, R. O. Street 5, W. D. James 6, Rev. E. B. James 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson tenor. Composed by W. Rolve. Conducted by Rev. E. B. James.

[This was the first time a peal in a 'Little' method had been rung. One might have expected some protests at the idea of the treble not going beyond fourths, but none appear to have been forthcoming.]

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

Other Notices one penny per word, minimum 3s.

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### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage arranged between the Rev. Peter T. Robbins and Miss Betty Spice will take place at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1951, at 11.15 a.m. All ringing friends will be welcomed at the church. Future address: 100, Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs. 9493

### PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS'.—A new edition with index is now available, price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH', by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

### MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Will any bellringer commencing studies at Bristol University or affiliated colleges this coming session please contact me?—Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec., U.B.S.C.R., Beech Grove, Newport, Shropshire. 9478

ST. JOHN'S, SURREY ROAD, BOURNE-MOUTH.—Practice ringing at the above church on Tuesday evenings will be suspended until further notice. Sunday service ringing will continue as usual. 9491

'VILLAGE BELLS'.—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

BACK NUMBERS.—A limited number of back numbers for most issues from 1946 onwards are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World', c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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

### MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Arley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9498

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Farnham Districts.—Combined meeting at Worpleston, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Worpleston. 9466

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The meeting advertised for Norton, Saturday, Sept. 22nd, is now postponed until Oct. 20th.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9503

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—September 22nd. Meeting at Hounslow (8), 3-5 (Hounslow West Station). Cafes in Hounslow. 120 bus from 'The Bell' to Heston (8), 6-8.30.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9472



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 2s.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9458

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Easthampstead on Sept. 22nd and Twyford on Oct. 6th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9474

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting due to be held at Bexhill on Saturday, 22nd September, will now be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—Hon. Div. Sec. 9494

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. 9379

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8. Names for tea, by September 25th, to Mr. F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9.—A. B. Peck. 9459

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mossley, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea advise, by September 25th. Mr. E. Garside, Shenston, Waterton Lane, Mossley, near Manchester.—C. K. Lewis. 9468

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Combined meeting, Farnon, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 26th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 9490

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton (8), Saturday, September 29th, 2.30. Tea at cafe nearby. D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9470

**DUDLEY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Cradley on Saturday, September 29th (by kind invitation). Bells 2.30. Guild service conducted by the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president. 4.15. Will members kindly attend to wish God-speed to the Vicar, who is leaving? Tea 5.15 for those who send names, not later than Tuesday, September 25th, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9442

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Full details will be forwarded to tower secretaries in due course.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 9476

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Wood Ditton, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Austin, Sunny View, Wood Ditton Road, Newmarket, by Sept. 26th.—H. L. Martin. 9499

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9505

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Corsham (6). Sept. 29th. 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to R. Tigwell. 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9489

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Brosley, Sept. 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Notifications for tea to be sent not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th, to H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 9475

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Wiltshire Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8). Saturday, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Richards, St. Margaret, Southbrook Street Ext., Swindon. 9451

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9479

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Open Ringing Day at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, on September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Schools 5, for those sending names by Tuesday, 25th, to Mr. A. Davies, 46, Ulleswater Street, Leicester. 9444

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9508

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Saturday, September 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to Mr. W. de Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9446

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cosgrove, Saturday, September 29th. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to E. Lambert, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9443

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. Whalley, 24, South Walks Road, Dorchester, by Sept. 25th.—J. Hayne, Sec. 9482

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by Sept. 25th. Swanage in the evening. 9477

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower after tea. Tea at local cafes.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9512

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Co-op Cafe, Railway Street, York, September 29th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Private bar. Applications for tickets (9s. each) to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post Monday, September 24th. Minster bells available 11 to 12.30, 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.30. 9469

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wissett (6), Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than 26th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Notson Road, Southwold. 9463

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, September 29th. St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's. Bells 3. Tea 5, Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street. Election of District Secretary. Names for tea essential by 25th, to E. G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 9454

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9502

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Horley (8) on Saturday, September 29th. Ringing 3. Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 9. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 28th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 9492

**THE KEMPSTON RINGERS** invite you to their tower on September 29th. Bells 2.30. Tour of church for non-ringers 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Social evening 7. Notify me for morning quarter peals at neighbouring churches, and send names for 1s. 9d. tea tickets (3s. on the day).—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9455

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Penzance Branch.—Meeting at Paul, Sept. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 9484

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Sept. 26th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9500

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Snowdon Dinner at York on Saturday, Sept. 29th. All members and friends are asked to note the following complete arrangements: General Committee meet 3 p.m. at St. Michael-le-Belfry Parish Room. General meeting same premises at 4.45 p.m. Evensong in Minster at 4 p.m. Dinner (tickets 9s. each) at Co-operative Cafe, Railway Street, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Licensed bar. Early application for tickets to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Ringing at the Minster (12) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. approx. (latter period for out-county visitors only).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 9506

**ALL SAINTS' WORCESTER.**—The re-dedication of the bells, after rehanging and reconditioning of belfry, takes place on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 6.30. There will be ringing before and after the service. An address will be given by Rev. H. Hartley, Vicar of Malvern Link and chairman of Worcestershire and Districts Association of Bell-ringers. Ringers welcomed. 9488

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Bishop's Lydeard, Oct. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please. Bagborough bells 6.30.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9511

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Please notify D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, by Oct. 2nd. 9510

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Oct. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 9509

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual ringing festival at Bocking, Oct. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 9497

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 9425

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room. Names for tea, with cash, at 2s. per head, together with nominations for officers, to reach me not later than first post Wednesday, October 3rd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9501

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Leicester, on Oct. 6th. Bells, St. John's (10), at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics, by Oct. 3rd. Tickets, 8s. 6d. each and number limited, for (Continued on next page)



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the festival dinner and social on Oct. 27th at Market Harborough now available. Apply with remittance, before Oct. 18th to W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9487

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District. — Meeting, Nocton (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. —John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Flat 11, Wellingore Hall, near Lincoln. 9504

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H.** and Witney and Woodstock Branches). **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Swindon Branch). — Joint meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Other towers available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 3rd. to M. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9414

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Autumn meeting, Rugeley, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 3rd. Annual reports (6d. each) will be available at this meeting. Tower secretaries please note, it will be no use complaining afterwards.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 9485

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 13th. 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9507

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th. Accommodation for 150. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, shortly available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 9462

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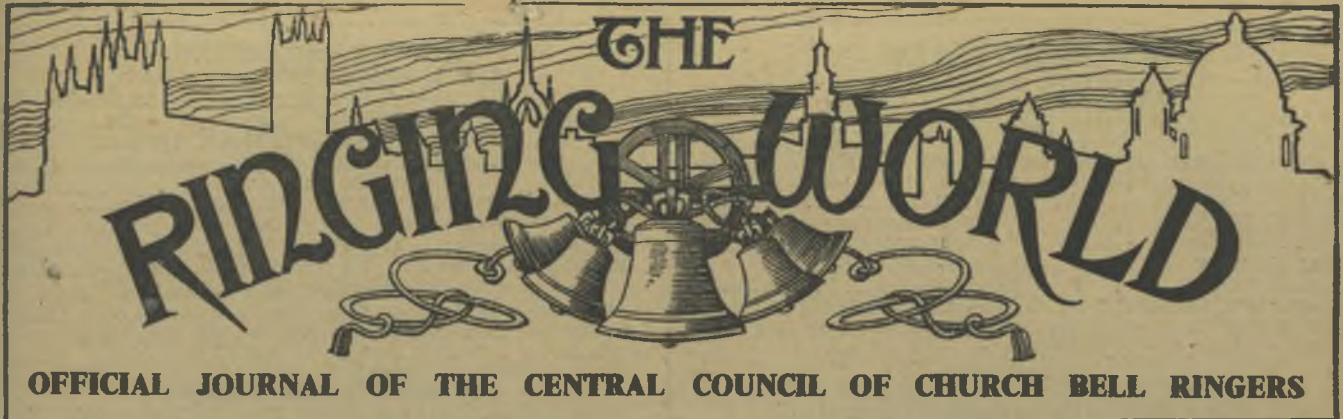
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## DOWN REDCLIFFE WAY

**T**HE Church of St. Mary Redcliffe is undoubtedly well known to most ringers, standing as it does in its most majestic form near the centre of Bristol. Queen Elizabeth once said of this church, 'The fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England.' We at Redcliffe feel that she was correct in her statement. That was in the year 1574 and I think it is safe to assume that the six bells then hanging in the tower were rung in honour of the visit. It is stated that the number of ringers then were numbered as 12 to 16, and except for a record of a society being in existence in the year 1835, it seems that a regular band of ringers has never existed at this tower.

What of the present day? The tower now has a fine ring of twelve bells with a tenor of 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb; these are well known to a large number of ringers, both old and young.

During the war the bells were lying on the floor of the church and were replaced in the year 1945 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It was then that ringing activities really began, Mr. D. G. Clift taking charge with the object of Sunday service ringing in view. Regular Sunday ringing was unknown before at Redcliffe, and with the assistance and co-operation of other bands in Bristol it was achieved.

It was in 1950 that it was made obvious to me that we still did not have a guild of our own. A ringer from a far distant tower came to join us for ringing on one Sunday evening, and he remarked what a good thing it was that Redcliffe now had a band of ringers of their own. It was the beginning of the laying the foundation for the formation of such a guild, and on February 15th, 1950, the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers was formed.

It is always easy to start something new, but a far different thing to keep it going. The ringers who formed the Guild did not belong to any tower as members, but all joined together so that their ringing should be for the benefit of the Guild.

What do we do to keep the interest alive? First and foremost we ring our bells every Sunday evening and welcome all other ringers who care to visit us when not ringing in their own towers. We take an interest in the welfare of our fellow-ringers; after all, the family spirit is as necessary as the team spirit.

We have rules which have to be adhered to; these were drawn up by the members themselves. We elect our officers at the annual meeting and at this and other meetings, held when necessary, criticism of the way things are done is not withheld.

The social side of the Guild's activities is of great importance; outings are arranged, usually preceded by some weeks' hard practice, together with evening trips when possible. The winter programme will no doubt see further gatherings for handbell ringing practice; this includes tune ringing at functions associated with the church.

Now that is all very well, but have we forgotten anything? The probationers—oh, yes, we have some, and these, I trust, will become the mainstay of the Guild in the future. These lads are keen and play their part in the Guild's activities as the members do. They have to pass a test in order to become members, and three have succeeded in the past year.

None of this would have been possible but for the support of the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann, and the Church Council. The interest taken has been abundant and was made evident in the support given to installing the new 'flat sixth.' This was undoubtedly one of the finest acts of appreciation the Guild could have received. I trust we shall ever be worthy of it.

On Saturday, August 18th, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a farewell to our Vicar, at our third attempt. The notable thing about the peal was that the first probationer to become a member rang his first peal at the first attempt. His age is 15 years.

A ringer, paying his first visit to Redcliffe whilst here on holiday, was invited to ring. He remarked how surprised he was that he had been asked to ring, as he had been informed that he would not get a ring at St. Mary's. I wonder how many more ringers pass our tower with the same thing in mind. No, we welcome all visitors to Bristol to come and visit us and to join in ringing with us. We expect all ringers to give of their best, whatever method may be rung.

Above all, we remember that we are in the House of God and that nothing but the best is worth while. This means discipline; but as long as we obey the conductor in understanding and love we cannot go far wrong.

E. F. H.



**TEN BELL PEALS**

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

RONALD C. NOON .. .. Treble	JOHN KING .. .. 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 3	BRIAN WARWICK .. .. 8
ROBERT G. BLACK .. .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. .. 9
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5	BRYAN SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX (C.C.C. 26). Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

First peal of Caters as conductor. Mr. Black has now rung each bell in this steeple to a 10-bell peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths.)

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 29 cwt.

*CYRIL HURST .. .. Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	CHARLES A. SMITH .. .. 7
*JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 3	*HARRY L. MARTIN .. .. 8
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. .. 9
†PETER BORDER .. .. 5	*HAROLD F. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 20 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. Treble	*RAYMOND W. SKINNER .. 6
GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 7
*GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 3	†VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 8
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 9
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5	*DEREK NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Stedman, also of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt.

PETER LAFLIN .. .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	*HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 3	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 8
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First peal in the method for the Association.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

RUTH TABRAHAM .. Treble	BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. EASTWELL .. 2	DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 6
JANET S. BAILEY .. .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Arranged by F. T. BLAGROVE. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal of Spliced Major by all and shortest peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	*C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. .. 4	PERCIVAL GRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on these bells and in the same method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 5
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. .. 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* 150th peal on the bells. The conductor's 500th peal. Half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. T. L. Wilkie (82), churchwarden, who died suddenly in church the previous Sunday, interred this day.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MARIE R. CROSS .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 5
*RUTH PATON .. .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
†DAVID WOODLEY .. .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. No. 24). Conducted by A. R. PINK.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED F. WEBB .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 2	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 6
ERNEST PALMER .. .. 3	*TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	LESLIE BARRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' A birthday compliment to E. Palmer.

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## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*KENNETH EDWARDS .. Treble	†ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. 6
JAMES S. WEBB .. 3	†PETER CROOK .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Major. † 500th peal for the Lancashire Association.

‡ First peal in the method.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES .. Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON .. 2	JOHN L. THOMPSON .. 6
NANCY MARKLEW .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE .. 4	†GEORGE R. WILKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

*JOHN E. BROUGH .. Treble	RONALD T. BARLOW .. 5
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	†CHARLES H. PAGE .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	†IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 24). Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

## HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. EDWIN HOARE .. Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5
MABEL A. PROCKSON .. 2	†DENNIS F. HARMAN .. 6
WILLIAM D. PROCKSON .. 3	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 7
*RONALD F. H. HARMAN .. 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ROBERT H. BEGRIE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. A Festival peal.

## LEWISHAM, LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

JACK DAFTERS .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
*RICHARD E. PRICE .. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
W. NORMAN PARK .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 7
†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal of Stedman Triples. Half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. A. J. B. Robb, mother of the Vicar, and to Mr. Harry Warnett, sen. (88), for over 60 years associated with this church and tower and until lately captain and steeplekeeper, interred this day.

## OLD WOKING, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 5
JAMES BRACKLEY .. 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 6
WILLIAM M. STONE .. 3	GEORGE E. CLODE .. 7
ERNEST J. GOATER .. 4	COLIN A. HOPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A compliment to D. Munday, tower secretary, on the wedding of his daughter, Doreen, to A. Hay previous to the peal.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 5
ALICE CUTLER .. 2	*WILLIAM WELLING .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\* 100th peal on these bells.

## OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPRINGFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
FRANCIS KIRK .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

## ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

## THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. DAVID AND ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE DAVIS .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
MONICA DAVIS .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 6
FREDK. R. HARRIS .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. 7
GWYN THOMAS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

JEAN A. BROOKS .. Treble	PETER HALLAM .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
MARY C. PAYNE .. 3	*ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 7
†MARY A. CARPENTER .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 25th peal on tower bells. 25th peal on the bells. A birthday compliment for ringers of 5th and tenor.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST STITCH .. Treble	*AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	JOHN R. COTTERILL .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major in the method.

## BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. Treble	FREDK. R. HARRIS .. 5
*REGINALD T. JONES .. 2	E. PETER ROCK .. 6
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	*GEORGE DAVIS .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells.



## ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 11½ cwt.
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN MYATT .. 6	
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7	
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Edward Harrold, captain of All Saints' band, Wigston Magna, and Audrey Waterfield.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble	RONALD EDGE .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

A birthday compliment to Peter Crook, jun., and his wife.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

PETER CARTER .. Treble	†PETER C. WRIGHT .. 5
*†REGINALD L. SILLS .. 2	†THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
†DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick White, a vice-president, and for many years trustee of the above Association.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ERIC N. HARRISON (15) .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH (15) .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
ROLAND PARK .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*GEOFFREY HUCKSTEP .. Treble	ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	†WILLIAM G. COOK .. 6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
†FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. 4	VERNON J. BENNING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
KATHLEEN FLETCHER .. 3	WALTER LEE .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

The first peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding peal for Mr. Ernest Eldridge, Boyne Hill, and Miss Cora Tuck, a valuable member of the Cookham tower.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 London. 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 1). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

RONALD BIRCH .. Treble	GEORGE R. HINER .. 5
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 2	*FRANK MILLINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 3	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

## NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*REX M. DIXON (12) .. Treble	HORACE E. WERRETT .. 5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. 2	L. BENJAMIN SCOOT .. 6
†JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. 3	WALTER D. POOLEY .. 7
MAURICE A. COLLINGS (15) .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local Sunday service band. A wedding compliment to Lt.-Col. the Rev. E. J. C. King-Salter, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Miss Rachel Hewett Bailey, daughter of Canon J. H. Bailey, former Vicar of Norton parish for 40 years. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scoot.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SEAL CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL FULLER .. Treble	HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 4
*MARY FULLER .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal.

## EASTNOR, HERFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
*C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 25th peal.

## MILLAND, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*FRANK W. LEWIS (14) .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4
*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 2	GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.



## NEWICK, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN...Treble	C. JOHN PIPER .. .. 4
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD .. 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
EVELYN M. CAPON .. .. 3	*FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* 125th peal together. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. L. Hicks, mother of the conductor.

## WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

*JOHN F. COLLINGS ..Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 4
WALTER D. POOLEY... .. 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN... .. 5
HORACE E. WERRETT .. 3	ROY V. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

\* First peal of Minor. W. D. Pooley has now circled the tower. Rung for the patronal festival and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. E. L. Richardson.

## RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 changes of New Bob, 480 changes each of Eynsham, St. Simon's, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and 1,440 of Grandsire.

ALBERT W. GIBBONS ..Treble	A. JAMES STUART .. .. 3
RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE... .. 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

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

## WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON Treble	†REV. A. A. MUXLOW .. 4
*LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal including Treble Bob. † First peal in three methods. A Festival of Britain peal.

## BOBBING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and one extent each of Oxford Single Bob and Reverse College Single.

BERT W. MAY .. ..Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5
*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 25th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Thomas Jull, of Newington, for over 60 years a respected member of the Kent County Association, who was buried here.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's.

JOHN W. L. SLACK ..Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
ANNE WORTH .. .. 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 5
BARRY LAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A welcome to the Rev. A. Williams on his induction to the above living.



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# SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4
DONALD H. METTAM .. .. 2	HUGH LONGLAND .. .. 5
HARRY BARNES .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

# OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS, HOLYWELL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID WOODLEY .. .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
CHARLES COLES .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
*WILLIAM C. PORTER .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in eight Minor methods. Rung on the eve of the feast of St. Cross.

# WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight six-scores each of Canterbury, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH D. PERKINS (13) Treble	VICTOR PERRY .. .. 3
IVOR J. DICKIN (15) .. .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4
PERCY AMOS .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal in more than four methods as conductor. Rung for the 80th birthday of the Rev. R. B. Disney, and to commemorate Holy Cross Day.

# CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4
HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. .. 5
DENNIS MADDOCK .. .. 3	CECIL RADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

# CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. QUICKE .. .. Treble	H. PURCHASE .. .. 4
C. TARR .. .. 2	*C. WENSLEY .. .. 5
G. SPARKES .. .. 3	A. GALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

\* First peal 'inside.'

# RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Southrepps Pleasure and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.

*HUGH A. LOACH .. .. Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. 3
†STEPHEN J. SUMMERS .. .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 4
LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rebung.

# SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

JOAN COTTON .. .. Treble	CYRIL TYLER .. .. 4
PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

# WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and four of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. ANN CLARKE .. .. Treble	*HAROLD F. PARFREY .. .. 4
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. .. 2	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 5
*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

# SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

HORACE BENNETT .. .. Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4
*GWEN RUSBY .. .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 5
*BERNARD H. DALTON .. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. 25th peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise and fastest peal on the bells.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

IN ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 8 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES .. .. 1-2	*JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First peal 'in hand' on an 'inside' pair.

# BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR

Being eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse Bob, 352 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

\* First peal in eight methods away from the tenors. The conductor's 500th peal.

# BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 1,092 Gainsborough Little Bob, 848 Reverse Bob, 576 Little Bob, 424 Crayford Little Bob, and 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

# BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4	†JOHN F. PEDLAR .. .. 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLAR.

\* First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Major and as conductor. A birthday compliment to F. J. Sampson.



**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Angela Carter 1, Audrey J. West 2, Dorothy A. Cockshead (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Lock 6.

**BEAMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, A. Scott 2, J. Barrett 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, H. D. W. Bishop 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, L. Glyde 8.

**BONVILSTON, GLAM.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. E. Coles 1, G. Chouls 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, F. J. Bailey 4, A. R. Price 5, J. R. Worral (cond.) 6. First quarter of Kent for 2, 3 and 5.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (consisting of one 720 each of London and Cambridge): J. Mussell 1, Miss E. Brown 2, W. C. Shute 3, J. Hartless 4, D. R. Reed 5, R. N. Marlow (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's on Sept. 10th, 1,261 Stedman Triples: C. Walklate 1, H. Taylor 2, George Freebrey (cond.) 3, S. Walklate 4, F. R. Love 5, A. E. Thompson 6, M. Barker 7, W. Clare (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John F. Wilkinson.

**EATON, LEICS.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sgt. A. P. Harrison 1, Special Con. F. S. Parsons 2, Sgt. H. Valters 3, Sgt. D. Wray 4, P.C. H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, P.C. R. P. Armstrong 6.

**FLITTON, BEDS.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (being 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Michael Sinfield (first quarter) 1, S. Ivin 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, T. Harris 4, C. Mann 5, G. Kirby 6.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, W. J. Paice 4, W. Langdon 5, Miss D. Lidbetter 6, H. Belcher 7, C. Watts 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, S. Ellis 10.

**GREAT PONTON, LINCS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 900 Grandsire): Mrs. G. Stableford 1, J. Pearson (cond.) 2, H. F. Valters 3, T. Charity 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. First quarter in four methods by all except 4th ringer.

**HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Willis Betts 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, Mrs. J. Stephenson 3, J. Corder 4, W. Clarke 5, E. Hynard 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. — Ruglys.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—At All Souls' on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mann 1, G. F. Bryant 2, R. E. Moulds 3, J. H. Fielden 4, G. Beaumont 5, C. Sweeney (cond.) 6. First quarter by all except treble. A farewell tribute to the Rev. A. Simmonds.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, D. Callard 4, W. Reeks 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of T. Laver, instructor to the first band of change ringers at this tower.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Backshall, jun., 1, A. J. Backshall 2, P. Hollingdale (first 'inside') 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, J. Feist (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for a combined service held at the beginning of Festival Week.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost 3, S. F. Earl 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright. Also a birthday compliment to F. Benfield.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,288 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. S. Smith 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, W. Andrews 3, F. Day 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 6, P. G. Parrott 7, W. Jarvis 8. First quarter peal in the method by 3, 4 and 7.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. N. H. Powell (cond.) 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. S. Morris 7, W. H. Hughes 8. In memoriam to Thomas Wilfred Taffender.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peter Dadds 1, B. L. Brown 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, B. W. Aldridge 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, A. J. Dadds 8. For harvest festival.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. L. Carter 1, A. Jaine 2, D. B. Cater 3, F. Webster 4, F. A. Jaine 5, E. Earnshaw (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of St. Bartholomew, the patron saint. First quarter of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

**MATHERN, MON.**—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. R. Worrall (cond.) 1, D. S. Voss 2, Jacqueline S. Evans 3, R. C. Lucas 4, A. R. Price 5, J. L. Fitzgerald 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sept. 6th, at St. Giles', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Roome (first quarter on ten) 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, B. O. Soden 4, S. R. Earl 5, F. R. Brown 6, W. R. Parker 7, B. E. Frost 8, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 9, F. Benfield 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. C. Davis (first on treble) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, A. Tyers 3, I. T. Read (15, first as cond.) 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A compliment to Mr. T. Jeanes and Miss J. Wearing on their engagement.

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Roger Martin 1, K. Hall 2, W. H. Clarke 3, G. A. Dimmock 4, E. Cowperthwaite 5, W. K. Martin 6, C. Crosshwaite (cond.) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. W. Smirk, a life-long servant of the church.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rampton (first quarter) 1, C. Lewington (first quarter) 2, A. Wiggins 3, R. Burton 4, Mrs. P. Lewington (cond.) 5, A. Discrens 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrill 8.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 1, B. Bladen 2, Miss B. M. Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange 5, T. I. Holborow 6. For harvest festival.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. J. Honess 5, N. Phillips 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday congratulations to Miss S. Booth and H. F. Perry.

**SALTWOOD, KENT.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin (first quarter) 1, R. J. Birch 2, W. J. Bidnell 3, S. Mowl 4, C. A. Wratte (cond.) 5, W. Parks 6. First quarter of Doubles for 3 and 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Birch, and also of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Moody (first quarter) 1, K. Haslam 2, E. Large 3, C. Parker 4, J. Pinfold 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. W. Haslam 8.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. G. Leahy 1, A. Page 2, G. H. Whitmore 3, P. Page 4, J. H. Hunt 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell (first quarter as cond.) 2, J. Cannell 3, W. A. Hughes 4, M. Fuller 5, A. S. Richards 6.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscriptions, 6s., are now due. Please send this week-end, without fail, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. New subscribers welcomed.

During the ringing of a peal in a certain Northants parish, a Mrs. Quick rang up the parson with the request, 'Couldn't he do something to stop those — bells?' Two days later a furious Mr. and Mrs. Quick met the belfry captain, who promptly told them 'to be slow to anger and quick to move to another district if they didn't like the bells.' Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Quick quickly walked away.

Lesson in geography for the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and also Dove's 'Ringers' Guide.' St. Mellons is in Monmouthshire.

In the in memoriam peal to Mr. T. Jull at Bobbing, Kent, on September 12th, just after the conductor, Mr. G. A. Naylor, called 'Stand,' the rope of the third bell broke.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett points out that the first peal on the ten at King's Lynn was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal on August 6th, 1900, and not as stated in the recent footnote.

The work of putting the twelve bells of the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on ball bearings is now practically completed, and it is hoped to have them in use again for morning service on September 30th.

Stansted, Herts, has two octogenarians — Messrs. Walter Prior (83) and W. T. Prior (80). As a compliment to them a quarter peal was rung by W. T. Prior 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, N. R. Turner 4, H. Bird 5, W. Wheeler 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8.

The ringers at Sparsholt, Winchester, hope to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry on Oct. 3rd to see the recasting of their tenor. Mr. T. R. West, of Sparsholt, acknowledges the sum of £32 received from ringing friends and would be pleased to receive other contributions towards the £30 outstanding.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Will 'Pessimistic Campanologist' please note that letters cannot be considered for publication without the name and address of the sender being sent to the Editor.

A new edition of 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' the only official book on the subject, is now available from the hon. librarian of the Central Council. A valuable addition to the publication is an index.

One of the last public duties of the late Bishop Neville Lovett, former Bishop of Salisbury, was the dedication in April, 1950, of the restored and augmented ring at Piddlehinton, Dorset. On September 9th the bells of St. Mary's, Piddlehinton, were rung half-muffled both before and after evensong, the ringing including the 'whole pull and stand' 82 times.

Two peals arranged in the Lewisham district during the week-end September 7th-8th had to be rung half-muffled. The first, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Erith, on Sept. 7th, was to have been a peal of London. It was the 500th peal by Mr. Fred Cullum, one of the leading conductors of the Kent County Association. It was rung half-muffled and the method changed accordingly as a mark of respect to Mr. T. L. Wilkie, churchwarden.

A peal of Ealing was to have been attempted at Lewisham on September 8th, but the method was changed to Stedman and the bells half-muffled as an appropriate valediction to the veteran Harry Warnett, whose death has already been reported in 'The Ringing World.' The day before the peal the Vicar of Lewisham was bereaved by the death of his aged mother. The original intention of the peal was to mark the appointment of the Vicar as an honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral.

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# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD RINGING WEEK

## At the Rival City

THE University cities during vacation are favourite venues for conferences and meetings of many kinds, and this year has been no exception. The ancient city of Oxford, for instance, during the last week of August, housed not only the National Coal Board and the Methodist Ecumenical Mission, but also the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, who this year chose to make the rival city their centre for the annual ringing week.

Headquarters were at one of the hostels attached to St. Ann's Society, on the Banbury road, where most of the 19 members who were present for the whole or part of the week were splendidly looked after by the warden (Mrs. Haworth) and her staff. As we were the only residents in the house at the time, handbell ringing and discussion—both learned and unlearned—could continue in the spacious dining room until a late hour without let or hindrance. On the Tuesday evening, also, a well-struck handbell peal was rung in one of the upper bedrooms.

The ringing of peals has, of course, never been the primary object of these annual reunions. They are intended rather to provide an opportunity for members of all ages, irrespective of their capabilities as ringers, to make or renew acquaintance with each other, to visit fresh churches and their bells (preferably amid pleasant surroundings), to practise new methods and to improve their striking—in short, a first-class ringing holiday.

## PEAL ATTEMPTS

Nevertheless, it is usual to attempt a few peals, although most of us are always a little surprised if more than half are successful. This year five tower-bell attempts were made as follows: Double Norwich at Kirtlington on August 27th, rung in three hours and two minutes; Kent at Bicester, lost after two hours forty minutes with only one course to go; Grandsire Caters at Abingdon on Wednesday, lost after about an hour because of a superfluous 'correction' of the coursing order by the conductor; Cambridge at Buckland on Thursday, a good peal; and London at Harwell on Saturday, lost after an hour owing to a 'shift.' This breakdown at Bicester was particularly annoying as it would have been the first in the method for one of the two ladies present, who only last year at Bourn was carefully shepherded through a false peal of the same method.

Transport, so often a problem on ringing weeks, was available in abundance, as no fewer than nine cars and two motor-cycles were at the disposal of the company. Although no one viewing the vehicles as a collection could possibly have imagined himself to be judging a 'concours d'elegance,' such was the reliability of the machines and the efficiency of their pilots that punctuality was a noticeable feature of the tour.

The peal at Kirtlington accomplished, we made our way to No. 27 and after supper enjoyed several touches on the fine ring of six at the University Church of St. Mary. It was noticed that quite a crowd of onlookers assembled on the opposite side of the 'High,' but whether they were attracted by the excellence of our ringing on these rather weighty bells or by the beauty of the floodlit spire was never ascertained. Several other ecclesiastical and University buildings at Oxford have also been floodlit this summer, providing a really beautiful and genuinely 'festival' picture in the late evening.

## QUALIS

On Tuesday, while the unfortunate Kentish adventure was in progress at Bicester, the remainder rang on the fine eight at Kidlington, on the sixes at Rousham and Lower Heyford, and finally at Deddington, where the number of the bells is equalled by the number of the

weather-vanes on top of the tower, all eight of which at the time of our visit were pointing in the same direction! After an excellent cold lunch at the Unicorn in this village the whole party adjourned to Adderbury for about an hour's ringing on this splendid ring of eight, generally acknowledged to be one of the best in Oxfordshire. Then on to Aynho, just over the Northamptonshire border, where a second attempt to ring a touch of Qualis—a mixture of Major and Triples invented by the Rev. E. B. James, which the organiser had printed in full on the back of the programme—mysteriously came to grief, and thence to Souldern Rectory, peacefully situated in green pastures a hundred yards from the road, where the Rev. Hugh Benson kindly provided refreshments. There followed ringing of Doubles and Minor, first at Souldern and then at Somerton, while in the evening those not ringing handbells visited St. Thomas-the-Martyr's for still more six-bell effort.

Wednesday began with a corporate Communion service, conducted by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, and held in the private chapel of Springfield St. Mary. Then breakfast and away to the attractive old town of Abingdon to try the light six at St. Nicholas', where ringing is still carried on from the old minstrel gallery in the first storey of the tower. Next to the lively eight at Drayton, for ever to be associated with the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson. Alongside the tablet for Mr. Robinson's thousandth peal is a longer tablet giving details of the first occasion (in 1886) when three peals were rung in one day, a remarkable feature that caused some comment being that each peal apparently occupied exactly the same time, two hours and forty minutes.

At Sutton Courtenay, the beauty of the village and the interesting church were ample compensation for our disappointment at finding only six bells instead of eight as our programme had led us to expect. The bells, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., are hung anti-clockwise. One would like to listen to them from the quiet backwater on whose bank Mr. Asquith made his home, or from the side of the famous 'Sutton pool,' only a short distance away.

We then returned to Abingdon and after lunch attempted Grandsire Caters at the ancient Church of St. Helen, where the five gabled aisles of the nave make the width of the building greater than its length. Failure here made it possible for the band to join the rest of the party, who had meanwhile visited Witney, in time to share in ringing on the handy eight at South Leigh. The evening was pleasantly spent in the company of Walter Judge and others of the Oxford ringers, first at All Saints' and afterwards elsewhere.

Thursday proved to be a most enjoyable day despite the violent storms that must have ruined it for all ordinary holiday-makers. While the second tower-bell success was being achieved at Buckland, the remainder, with the welcome addition of Miss Cross and two of her young ringers from Radley who had also assisted the previous afternoon, visited Cumnor, Stanton Harcourt and Standlake. At Cumnor the bells, tuneful and again fairly heavy, are now rung from the ground floor, but the massive spiral oak staircase giving access to the upper storeys remains. Here London Minor was rung with doubtful success. The church contains a Jacobean pulpit with a reader's pew.

Having crossed the river at Bablock Hythe, probably in record time thanks to the assistance given the ferryman by some of the more energetic passengers, we came to Stanton Harcourt. After inspecting the family memorials and the impressive pedigree of the Harcourts recorded in the transept, we were pleasantly surprised by the spaciousness of the central ringing chamber, where several good touches were rung, among them an integer of spiced Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At Standlake

the six bells, in three tiers, are housed in a narrow chimney-like structure which causes the sound to pour down on the ringers below as though in a vain effort to escape. At least so it seems to the visitor; probably the regulars find the conditions quite tolerable.

## APPLETON MEMORIES

Lunch at Appleton followed, specially arranged for us at the Thatched Tavern, thatched (alas!) no longer, but still very definitely a ringers' house, with photographs of bands who rang the record lengths. Cambridge Royal and Caters at this famous tower began the afternoon, our admiration for the long-peal veterans being increased by our impression of the 'go' of the back bells. The remainder of the day's ringing took place in Oxford itself, at Christ Church, Merton and Magdalen. Not all the party made the ascent at Merton, but those who did found conditions not so difficult as expected; among other items a well-struck course of Bristol rewarded them. At the business meeting in the evening thanks were expressed to the organiser, Paul Williamson, and it was agreed that, if possible, the week in 1952 should be held in Hertfordshire.

On Friday there was no peal attempt, but we all spent the day in the Cotswold country, our first stop being at the beautiful village of Great Tew. Those whose first visit it was were thrilled to find the lovely surroundings and exterior of the church matched by the splendid bells, generally voted the finest octave of the tour. Tempted though we were to prolong our stay, we dutifully pressed on to Chipping Norton, where more good ringing took place. The absence of ropes at Stow-on-the-Wold effectively prevented any disturbance of the after-lunch peace there, so while some sought consolation on the five at Broadwell the rest went direct to Bourton-on-the-Water. The chancel roof here is very attractively decorated with various painted crests, but the bells can fairly lay claim only to mediocrity in all respects. The departure of one or two of our cars hence caused some amusement to onlookers as somebody chose to indulge his liking for producing noises mechanically by trying a tin can to an exhaust. At Burford, with a first-class modern ring of eight, our stay was curtailed owing to some difficulty in obtaining the key, and after two or three short touches we went on to Bampton, permission to ring being obtained by telephone. On this heavy eight, in its way very fine and satisfying in tone, some good Double Norwich brought the end of a splendid day for all except eight, who added another tower to their list with half an hour's ringing at St. Ebbe's.

The lost London at Harwell concluded the week. But long after the failures, and perhaps the peals too are forgotten, other memories will linger: the quaint peal boards telling of integers of Doubles at Stanton Harcourt and of doges and singels at Bourton; a squirrel daintily and unconcernedly consuming an apple in a quiet garden; a small child playing with a huge dog in the grounds of the Rose Revived by the riverside at Newbridge; the many photographs of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, a famous member of the Guild, especially the splendid one at Burford that seems to extend a genial welcome to all as they mount the final step into the ringing chamber. F. E. H.

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# A THOUSAND MILES THROUGH YORKSHIRE

## Pipe's Pilgrims Go North

THE early arrivals for this year's tour met at Grundisburgh on Saturday, July 21st, and received a warm welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Pipe. After tea the visitors enjoyed an hour's ringing on the grand little ten at the Parish Church and then walked over the fields for a pull on the six bells at Burgh.

Sunday morning, at 5.15, found Bill beating Sylvia by a short head to an early cup of tea and the party were soon up and preparing for another great adventure. The programme said, 'Leave Grundisburgh Green 8 a.m.,' and with the arrival of the Ufford party and introductions over, the coach moved off as the church clock struck the hour. A few miles short of Cambridge, we were pulled up by the arm of the law in the person of a road patrol policeman and firmly warned that coaches are restricted to a speed of 30 miles per hour. Getting away with a caution, and after appointing a look-out against further trailers, good time was made to Godmanchester. Lunch was at Stamford, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Nuneaton, after which we journeyed on to Newark-on-Trent for ringing on the fine ten at the Parish Church. The next stop was at East Retford, where after doing justice to a really fine tea, we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the musical ten, tenor 24 cwt., at St. Swithun's Parish Church. Headquarters for the week, the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, was reached on time, we having covered 185 miles on our outward journey.

## MONDAY

We left Selby in pouring rain, which completely blotted out the scenery on the long ride to Bridlington, which we reached at 10.15. The fine ring of eight at the Priory Church, with a powerful tenor of 26 cwt., soon made us forget the weather, and ringing from rounds to London Surprise was accomplished, only one touch failing to reach its proper ending.

We then set off for an eagerly looked for treat, ringing on the grand ten at Beverley Minster. The needs of the inner man were first satisfied at the Beverley Arms Hotel, and tracks then made to explore the wonders of that glorious church, both architectural and campanological. 'O, Yorkshire, what glories you possess.' Cambridge Royal was not a good choice of methods to open up our ringing here, for our mixed band could not settle down. Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major, Bob Triples and call changes were then well rung. Visits to the other tower were made by most of the party and the 7 ton bourdon was heard several times adding her wondrous tones to the music of the ten in peal. Ringing visitors to Beverley should ring at St. Mary's first, for it seemed difficult to do justice to another grand ring of ten bells after coming straight from the Minster.

Back on the coach we made our way to Hull, where the fine ten at Holy Trinity Parish Church were at our disposal. Rounds. Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Yorkshire Major, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal were all successfully rung. While the brass hats were busy on the ten, the youngsters of the party had found another tower not officially on the programme, at St. Mary's, Lowgate (six bells). A local ringer gave the weight of the tenor here as 17 cwt. 'Church Bells of Britain' (R. H. Dove) gives 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. To settle the argument a piece of string took the diameter of the bell, which proved to be 35½ inches—quite a lot of metal here for the diameter.

After dinner, at Selby, we had the privilege of meeting the clergy, organist and choirmen from St. Giles', Pontefract, and joining them in a social hour. Songs were, of course, forthcoming from the choir, and to show that ringers could also do their bit, Jim opened his own 'pipe' and gave a real Suffolk song which

our Yorkshire friends thoroughly enjoyed. Handbell solos by Bill were also given. The clergy were intrigued by the idea of ringers on tour and suggested that the choir might follow their example, tour Suffolk and sing at all the churches they could visit. We covered 106 miles during the day.

## TUESDAY

Our first tower on Tuesday was that of the Minster of St. Peter, Howden. Everything in the tower at Howden is perfect—bells, hanging, sound control—a model of what can be done with the right planning. The grand ring of eight (22 cwt. in E flat), which set the Suffolk men talking of Debenham, were rung in methods from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise. Our ringing here was as it should be, for if you can't ring and strike at Howden, you cannot anywhere.

We then made our way to Doncaster and the Parish Church of St. George, where the 135 steps to the ringing chamber caused a few legs to feel shaky. The usual methods were rung on this fine eight (30 cwt. in C sharp), following which a good lunch was enjoyed. Three of the party failed to reach the coach and we were finally an hour late before all were aboard and on our way to Ossett.

The Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity at Ossett was not easily found, and the apologies of the tourists are tendered to those local ringers who had waited an hour for our arrival. The fact that we were due at York Minster at 6 p.m. with no hope of an extension after 7 p.m. meant that we literally snatched a ring in Ossett tower. The journey to York that took us through Leeds is worth recounting. The centre of Leeds was a jam of traffic, and Jim enquired through the open door the way to York. A true son of Yorkshire, George by name, answered, 'I'm going that way; I'll pilot you through,' and he jumped aboard. In three minutes George had us clear of the jam and heading for the York road. His final tit-bit was when we passed close to Leeds Parish Church. Looking at the tower, Bill remarked, 'Leeds, 12 I presume.' George, evidently a post office worker, replied, 'No, Leeds, 9.'

We reached York at 6.15 and made all speed up the tower. The bells were quickly raised and the grand twelve were set ringing to rounds for the youngsters. Three leads of Treble Twelve followed, and if the writer's memory has not failed, it was Roddy Pipe, our youngest ringer, who called the bobs. Rounds again and we just had enough time left for a half course of Cambridge Royal before we reluctantly lowered the bells.

We travelled 112 miles.

## WEDNESDAY

Starting sharp on time at 8.30 a.m., our journey over the moors to Whitby was most enjoyable. The climb up to St. Mary's Church, Whitby, was certainly a test for coach and driver, but it saved our legs from a stiff climb. The new ring of ten (18½ cwt. in E) was a joy. Bob Royal and Treble Ten came safely home, but Cambridge Royal again proved elusive. Two courses of Stedman Caters and one of Stedman Triples with Bill ringing a pair ended our ringing on these lovely bells. From Whitby to Saltburn by the coast road can be both a pleasure and a nightmare. The coastal views are superb, but the three hills our coach negotiated of 1 in 5 gradients with hair-pin bends as extra hazards put all our previous descents in the shade. The ring of eight at St. Emanuel's, Saltburn, have one drawback. Noise, both in and outside the tower, spoil the pleasure of ringing on these fine bells. A very short journey brought us to Skelton-in-Cleveland, where on another fine ring of eight

at All Saints' Church we rang methods up to Bristol Surprise.

Ripon Cathedral was reached after a delightful ride of some 30 miles by the valley road skirting the Cleveland Hills; and, being well up to time, we were able to enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral bells to the full. The grand ring of ten (23 cwt. in E flat) is equal to any bells we had previously rung on, and although our ringing here was generally good, we again had to count Cambridge Royal a failure. On the journey home the rear seat of the coach had now become a rendezvous for man and a maid, and the Rev. Leslie had been heard to remark that a wedding might take place in the near future.

We travelled 176 miles.

## THURSDAY

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Leeds, was the first stop of the day, and we opened up our ringing on these lovely bells with a course of Bob Maximus. Donald Mills, age 12, and Mrs. Mills rang their first course on twelve bells, and Roddy Pipe, age 11, was conductor. We thought our ringing was quite good even if the variety of methods was unusual for a ring of twelve bells. After Stedman Caters had come safely round we followed on with Cambridge and London Major, then three leads of Treble Bob Major and finished with three leads of Treble Bob Minor on the musical six. We were pleased that Mr. R. H. Dove found time to give us a look in for a short while, and his services in piloting us out on to the Bradford road were much appreciated. The grand ring of ten we found at Bradford Cathedral amply repaid us for that dreary ride. The opening rounds nearly brought disaster, for young Stewart finished off a shaky stay on the fourth bell and went the full distance up to the ceiling. Fortunately he only suffered a shaking. Lunch at the Talbot Hotel was up to the usual high standard, and we were soon on the road again with the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mirfield, as our objective. We received a warm welcome from one of the clergy, supported by several locals and a reporter. Yorkshire tufted tail ends gave us quite a handful as we rang the bells through Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal and Kent Major.

Our next call, St. Bartholomew's, Marsden-on-the-Moor, can claim to be one of the best of the tour. A beautiful church, spotlessly kept, belfry to match and a really lovely ring of eight (26½ cwt. in D flat). Back at Huddersfield we were served with a sumptuous tea, and we had something to remember Huddersfield for, as we missed the bells in favour of returning to ring at Selby Abbey.

Dinner over, the party adjourned to the ballroom for a social hour, during which Mr. Charles Fisher presented Jim Pipe with a leather wallet on behalf of the party for his work in organising the tour, and to Reg. Jessup, our driver, a cigarette case.

We covered 104 miles.

## FRIDAY

Officially Friday was ladies' day and our destination was Kendal and Lake Windermere. We had a glorious trip via Ilkley and Settle, but arrived at Kendal to find it pouring with rain. The fine old ring of ten at Holy Trinity Church was at our disposal and we were glad to get to the tower out of the rain.

Lunch over, about half of the party made the journey to Windermere. We found a local ringer among the boats at Bowness Pier and regretted we were unable to accept an invitation to ring at Windermere owing to shortage of time. The other half of the party who had stayed at Kendal had a good time with the bells and rang methods from Kent Minor to Cambridge Royal.

We covered 228 miles.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Birmingham's letter of August 31st, in my opinion the peal of 5,060 Doubles should go down as a peal of 5,040 Doubles, for surely the band rang a true peal of 5,040 changes, beginning and ending in rounds.

With regard to Woodbine, the method itself has not been banned. If a band wishes to ring a peal in the method the C.C. cannot stop them. It is true that they will not record it, but they will print it in their journal.

I agree with him about quarters of Minor containing 720, 360 and 180 changes. At the same time, why are quarters consisting of 1,216 changes printed, i.e., Tempsford, August 15th, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Minor? This is even less than a quarter of 5,000.

Regarding Doubles methods, until the C.C. publish 42 distinct methods, each with its own plain course, methods such as April Day should be permitted. After this publication they should, in my opinion, be recorded as variations.

He has, however, dropped a brick with regard to Little methods. It is possible to reverse Little Bob, i.e., have, say in Minor, the 3rd as the dominating bell, hunting between 3rds and 6ths. It is not a rule that the treble shall dominate methods. If you wish, the 4th could dominate Little Bob Minor.

Methods having the treble doing the work opposite that of an Alliance method can be spliced with Reverse Little methods, for surely the lead of a reverse method begins when the dominating bell is lying behind, i.e., to splice Reverse Little Bob with Reverse Harmondsworth Alliance, start with part of the 480 of Reverse Harmondsworth, bobs being made when treble lies behind, by moving 5ths to 3rds, then call a single, made in 345; ring 240 Reverse Little Bob, call a single, then finish your Reverse Harmondsworth Alliance. You should also remember that the first lead of Little Bob Minor, 23456, is false against the lead 65432.

Finally, if anyone wishes to ring something that the C.C. will not recognise, do so. For surely we are ringing for the glory of God, not to get your name on paper, or are we?—Yours faithfully,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, near Staines.

## PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re the correspondence on the number of changes to be rung to a peal of Doubles, there is, I think, a simple solution to the matter.

To combat what seems to me to be a dictatorial attitude by the Central Council, it would be quite simple for the conductor of a band which had rung, say, 5,220 changes of Grand-sire Doubles for a special occasion to submit to 'The Ringing World' for publication the first 5,040 changes only. The members of the band could enter it in their own personal records as being 5,220, and then, everyone being satisfied, the record of the peal rung would not be lost to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

## COMRADESHIP IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Bures and District company who were on a visit to Kent on September 15th, we wish to express our thanks to all the visiting ringers to Bromley who offered us their places in the front of the queue when they discovered we had a 3½ hours' journey home.

As was remarked by one of our non-ringing members, 'If that's the comradeship you get in ringing, then it's truly an example to the rest of the world.'—Yours very sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

## IN DEFENCE OF ROVING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I feel compelled to write in answer to Mr. John E. Cook's letter in this week's 'Ringing World' concerning the Society of Roving Ringers. It is quite beyond me to understand why Mr. Cook should think that the highly amusing remark in F. J. M.'s account of the tour is aimed at his society; has he no sense of humour at all? I myself have had the pleasure of going on two of the Roving Ringers' annual tours and would probably have been with them this year had circumstances not made it impossible; however, I was able to go on another tour with a party of young ringers from this district to South Wales, and a fine time we had.

When the organiser of this tour (a young man with great talent for arranging ringing trips) and myself saw the account of the R.R. tour, we chuckled at the last paragraph and enjoyed the joke which was obviously intended; the officers of the S.R.R. would, I know, be the last people to frown at young people who get together and organise cycling ringing trips on similar lines to those of the Roving Ringers.

The objects of the R.R. tours are to enjoy a good cycling holiday in good company, to ring in new towers and to make new friends at these towers, and, probably most important of all, to get practice in good striking in the more advanced methods; and, over and above all this, to promote the spirit of the brotherhood of the belfry, particularly among the younger generation.

No, Mr. Cook, I'm afraid you are on the wrong tack, to use a yachting expression; take a joke and have a good laugh at it, as I am sure most readers did on seeing the account of the R.R. tour.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Bosham, Chichester.

## A DISAPPOINTMENT

Dear Sir,—The Yorkshire Association recently held a meeting at Heptonstall, and I presumed that one of its general objects was to help and encourage learners. Under that presumption I hopefully attended the meeting in the evening. Alas for my hopes; I found myself in a desert of Bristol and London, among a company that was as frigid and unfriendly as the North Pole. I was given no chance to ring, and if there was a ringing master present then his was not a practical presence. It was a most disappointing experience.—Yours, etc.,

H. R.

Brighouse, Yorks.

## KELVEDON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Until a few weeks ago the bells of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, rang out regularly on Tuesday evenings and for Sunday services. Visitors have always found a ready welcome here and gone away having enjoyed their ring on the heavy ring of six bells.

Now these bells are strangely silent. The grand old tenor of 21 cwt, cast by Miles Graye in 1608 is badly cracked and unsafe to ring. It is to be recast by Mears and Stainbank. This does not sound a large order but there are several repairs to the church which need doing also. Therefore I am appealing to all ringers to help us meet the cost of the recasting so that once more 'The bells of St. Mary's shall ring out.'

All donations, however small, will be gratefully received at the above address, and duly acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

J. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, near Colchester.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. H. Sargent 1. E. Blythe (cond.) 2. T. Dowsett 3. B. Maltby 4. A. Hopkinson 5. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. L. Sargent on his 25th ordination as priest.

## HEREFORDSHIRE CONDITIONS

Dear Sir,—I should like to express my appreciation of Mr. Ernest Morris' work in his editing of William Fussell's diary. The stories about Herefordshire are especially interesting to us, and I am glad to say that conditions have greatly changed.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In 1890 the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore used to call the Original from the rhyme of 'Jack and Jill went up to the hill to get a pail of water.'

At that time Edward Pope, of Staplehurst, also called the Original, and his brother, Walter Pope, called it when he was 17 years of age, at Headcorn in 1891.

Staplehurst in 1890 had a band of all Pops.

R. EDWARDS.

Tenterden, Kent.

## UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WEEK

Dear Sir,—One intriguing exhibit in the Lion and Unicorn Pavilion at South Bank is the scrawled original of a 'Times' 'fourth leader' which, without the intervention of any regimented typescript, immediately preceded the printer's proof. Actually the typing out of 'copy' is a sobering process, as well as a sieve for errors and an eliminator of ineligibility, but time does not always allow this luxury; then are enhanced the chances of faults greeting the reader and certainly shouting at the author. Hence this correction 'postscript' to the account of the Universities Association visit to Bristol.

It was Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, who kindly reminded me that the first ladies' peal was rung, not at Portishead, but at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on July 20th, 1912. The Portishead peal on January 30th, 1915, also Grandsire Triples, was, in fact, the first ladies' peal by a local band.

Then the institute at Long Ashton is concerned with cider, not cedar; the captain of ringers at Evercreech is Mr. Harry Sanger, not Henry; the summer school in residence at Wills, W.E.A., not W.A.E.; and the ring of twelve at famous St. Mary Redcliffe, not Ratcliffe! Finally, the U.A. tour at Nottingham in 1952 is not to be extended by 10 days, but will be in progress only from August 15th–23rd.

If these errors are now forgiven (which, incidentally, were not in the nature of deliberate mistakes after the manner of Ronny Waldman), I would comment briefly on the 'unwritten rule' that peals should be recorded for the Guild in whose area they are rung. Mr. Cannon has already acknowledged to Mr. West the desirability of adhering to this custom and explained why it was perforce not observed in the case of the two peals rung in Dorset, the territory of the Salisbury Guild. There is also the case of non-territorial guilds, such as the Universities Association and the Ladies' Guild, which have no towers of their own and must, therefore, continually enjoy hospitality wherever, and whenever, they ring, scoring all peals in territory not their own. Such wide hospitality must be returned in different form, and largely through the loyal service to their home guilds of a membership drawn from all parts of the country.

We of the Universities Association are very conscious of our debt to local towers, and to the territorial guilds, for since U.A. was founded nearly nine years ago we have experienced the warmth of real welcome in many many counties of Britain.

Our appreciation is indeed unbounded.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,  
Hon. Sec., U.A.C.R.



## 40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 29th, 1911)

LADIES IN THE BELFRY—  
CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—Having read 'E. J. B.'s' letter on 'Lady Ringers,' I think that the Vicar is in the right . . . because a woman has no right in a tower that is not really part of the church. . . .

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:—

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
  2. They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to 'take a back seat' and look on.
  3. They will . . . 'cause all the trouble.'
- [E. J. B. had complained of a clergyman's ruling that 'the belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female.' Correspondents rushed to the female's aid, and a leading article declared that 'in the perfectly decorous atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.']

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## By-Meeting in the Torbay Area

The Mid-Devon branch held a by-meeting in the Torbay area on September 15th, and the event was particularly well attended. The first calling place was at St. Saviour's, Torre, where the bells were well utilised in methods to suit all tastes. From here a move was made across Torquay's main thoroughfare to St. Mary Magdalene's, Upton, where an hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

After an excellent tea, Mr. J. E. Lilley, the branch chairman, expressed his pleasure at seeing the visitors, including the president.

A move was then made through by-lanes to Abbotskerswell, where a pleasant hour was spent, and as the result of the efforts of one enterprising member a hurried visit was afterwards made to Denbury, where permission had been given to ring at a moment's notice. The visitors greatly appreciated this gesture on the part of the Rector.

## OLD TOM, OF ARELEY KING'S

Mr. T. Elcox, of Areley King's, who rang a quarter peal for his 87th birthday, must have strong claims to be the Worcestershire Association's oldest performing member. He has been connected with Areley King's Church for over 70 years. A proud moment for Old Tom came on September 2nd, when he rang for the broadcast service from Areley King's.

## RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1952

Preparatory work in production of the 1952 Ringers' Notebook and Diary is well in hand, and publication date (about mid-November) will be announced in due course.

Will association secretaries wishing the dates of annual meetings, special functions, etc., inserted in the Diary section please forward particulars to reach me by October 8th?

W. H. VIGGERS.

37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

## 1,000 MILES THROUGH YORKSHIRE

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## SATURDAY

Our first good-byes were said to Messrs. Holland and Bond as we left Selby at 9 a.m. on our return trip to Suffolk. Mr. Rhodes left us at Newark and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson at Grantham. Our numbers got steadily less as we said further good-byes at Stowmarket, Higham and Ipswich, and the coach finally reached Grundisburgh at 7 p.m. To those ringers of Yorkshire who had done so much for us, in making arrangements months before the tour began, in meeting us at the towers, may we say 'Thank you' for the joys we experienced in travelling a thousand miles through Yorkshire?

'TOURIST.'

WHEN THE LADIES VISITED  
SUSSEX

## Southern District Outing

The coach trip organised by Mrs. D. Howard on behalf of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild took 20 people—ringers, would-be ringers and non-ringers—for a circular trip to five towers in Hants and Sussex on September 8th.

Starting with Ezbourn, we went on to that little gem of Sussex scenery, Bozzum (Easebourne and Bosham to the uninitiated); thence to Westbourne, Hambledon and finally Catherington.

Disaster overtook us immediately at Easebourne in the shape of a broken stay and it was the sheerest good fortune that we had with us a gentleman who could (and would) ring the bell without it. After a short stop, and many profound apologies, we hurried away, wondering if the ancient curse of the Prioress had had anything to do with the matter. At Bosham we had the privilege of being received by Mr. Peter Bond, and those of us who could not manage the somewhat difficult bells, regaled ourselves with an inspection of the famous motor-bike! After lunch at the Grange Hotel, we offered the non-ringers the opportunity of staying in the village while the ringers and 'we others' repaired to Westbourne; but the tide was out so they decided to come with us and we went on our way again.

At Westbourne we were welcomed by pretty Miss Betty Peak, a charming and vivacious young member of the local band. She had raised all eight bells for us and felt she had earned the right to sit back and watch somebody else do the work! But Westbourne bells were a different proposition from Bosham and ringing them was certainly not hard work. They went like a dream—but alas, so did our time there and we were all too soon on the road again. Our next objective was Hambledon, a very enjoyable ring, and the final call of the evening was Catherington, with a delightful little ring of six, deserving of better than we were unfortunately able to give it, either in ringing or atmosphere. It was here that it became all too apparent that two years of painful fibrositis had left its mark on the temper, if not on the voice, of one of our gentleman visitors, who seems to have passed right out of the ranks of those elect addressed by St. Paul in II. Corinthians, 2, xix. However, he says he enjoyed himself, so—per ardua, etc.!

W. A. O.

## RINGERS' SUNDAY AT KEYMER

A very successful Ringers' Sunday was held at Keymer on September 9th, when ringers from 16 parishes took part. The tower was open from 2 p.m., and, apart from interruption by a photographer from a local paper, ringing continued until 4.15 p.m., finishing with a service touch of Stedman Doubles.

Over sixty people (both ringers and the 'uninitiated') attended the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Davis-Winstone. Before his address the Rector extended a very warm welcome to all the visitors.

After the service tea was served in the Church Hall, when Mr. S. E. Armstrong (secretary of the Sussex Association) thanked the local ringers on behalf of the visitors. Further ringing took place before and after the evening service.

Visiting ringers attended from Southover, Hurstpierpoint, Balcombe, Ringmer, Twineham, Godshill, Henfield, Aldrington, Chichester, Bosham, West Grinstead, Wivelsfield and the three Brighton churches—the Good Shepherd, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas.

Methods rung included Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Minor.

## REDEDICATION

## ST. LEONARD'S, DEAL

Great pleasure has been given to Deal residents to hear the bells of St. Leonard's again. The six (tenor 9 cwt.) have been rehung on ball bearings and the pulleys renewed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of just under £200.

The bells were rededicated by the Rector (the Rev. Raymond Clarke) and afterwards a quarter peal of Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob) was rung by R. Mantle 1, P. Rye 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, T. Wickens 4, G. Ruck 5, M. Milner 6. This is believed to be the first quarter on the bells to be conducted by a lady.

The Rector thanked the participants and informed them that he intended to have a plaque placed in the tower to commemorate the occasion. All ringers agreed that a very excellent job had been done. Ringing continued during the evening, with visitors from Walmer, Mongeham and Ringwould.

## SWANSEA &amp; BRECON GUILD

## Southern District

Although it was an umbrella day for the quarterly meeting at Gorseilla on August 25th, it did not prevent a good attendance, which included visitors from Kent, Pontypool and Rugby. St. Catherine's eight bells were rung to various methods until the service at 3.30 p.m., which was conducted by the curate, Mr. Hopkins, in the absence of the Vicar, who was indisposed.

At the business meeting which followed, the District secretary expressed the members' regret at the indisposition of the Vicar, who was unable to be with them. The same committee members were asked to draw up a programme for next year's annual Festival at Knighton, which was being combined with the District's annual outing.

Thanks were accorded the ladies for the excellent tea provided and Mr. Hopkins for conducting the service and presiding at the business meeting—not forgetting the organist and Mr. W. Dobbins, who helped to make the meeting such a success.

The next meeting will be held at Aberavon in December.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## West Dorset Branch

The pretty village of Netherbury, nestling among the Dorset hills and dominated by its fine church tower, drew some 25 ringers on September 15th for the quarterly meeting of the branch.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. McAnally) conducted the Guild Office in church, the lesson being read by the Master (Canon C. Carew Cox). Canon W. J. T. Pascoe, Vicar of Broad Windsor, in a very helpful address, urged his listeners to uphold their ministry as ringers.

After tea in the Parish Room the chairman presided over the business meeting. The annual meeting was fixed for December 1st at Bridport, provided catering arrangements could be made. Failing that an invitation to Lodgers was approved with Bradpole as an additional tower. The following new members were elected: Dr. Taylor and Miss Barbara Morris (Lyme Regis), Michael Arcsott (Whitchurch), Edward Pannell, Donald Ireland and Colin Gibbs (Beaminster) and William Godfrey (Powerstock).

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the chairman to the Vicar and his ringers for their good welcome, to Canon Pascoe for his address; also to the organist (Mr. B. Elsworth) and to the ladies responsible for providing tea.

The six nice bells were in good use during the afternoon and evening, and some enthusiasts also visited Beaminster and accomplished a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.



## IN NORTH-WEST DEVON

### Visitors Join Locals in Tour

On September 1st a very pleasant afternoon and evening tour was arranged in the Hols-worthy district of Devon by ringers from four counties, represented by Launceston and Marhamchurch (Cornwall), Wellington (Somerset), Piddhinton (Dorset) and two 'scientific exiles' living near Bradford (Devon), who made all the local arrangements.

At Bradford (6, 10 cwt.) we found a handy little ring, although the treble lacked a stay and there was a rather overpowering scent attributable, we were told, to bats.

We were met by a member of the local band at Shebbear, where the bells (6, 10 cwt.) were a job to ring and the time allotted to us passed far too quickly.

Buckland Filleigh ring (5, 7½ cwt.) has a local 'reputation' and here we expected anything, particularly on the information that the bells had not been rung for a year. However, after squeezing behind the organ and raising the bells, all with single-ended ropes of almost wire-like texture, the 'go' was found to be reasonably good. The greatest difficulty was to avoid the numerous jam jars and vases which were parked everywhere on the floor and a few of which suffered casualties from boots and ropes.

At Petersmarland (6, 8 cwt.) was another good ring, also at Petrockstowe (6, 8 cwt.) where we were joined by the Rector and his son, both scientific ringers.

Judging by the 'go' and the noise of what appeared to be a floating frame, the bells (6, 12 cwt.) of Sheepwash are long overdue for a visit from the bell-hangers. The hard work necessary, however, was more than compensated for by the welcome extended by the local band, the captain of whom took a keen interest in what, so he said, was the first 'scientific' on the bells.

Like the wine in the parable, the best was kept to last and at Black Torrington we found a really lovely 'six' with a tenor of 8½ cwt. but sounding twice the weight and here we were joined by another 'exile,' a lady this time. Time all too quickly passed and at 8.45 p.m., after 'goodbyes' and thanks to the two organisers, the party went their various ways home, those from Dorset having a journey of nearly 120 miles via Wellington.

Methods rung during the outing were Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles.

E. T. P. F.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 members attended the quarterly meeting on September 8th at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelly. It was very encouraging to meet such a stalwart of the Exercise, Mr. Cheeseman, of Surrey, and our seafaring ringer, Mr. George Corners.

Very much credit is due to the Rev. T. J. Evans, who officiated at the service. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to a very nice tea at the Parish Hall, given by the lady members of the Parish Church.

The Rev. T. J. Evans presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. Cheeseman was made a life ringing member and two ringing members were elected. The next quarterly meeting in December will be at Tenby. Hearty thanks were accorded the Rev. T. J. Evans and the kind ladies who provided the tea.

### WHY NOT A RINGERS' COURSE?

Facilities are offered to Ringing Associations to hold weekly or fortnightly courses at Dillington House, the residential centre for further education of the Somerset Education Committee. Dillington House is one mile from Ilminster and has accommodation for 40 people (men and women). The basic fee for board and accommodation is 12s. a day. For full details apply to the Warden.

## THE PURSUIT OF AN IDEAL

By W. Bottrill

Perfection is the indescribable something for which humanity strives but never attains. It is well that it should be so, for if perfection in all things was common further effort would be unnecessary and the world would become stagnant. In music, art, literature, science, morals, sports and pastimes, and in nature itself, it is this striving for the unattainable which whets the interest and makes life worth while. It is a seed planted by nature—truly in some men more than others—which engenders a desire to excel.

Criticism is the goad which spurs to renewed and more intensive effort. All our exhibitions of the arts and crafts of man, of music, architecture, literature and science are really the exposure of our prowess to criticism. Nine-tenths of our daily reading is devoted to criticism. If man resents criticism he will make no progress. It is the spotlight by which man discovers his own faults and if wise, endeavours to correct them. Criticism should be direct, constructive and designed to improve rather than retard. Self-criticism is the most important of all.

We seem to have entered an era in our art of ringing where criticism is actively resented and taken as a personal affront. How often is one denied access to a tower because he has criticised?

It is a peculiarity of our art that a poor striker seldom knows his failing; once he did so I am sure he would endeavour to correct it. I have met many who, had they been told earlier of their faults, would not to-day be the despair of their associates because of their striking. This is particularly so of some of our more educated ringers, taught by social inferiors with a reluctance to correct faults.

Gone are the days when the tyro must sit humbly in the belfry for months before being asked if he would like to learn to ring. The forcible and pungent criticism of the Leicester Sergt.-Major is almost extinct, but we have before us the result of that care in selection and of his biting comment. The urge to-day is to recruit ringers and never to criticise or correct them lest they fly away.

I am quite sure most clergy and church laity and many ringers are oblivious to the fact that the bells can be heard outside the tower. The ringers look upon the bells as instruments provided for their exercise and enjoyment and the clergy do not care how the bells are rung so long as they are rung.

With regard to declining standards. The fault lies with the Associations:—(1) In their lack of a co-ordinated system of instruction by competent men; (2) In their clamour for members regardless of their suitability and without a period of probation; (3) In allowing the appellation—changeringer—with badge to be used by anyone who can pull a bellrope without actually hanging himself.

Howsoever, none of our old ringers were perfect—I have in mind a famous cleric prolific in peals of Stedman Triples—but they did at least set a standard which we should endeavour to maintain.

### WHITTINGTON CHANGE

Dear Sir,—The best way to reach the above in Grandsire Triples is by:—

672453 2  
346572 2  
463572 4  
254763 1

the desired change being obtained next lead.

To reach rounds from Whittington's is by:—

642537 2S  
576342 1S  
325476 1S

Round at hand in five leads.

This makes a touch of 251.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## OBITUARY

MR. W. FRIGHT

On September 11th, the death occurred of Mr. William Fright, aged 89 years, after a prolonged illness, at his home in Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent.

Mr. Fright was well known throughout the county as a keen and active bellringer. He filled the post of secretary and treasurer to the Hythe band of ringers for 23 consecutive years, up to the middle of 1950, and devoted much of his time to the instruction of beginners.

At the funeral service muffled touches were rung on the Saltwood bells by members of the Hythe band, assisted by some of Mr. Fright's ringing colleagues of the Ashford district.

After 75 years of ringing, Mr. Fright's passing leaves a gap not too readily filled these days, and his exemplary record of punctuality and regular devotion to the service ringing in particular sets a high standard for younger members to attain.

### MR. EDWARD BLAGDEN

In the shadow of the tower of Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham, where he had been a ringer and steeplekeeper for over 60 years, Mr. Edward Blagden was laid to rest on September 6th.

Ted Blagden, as he was known by his friends, was not a man of many peals, but he was a very regular service ringer and hard worker in the tower, until ill-health recently prevented him from ascending the tower.

His death came unexpectedly, and the secretary, because of holidays, found only three of the Lenton band available. Nevertheless, at the service 14 ringers were in the belfry ready to help in paying their last respects to an old servant of the tower. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. R. Skipper). Grandsire Triples were rung at the graveside by F. S. Price 1-2, Clement Glenn 3-4, A. H. Ward 5-6, F. R. Bradley 7-8.

Mr. Blagden was a member of the 'Half Century' Club of Raleigh, Ltd., and in his younger days was a trial rider for the firm. He also played football for Nottingham Forest.

### MR. THOMAS JULL

Mr. Thomas Jull, of Bobbing, Kent, who died on Sept. 8th at the advanced age of 78, was a member of the Kent County Association for over 60 years. He was a member of the Tunstall band at the time it was the premier six-bell band in the county, and with them rang the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Kent County Association at Tunstall on October 3rd, 1905. Most of his 119 peals were rung at six-bell towers. He had been associated with Bobbing Church for the last 16 years, ever since Newington bells were unsafe to ring.

The funeral was at Bobbing on September 12th, and many of his fellow-ringers attended. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and during the service the Ringers' Hymn and another hymn from the Association's Service Book were sung.

A half-muffled peal of 5,040 changes in four methods was rung in the evening as a tribute to his memory.

### MR. HARRY WARNETT

As it was impossible to ring on the day of the funeral of Mr. Harry Warnett, captain and tower captain of Lewisham, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Eltham on September 9th, conducted by his oldest ringing friend, Mr. G. H. Daynes. The representative band consisted of R. Laming, P. J. Spice, G. Ashdown, F. W. Richardson, F. J. Hurrell, H. W. Clark, G. H. Daynes and J. Hurrell.



# POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Two coach loads of ringers from Anstey with friends from Thurstaston and Groby had a day's outing in the Worcester district on September 1st.

After ringing on the pleasant six at Beoley and the light ten at Claines, the journey was through the beautiful Worcestershire countryside to Pershore Abbey. Several of the ladies were contemplating the climb to the ringing 'cage,' but their fears were soon dispelled, as, unfortunately, they could not ring owing to a funeral.

At Worcester an excellent tea and ringing at St. John's are remembered. The best ringing of the day was on the fine ten at Warwick. Thanks are extended to Mr. R. F. Elkington for his excellent organisation and to the tower-keepers for meeting and welcoming the party.

## SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.

Grand and rugged scenery was enjoyed by Slimbridge, Glos., ringers on their outing on August 25th.

The first tower was Newland, 'the Cathedral of the Forest of Dean,' then along the River Usk to Raglan, with a stop at a welcome hostelry and on to Abergavenny.

After feasting on the rugged scenery leading to the Black Mountains, the party arrived at Brecon to enjoy an hour's ringing at St. David's Church.

The return journey was via Delwyn, where the bells soon gave out their music, to Leominster, where around the tea table Canon Thomas thanked the organisers. The best ringing of the day was at St. Nicholas', Hereford. To all friends for this, one of the best outings, thanks are extended.

## A DAY IN ROMNEY MARSH

The ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by ringers from Frindsbury, Rainham, Upchurch, Bobbing and Sittingbourne, together with their wives and friends, enjoyed a very successful day in the Romney Marsh area on August 25th.

Towers visited were St. Mary's, Dover, Hythe, New Romney, Brookland and Cranbrook. Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich constituted the general course of the ringing during the day. Ringing was very pleasurable at all the towers but Hythe was voted the 'pick of the bunch.' The peculiarly tuned ring of five at Brookland in its equally peculiar structure in the churchyard did not prove so difficult a problem as anticipated. The stentorian voice of William A. J. Knight was an asset in this noisy tower—is it the noisiest in the country?—but conductors with weaker voices managed to screech a few calls through the din. Perhaps their success was due to good lip reading on the part of the other ringers.

Cranbrook's ring was the heaviest of the day and the most heavy going. In spite of this the only course of Cambridge in the day's ringing was attempted here and proved successful.

Lunch at Hythe and tea at Cranbrook were very successful items in the day's programme and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Having to miss the sixth tower owing to illness near the church, a social half-hour was spent at the Windmill Inn before leaving Cranbrook, when the handbells were brought out, much to the enjoyment of an interested audience.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the incumbents of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and the tower keepers for their assistance in making the day's outing so enjoyable. The writer also wishes to thank Mr. John Willis, of Folkestone, who gave him some most valuable information in the early stages of preparation, which made the job of organising the tour so much easier.

V. A. J.

## FAREHAM AND DISTRICT

An enjoyable day was spent on September 8th by Fareham and district ringers in visiting seven eight-bell towers in the New Forest area.

The itinerary included Lymington, Milford-on-Sea, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Downton, St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Romsey Abbey.

At Downton a couple of mishaps occurred—'Kathleen' missed the sally and 'Young Fred,' who was calling Stedman, had the misfortune to get the seventh rope caught under his foot. Only by letting go of the rope quickly did he avoid being thrown heavily.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK

Accompanied by friends from St. Peter Mancroft and Wymondham, St. Remigius' company, Hethersett, had their first all-day outing on September 8th.

Ringing took place at Sudbury, Bures, Earls Colne, Halstead, Bocking, Braintree and Sible Hedingham.

The organiser, Mr. R. G. Lofty, accords his special thanks to Mr. B. W. Pettitt and Miss H. G. Snowden for their assistance.

## Surrey Association Records

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the peal of Pudgey Surprise Royal rung at Beddington on September 1st for the Surrey Association, and quoted as the first by the same, is not so. A peal of this was rung at St. Martin's, Epsom, on June 6th, 1931, for the above Association and conducted by—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

Camberwell.

[Mr. R. F. B. Speed, the conductor, sends his apologies to those concerned.—Ed.]

## LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General body, Monday, Oct. 1st, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, Oct. 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zetta, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 9549

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9553

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Oct. 3rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9554

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly and extraordinary general meeting, Holy Trinity, Bolton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. For teas apply to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton. 9556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea free. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to C. Taplin, Burford Road, Chipping Norton. 9550

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Free-lands Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9555

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12), 2.30–3.30; Hampstead (10), 3–4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews. 9557

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

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### BIRTHS

BURGESS.—On Sept. 20th, 1951, at the Canadian Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, to Peggy, wife of Cyril A. Burgess, a son (Andrew Nowell). 9534

MARRIOTT.—On Sept. 19th, 1951, at 130, Whitby Road, Ipswich, to Phyllis (nee Tillett) and Cecil, a son (Mark Andrew). 9530

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Albert M. Tyler is now 43, William Street, Totterdown, Bristol 3. 9551

### PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS'—A new edition with index is now available, price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

### MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Thursday, Oct. 11th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's, followed by business meeting. New members please contact C. M. P. Johnson, Selwyn College. 9520

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Students who will be in Manchester this session are cordially invited to join the above Guild, which holds weekly meetings and practices during term. For information contact P. Parry (Men's Union), M. Jackson (Women's Union). 9528

'VILLAGE BELLS'—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

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

### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8.—A. B. Peck. 9459

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Wood Ditton, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 9499

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9505

MIDLAND COUNTRIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9508

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 29th. Usual arrangements.—J. Hayne, Sec. 9482



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower after tea. Tea at local cafes. — K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9512

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9502

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Horley (8) on Saturday, September 29th. Ringing 3. Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 9. —Miss R. M. Foreman. 9492

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 9500

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (AMENDED NOTICE).**—Owing to an alteration in the time of evensong at York Minster, all members and friends are asked to note the following complete arrangements in connection with the general meeting and Snowdon Dinner, to be held at York on Sept. 29th. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. at St. Michael-le-Belfry Parish Room. General meeting same premises at 4 p.m. Service in Minster at 5 p.m. Dinner (tickets 9s. each) at Co-operative Cafe, Railway Street, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at the Minster (12), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., from thence to 4.55 p.m., the latter period for out-county visitors only. Sunday ringing: 9.15 to 10.20 a.m., 1.30 to 2.25 p.m. and 3.30 to approx. 3.55 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford. 9506

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Oct. 1st, 7 p.m. Nearest Station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9516

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 9527

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Milton Ernest on Oct. 6th. Bells at 3. Tea at 5. Please note, this village is served by good bus services.—Michael Stephens, District Sec. 9541

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8 bells), Oct. 6th, 2.30. Service 4.30. It is important that names for tea arrive before 2nd.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9546

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Advise Mr. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea. — J. E. Ashcroft. 9548

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Butlers Marston (6), Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, 3rd.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9522

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Please notify D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, by Oct. 2nd. 9510

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Oct. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 9509

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Oct 4th.—Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 9538

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 9425

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea by previous Wednesday to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, W. Farnborough, Hants. 9523

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Abbots Langley (6), Oct. 6th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9515

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room. Names for tea, with cash, at 2s. per head, together with nominations for officers, to reach me not later than first post Wednesday, October 3rd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9501

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Leicester, on Oct. 6th. Bells, St. John's (10), at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics, by Oct. 3rd. Tickets, 8s. 6d. each and number limited, for the festival dinner and social on Oct. 27th at Market Harborough now available. Apply, with remittance, before Oct. 18th to W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9487

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Nocton (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Flat 11, Wellington Hall, near Lincoln. 9504

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Hanley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9513

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H. and Witney and Woodstock Branches).** **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Swindon Branch).—Joint meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Other towers available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 3rd, to M. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9414

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Drayton Parslow, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9531

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea before Wednesday previous, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9532

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 9529

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Westbury, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9539

**SENNEN, CORNWALL.**—The five bells of the First and Last Church in England have been restored and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Dedication, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. W. R. Wynne, The Rectory, Sennen. 9521

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 6th, St. Marie's (8) 2.30, Cathedral (12) after tea. Names by Oct. 3rd to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley. 9544

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Autumn meeting, Rugeley, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 3rd. Annual reports (6d. each) will be available at this meeting. Tower secretaries please note, it will be no use complaining afterwards.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 9485

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting and bells 5.30. 9540

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr (8), Oct. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify by Oct. 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District), **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District), **LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS** (Central District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Epsom. Christ Church, Epsom Common, 3 p.m.; St. Martin's, Epsom, 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Tranall's Restaurant. Numbers for tea to R. Lathbury.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec.; A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.; Miss M. Jackson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9480

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Oct. 3rd. 9517

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells, Ropley (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30 at Ropley. Tea 5 in the Vicarage. Bells again available after tea until business meeting at 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9535

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday, Oct. 9th, not Oct. 2nd. 6.45 p.m. Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Oct. 16th, 7.15 p.m. 314th anniversary dinner, Nov. 10th.—A: B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9543

**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 13th, 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9507

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Epworth (8), Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only reserved for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel. Gains. 2623). —F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 9483

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Mathern, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea provided, bring sandwiches.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9524

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pulham, Norfolk.—All ringers welcomed to Pulham Market, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall, kindly given by Mr. Alfred Todd, for all who notify by Oct. 8th Mr. Arthur Roope, Pulham Market, Diss. 9544

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 10th to Mr. H. T. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 9536

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Harpole, Northampton, by Saturday, Oct. 6th. —F. W. Hancock. 9533

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Towcester Branch) **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch):—Joint meeting at Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. —R. H. Howson, W. Yates, Secs. 9519

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, by Wednesday, Oct. 10th. 9514

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Anston (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea by 10th to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, Sheffield. —H. Denman. 9537

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15–4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Pitsford cancelled. Next meetings, Cogenhoe, Nov. 3rd, and Kings- thorpe, Nov. 24th. —E. Nobles, N.B. Hon. Sec. 9518

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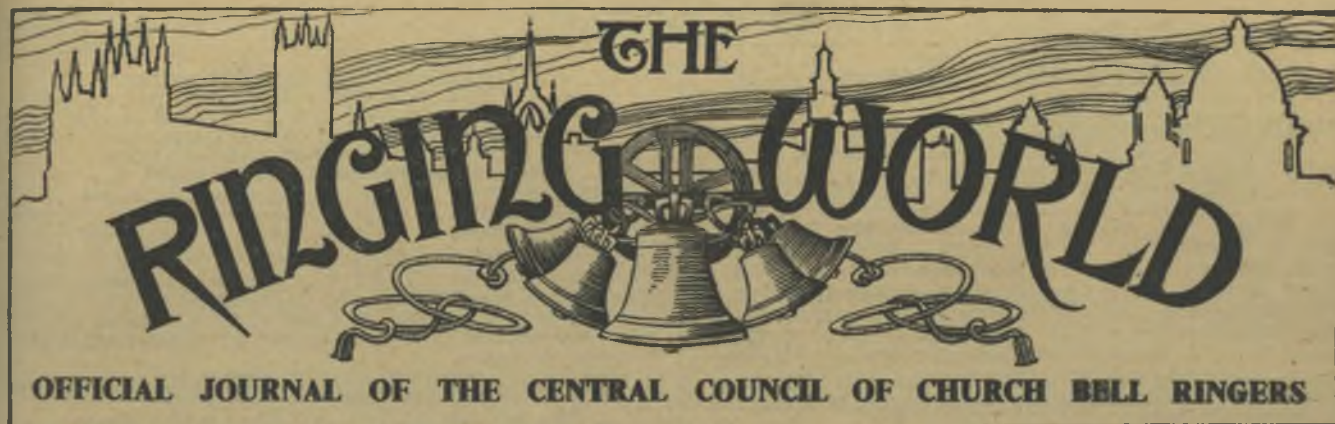
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### WHEN IS A PEAL NOT A PEAL?

**A** WRITER in this column has drawn attention to the declining standards in peal ringing. Thoughtful ringers will have pondered his words as his initials command respect and entitle him to speak with authority. His article may have prompted some readers to consider the reasons for this regrettable decline.

In the first case, let us put it bluntly, conductors as distinct from bob-callers are a mixed blessing. One has heard of famous bands of the past, and possibly some still exist, capable of ringing peals in advanced methods without as much as a nod or a word. The conductor would call the bobs, one hopes audibly, and would check the positions of the bells at infrequent intervals during the peal, and the ringing would sail on course after course without a missed dodge or a bad blow. No one would go wrong because all would realise that the first serious mistake would mean the end of the peal. One such band rang the first peals of dozens of new Surprise Major methods in pre-war days. The peals were of a high order—they had to be.

In these days, technical knowledge of conducting is spreading to an incredible degree. Even the average conductor has come to realise that there is no need to learn like a parrot one or two easily recognised 'milestones' in the peal and for the rest hope for the best. The art of transposition is becoming widely understood and practised. The result is that many conductors are now able to pick up trips that a few years ago would have meant the breakdown of the peal.

Increased knowledge in any sphere brings with it new responsibilities. One has only to contemplate the perils of this atom age to appreciate the force of this. Thus with the spread of the knowledge of conducting must go a new sense of the responsibility that such knowledge entails. Conductors must surely learn that there are occasions when the peal, although it could be saved, must be allowed to go. The decision not to put a trip right is sometimes a difficult one. The conductor may, with all due modesty, be aware that the band regards him as capable of putting a particular trip right, but despite this he must be prepared to risk the displeasure that his omission to put it right may bring.

It may be that one of the band has not learned the method properly, or has taken it too lightly. The conductor may feel prompted to keep the shaky member of the band going for a course or two to give him an oppor-

tunity to become familiar with the method, but a definite time limit should be imposed upon such assistance. Once it becomes clear that the ringer concerned will have to be piloted all through the peal it is better to let one of his trips become fatal and try again another day.

The ever-present snag in putting a trip right is that once it has been done the action is, for practical purposes, irrevocable. If the conductor fails to stop when the trip is taking place or immediately afterwards, the band expect, quite rightly, that he will carry on to the end of the peal. They do not expect him to indulge in half an hour's quiet thought and then call 'Stand.' Whatever action is taken must be at the time of the incident.

What of a member of the band who feels that the conductor has failed in his duty to stop? There are those who advocate that, with a lordly gesture, he should put his bell up at backstroke and leave it where it can do no further harm. Others may favour gentler methods, and such would seem to commend themselves. A mild remonstrance with the conductor at the time of the incident will probably have the desired effect. He was probably in two minds about whether to stop anyway. Failing this the only thing is to carry on to the end and try and persuade the company not to publish the performance as a peal. If, in spite of all protests, the peal is published, nothing can force a dissenting party to place it in his private record, so he has the last word after all.

It may be thought that undue emphasis has been placed on the position of the conductor in these matters. However, there is much to commend the view that conductors are, for the most part, self-appointed. Bands place themselves voluntarily under the conductor's leadership, and if he accepts the task he must be prepared to accept the kicks if he wants the ha'pence. The attitude of the conductor can do much to improve the standard of the ringing.

What of ringing generally in these days? Surely the time is ripe for a fresh emphasis on the simpler methods. It is all very well to say 'So-and-so rang London for his first peal.' There are exceptional learners who are capable of this kind of thing, but it is far safer to assume that your learner is not exceptional. Assume he is just ordinary and let him ring Plain Bob or Treble Bob so he can learn to strike a bell. If he really is exceptional he will have plenty of opportunities to prove it later on. Perfect ringing can be like the music of Heaven itself, but perfection only comes once or twice in a ringer's career and then only in brief snatches.

P. A. C.



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. .	Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. .	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. .. .	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. .	8
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .	3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	9
H. JAMES TURNER .. .. .	4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. .	10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. .	5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. .	6	HARRY PARKES .. .. .	Tenor

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

Rung to welcome the Rev. H. G. M. Clarke upon his induction as Rector of the Cathedral Church and his installation as Provost of Birmingham.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. .	Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. .	6
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. .	2	LESLIE A. TREMEER .. .. .	7
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. .	3	†JACK R. WORRALL .. .. .	8
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. .	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. .	9
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. .	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge Royal. †First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Royal on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Surprise in the county of Monmouth and for the Association.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MONICA DAVIS .. .. .	Treble	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. .	6
ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. .. .	2	*JOHN J. WEBB .. .. .	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. .. .	3	*REGINALD T. JONES .. .. .	8
GEORGE DAVIS .. .. .	4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. .	9
†FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. .	5	†LESLIE EVANS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Caters. ‡200th peal for the Guild. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung in connection with the Coalbrookdale Festival of Britain.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. .. .	Treble	HAROLD PAILING .. .. .	6
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. .. .	2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. .	7
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .	8
GEORGE E. PADGETT .. .. .	4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. .	9
†HERBERT LEWIN .. .. .	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*50th peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. A Festival peal during Nottingham's three weeks' celebrations.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	Treble	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. .. .	6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	2	†DONALD J. POTTER .. .. .	7
*PETER BAKER .. .. .	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. .	8
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. .	4	†FRED CRUMP .. .. .	9
WALTER RAXTER .. .. .	5	†JAMES NASH .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal on ten bells. ‡First peal 'inside' on ten. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Crump, daughter of the ninth ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. .. .	6
JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. .	2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. .	7
LESLIE W. STEVENS .. .. .	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. .	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. .	4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. .	9
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. .	5	*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stevens for their twelfth wedding anniversary.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. .	Treble	*PHILIP COOTE .. .. .	6
T. COLIN RYDER .. .. .	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. .	7
ARTHUR FIRTH .. .. .	3	†FRANK REED .. .. .	8
DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. .	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. .. .	9
JOHN COAD .. .. .	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. .	Tenor

Arranged by F. W. GROCOTT.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\*First peal on ten bells and of Little Bob. †First peal of Little Bob Royal. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Ryder's daughter and Mr. Horace North, of Rotherham. Mr. T. C. Ryder has now circled the tower. A Festival of Britain peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

TOM PAGE .. .. .	Treble	ALICE REED .. .. .	5
PATRICK PAGE .. .. .	2	†BETTY FAITHFULL .. .. .	6
*TOM CHAPMAN .. .. .	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. .	7
WALTER GLASSPOOL .. .. .	4	REGINALD A. REED .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Faithfull on their third wedding anniversary.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HENRY PRATT .. .. .	Treble	GEORGE SCHLUETER .. .. .	5
CECIL BARKER .. .. .	2	CHARLES BURTON .. .. .	6
FRANK HARRINGTON .. .. .	3	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. .	7
GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. .	4	ERNEST BRIGHT .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the Deanery Church.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT .. .. .	Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES .. .. .	5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. .	2	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. .	6
NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. .	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. .. .	7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. .	4	PETER N. BOND .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\*First peal of Major 'inside.' Conductor's 50th peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. .	Treble	*MAX P. PAGE .. .. .	5
CHARLES E. FISHER .. .. .	2	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. .	6
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. .	3	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. .	7
HARRY D. LISTER .. .. .	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN (No. 8).

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a sixth wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Steward.



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(Northern District.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, SHANKILL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 22 cwt.	
JOHN J. FIELDING .. ..	Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ..	5
*JEAN STEWART (17) ..	2	†TOM SMELTZER (17) ..	6
†WILMA HOBY (16) ..	3	JOHN CAMPBELL ..	7
*FRANK KING .. ..	4	*STANLEY KENNY ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal on tower bells as conductor. Festival of Britain peal No. 11.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.			
CHARLES C. RAWDING ..	Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON ..	5
*GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON ..	2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES ..	6
GWEN BUSBY .. ..	3	HORACE BENNETT ..	7
DENIS A. FRITH .. ..	4	†C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* 25th peal. † 50th peal.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 22 cwt.			
GORDON RUSHTON .. ..	Treble	*FRED GREEN .. ..	5
RONALD EDGE .. ..	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	6
ANNIE POTTER .. ..	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS ..	4	ROGER LEIGH .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
GORDON RUSHTON .. ..	Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	5
ANNIE POTTER .. ..	2	ALFRED LOMAS .. ..	6
JACK KAY .. ..	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	7
RONALD EDGE .. ..	4	HENRY PRESCOTT ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the dedication of a Garden of Remembrance to the 1939-45 war.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt.			
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	5
CLAUDIA HARDING .. ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	6
MURIEL REAY .. ..	3	*HOWARD HOWELL ..	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.			
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN ..	5
DONALD G. CLIFT .. ..	2	NOEL J. DISERENS ..	6
LESLIE A. TREMEER ..	3	*JACK R. WORRALL ..	7
ARTHUR H. REED .. ..	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* 25th peal together. The first peal in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. Phil B. Clift, the Glamorgan cricketer, who is a ringer at this church and who kindly provided tea for the band at the conclusion of the peal.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation)		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT .. ..	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	2	ERNEST TREAGUS ..	6
LEONARD STILWELL ..	3	BASIL W. WHITE .. ..	7
*ANSLEY BOWERS .. ..	4	Cecil Denyer .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

\* First peal of Triples.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

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

On Tues., Sept. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.			
HENRY H. FEARN .. ..	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. ..	5
WALTER ALLMAN .. ..	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	7
LEONARD TREVOR .. ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.			
FRANK BENNETT .. ..	Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ..	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. ..	6
PETER CARTER .. ..	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ..	7
FRANK P. WRIGHT .. ..	4	THOMAS E. SONE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, of Mayfield. Also for the birth of Elaine, second granddaughter of Mr. W. Rogers. Thomas E. Sone, by ringing the tenor, has now completed the 'circle' at Rotherfield, and this makes the twelfth tower at which he has done this.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, QUEEN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.			
LEONARD STILWELL .. ..	Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS .. ..	5
FRANK BENNETT .. ..	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ..	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3	RAYMOND OVERY .. ..	7
BASIL W. WHITE .. ..	4	FREDERICK PAGE .. ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.



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## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

PAUL BIRKETT .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. .. 2	HARRY WILD .. .. 6
JOHN PEARSON .. .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. 7
W. GEORGE TURNER .. .. 4	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.

\* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.' Mr. Edward Jenkins has now circled the tower.

## GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. Treble	J. FRE .. MILNER .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Specially arranged for William Bottrill, of Deal.

## NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Rutland.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. Treble	*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
STANLEY M. EVANS .. .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

On the light eight.

GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5
*JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. 100th peal as conductor. First peal on the light eight. Rung for the patronal festival.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	.. Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. ..	5.
JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	.. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. ..	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	.. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. ..	7
JOHN R. SMITH	.. .. 4	HORACE OVER .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Harold Bishop, M.A., whose induction to the benefice of St. John-the-Baptist took place the previous Saturday.

## KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER M. GODDARD .. Treble	HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. 6
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	†JACK BRAY .. .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	†PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 100th peal together.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

MRS. A. R. PRICE .. .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 5
MRS. C. C. MAYNE .. .. 2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. .. 6
MRS. A. DISERENS .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

\* First peal of Bob Major. This is the first peal rung by four mothers and their four sons.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR .. .. Treble	HARRY PICKLES .. .. 5
HAROLD JACKSON .. .. 2	RALPH WALKER .. .. 6
ERNEST GARSIDE .. .. 3	JOHN RADCLIFFE .. .. 7
*KATHLEEN AGER .. .. 4	JOSEPH BURGESS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

\* First peal. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th.



**SIX BELL PEALS****BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven spliced extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle and Northumberland, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; 34 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

A. TREVOR SUTTON .. Treble	†JOHN COOKE .. . . . 4
*JOAN M. WEBSTER .. . . . 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. . 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. . 3	STANLEY D. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise away from the treble. † 100th peal for the Guild. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Rung in connection with Birkenhead's Festival celebrations.

**ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.****CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.***On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,**AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*HAROLD WILSON .. Treble	*JOHN A. HAILE .. . . . 4
†REX V. LEEDHAM .. . . . 2	J. NEVILLE HAILE .. . . 5
*GRAHAM MCKAY .. . . . 3	*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in four Minor methods. † First peal. First peal in four Minor methods on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to J. N. Haile.

**MINSTER, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,**AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and one extent of Single Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. . . 4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. . 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. . . 5
*STANLEY M. EVANS .. . . 3	†ERIC NAYLOR .. . . . Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. First peal in four methods as conductor. A birthday compliment to both Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood. Rung on the eve of the church's harvest festival. A Festival of Britain peal.

**UP-HOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE MILLS .. Treble	WILFRED COVE .. . . . 4
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. . 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. . . 5
RONALD KENRICK .. . . . 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. . . Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

A compliment to Miss Doreen Mills, daughter of the treble ringer and a ringer at the above church, on her engagement to Mr. Arnold Baxter.

**MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES SYDNEY WALTON .. Treble	NORMAN HOUGH .. . . . 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. . . 2	CECIL RADDON .. . . . 5
HAROLD WORRALL .. . . . 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal. 50th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

**COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six six-scores each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*T. CHARLES YORK .. Treble	*HENRY BALL .. . . . 4
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. . . . 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. . . 5
*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. . 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal in seven methods.



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**BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 13 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. A. R. PRICE .. .. Treble	†A. RYAN PRICE .. .. 4
†ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 5
†GODFREY CHOULS .. .. 3	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Fastest peal on the bells.

**BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
W. ROBERT PARKER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
*BERTIE BEE .. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of London.

**COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD SCOTT .. .. Treble	*J. M. SIMPSON .. .. 4
T. W. PINCHBECK .. .. 2	F. S. PARSONS .. .. 5
H. LONGLAND .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.

\* First peal.

**MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 27 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4
DAVID HOARE .. .. 2	E. JOHN TARGETT .. .. 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

**NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JACK WILLIAMSON .. .. Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. 4
VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. 5
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIMON L. BARLEY (13) .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
†ANTHONY W. BARLEY .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Treble	SYDNEY SAGE .. .. 4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 2	†EDWARD A. JACKSON .. 5
†ROY BOARDMAN .. .. 3	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOLDSWORTH.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

**WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four Morris's 240's, four Pitman's 240's, and 26 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

VICTOR RAWLINGS .. .. Treble	*ALBERT WEBB .. .. 4
HARRY PRICE .. .. 2	*THOMAS BOUND .. .. 5
*CHARLES WILLIAMS .. 3	*REGINALD FARMER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PRICE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by resident band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. W. Rooke.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

ALBERT W. GIBBONS .. Treble	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 4
*DAVID G. THRUSH .. 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
A. JAMES STUART .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

*AT 11, AYLESBURY END.*

**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

No. 83.

Tenor size 11 in G.

HARRY WINGROVE .. .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JAMES and ETHEL M. FLETCHER.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Sept. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 1-2	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4	*JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

*AT 11, AYLESBURY END.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

HARRY WINGROVE .. .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4	*ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JAMES and ETHEL M. FLETCHER.

\* First peal on handbells.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,*

*AT 78, NEW ROAD.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

VINCENT W. RIGG .. .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3-4
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\*N. DAVID LANE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Minor away from 1-2.

**BRISTOL.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

*AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung for the Feast of St. Matthew.



**BATHWICK, BATH.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, K. F. Medway (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. Perry 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, J. Hallett 6, H. Newan (first of Triples) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Gordon 1, H. Wingrove 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, Miss K. E. Fletcher 4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Buckland 7, A. Bridges 8.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Judd 1, Rev. K. G. Hoare 2, C. S. Hoad 3, C. J. Champion 4, D. W. Hopkins 5, F. T. Hoad 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, T. Arrow 8. A farewell to Mr. D. W. Hopkins, of Warwick.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams 1, G. W. Holland 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, F. Townsend 5, G. F. Burton 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

**CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Simcock 2, A. MacKears 3, G. Scott 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, John Cragg (cond.) 7, G. W. King 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Paley, who is 92, and was for many years captain of the St. Vincent's Society, and now resides at Teignmouth.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prockson, G. A. Parsons 2, R. Newman 3, R. Harman 4, H. Miller 5, S. Wade (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, F. Miller 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain, and for the 70th birthday of Mrs. R. E. Prockson.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, M. Hatchett 3, K. C. Vickers 4, J. Townsend 5. To commemorate the 90th birthday of W. Slade, a native of the village.

**DUNSTER, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Meddick 1, G. Maidment 2, A. Jones 3, J. Haydon 4, J. Tudball 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. A compliment to Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary, Dunster Deanery Branch, on his 89th birthday.

**FARNWORTH, LANCs.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boyer 1, Barbara Smedley 2, B. Welsby 3, O. Davies 4, R. Collier (cond.) 5, W. Smalley 6, R. Scott 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret Hewitson and Ernest Grundy at this church this day.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Greenhall (cond.) 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, J. H. Cox 3, A. Greenhall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, H. Shilcock 6, E. Woodall 7, A. H. Harris 8. In memory of Canon J. T. Davies, M.A., late Rector, who died on Sept. 9th.

**HEMPSTED, GLOS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Ian M. Taylor 2, Hubert E. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 4, Eric J. Taylor 5, Arthur E. Taylor 6.

**HERTFORD.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dore 1, A. S. Carter (cond.) 2, Vic Neale 3, J. Kemp 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, Syd Carter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung on the occasion of the 88th birthday of the Past Master of the Hertford College Youths, Mr. A. Purkiss-Ginn.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, K. F. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Borcham (cond.) 6, W. Lee 7, V. Evans 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. F. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, E. Frost 3, S. Earl 4, W. Hammonds (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of treble ringer and birthday of tenor ringer.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, F. S. Mortlock 3, A. F. Turner 4, L. Poulson 5, F. A. Poulson 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. How 1, F. Onions 2, J. Townsend 3, G. R. Goodship 4, S. J. Orchard 5, W. R. Redrup (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 5. A tribute to G. R. Goodship and W. R. Redrup for help given training the local ringers.

**LONDON.**—On Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. W. Weddell 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. W. Outley 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, R. H. Begrie 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, A. W. Coles 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

**MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Rogers 1, A. Lewry 2, A. R. Miles 3, F. Bennett 4, F. Lambert 5, R. Pankhurst 6, A. Kemp 7, T. Hicks (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. L. R. Miles, captain of the local band.

**MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cook 1, C. Strawbridge 2, F. Bulley 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, J. Pugsley (cond.) 6, L. Mason 7, R. Tudball (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Stacey.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DOPSET.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, N. B. Davis (first of Grandsire) 2, W. Panter 3, I. T. Read 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6.

**SANDY, BEDS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Munns (first quarter) 1, D. Munns 2, H. Gurney (3), J. M. Stephens 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, C. Blain 6. Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Pike (first quarter) 1, B. Challon 2, H. Stalham 3, E. Marsh 4, J. Howe 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, M. Thomas 7, T. Drinkwater 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, W. F. Butler 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, G. Gilbert 5, W. E. Judd 6, J. Ellwood 7, T. Evans 8, D. H. Pearce 9, W. Birmingham (cond.) 10. First quarter of Bob Royal for all except Mr. Judd, and first on the bells. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

**STEEP, HANTS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Gilbert (13 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, Miss C. C. Roberts 3, W. C. Cook 4, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Hall (first quarter) 6.

**TARRING, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Cragg (first quarter) 1, D. Smith 2, F. Jackson 3, F. Chipper 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, C. Chappell 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. M. Thorley 1, John Thorley (aged 11) 2, D. G. Jackson 3, W. H. Jackson 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Thorley 6, G. Jackson 7, C. Thorley 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 2 and 6.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At All Saints', on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holts' Original: K. Clarke 1, R. Ellis 2, J. Cooper 3, E. F. Pickering 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. A. Partridge 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. D. Peart 8.

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scribers are asked to enrol forthwith.

The bells and ringers at  
Leeds Parish Church will  
appear in the television  
programme from the new transmitter at Holm  
Moss on Sunday, October 14th, when evensong  
at 6.30 will be televised. Ringing on the 12  
bells as well as the bells in action will be shown  
in a descriptive film five minutes before the ser-  
vice and the sound of the bells, which will be  
actual service ringing, is expected to be on the  
air from 6.30 to approximately 6.33 p.m.

Mr. Thomas E. Sone has 'completed the  
circle' in 12 towers. His latest is Rotherfield,  
Sussex, by a peal on September 18th.

Mr. George Wood celebrated his 80th birth-  
day by ringing the tenor to a peal at Tunstall,  
Kent, on September 20th.

Four mothers rang a peal with their sons at  
Feltham, Middlesex, on September 22nd. This  
is the first time this sign of maternal affection  
has been demonstrated.

Mr. R. E. Coles has 'completed the circle'  
at Bonvilston, Glam., by a peal on September  
21st. It was the first married couples' peal of  
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price.

The oldest member of Bromley Youths, 86-  
year-old Mr. George Huxley, was among those  
who attended the rededication of Bromley bells  
on September 15th. He retired from ringing  
ten years ago but came along to watch the  
youngsters who had taken his place.

The quarter peal of London Surprise at St.  
Andrew's, Derby, on September 24th, was a  
farewell to Mr. John Wilkinson, who is joining  
the Royal Air Force. It was rung by a resident  
company and is the longest length to be rung  
in Derby for about 25 years, Mr. G. Freebrey  
(the conductor) being the last member of the old  
company still ringing at St. Andrew's.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Burnham-on-Sea, Somers-  
et, was the scene of a  
disappointment on Septem-  
ber 22nd, when after three hours and three  
minutes a peal of Double Norwich was lost with  
one course to go. This was due to the sexton  
attempting to chime the third bell by means of  
the hammer rope for a service, but whether it  
was by force of habit or because he thought  
the bells had ceased, is not clear. Anyway, the  
bell on contacting the hammer a second time  
was brought right down and that was that; the  
moral being—hitch your hammer rope to some-  
thing or pull it up out of reach! The peal at-  
tempt had been arranged by Mr. George Pres-  
cott, Ringing Master of the Axbridge Deanery  
branch, as a 21st birthday compliment to his  
daughter, Mary.

The meeting of the Essex Association at  
Bocking, arranged for to-day, has been can-  
celled.

Through unforeseen circumstances Yorktown  
tower is not available for the meeting of the  
Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan  
Guild to-morrow and the meeting has been can-  
celled.

Miss Joan M. Webster is the first lady to  
ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor for the  
Chester Diocesan Guild. She accomplished this  
in faultless style at Birkenhead on September  
13th.

Commiserations and wishes for a speedy re-  
covery to Mr. Leslie Evans, Master of the  
Hereford Guild, who broke a bone above his  
ankle in a motor-cycle accident just before a  
peal attempt.

Query in the August issue of 'Ringing  
Towers' (N.S.W. Association of Change  
Ringers' monthly): 'Can you please tell me  
how, when ringing, to overcome the difficulty  
of dry hands and a wet nose?'

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# NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

## Coming-of-Age Celebration Dinner

THE National Guild of Police Ringers once again visited Birmingham for the occasion of the annual meeting on September 15th. Members began to arrive soon after 10 a.m. from Grantham, Manchester, Yorkshire, London, Kent, Northants, Bristol, Leicester and other places. They were met on the steps of Steelhouse Lane Police Headquarters by that veteran police ringer, ex-Sgt. W. Dowding, and Chief Insp. A. Clements.

After the usual preliminaries and some light refreshments the parties mingled together on their way to Bishop Ryder's Church and St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, where touches of Bristol, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, but not without incident, for a Manchester ringer, his bell minus the stay, completed the revolution, leaving him without a rope and thereby satisfying his desire to go aloft; the rope retrieved, ringing continued without further incident.

The company, having grown to a hundred, sat down to a hot lunch at the City Police Social Club. After a loyal toast, the president of the Guild, Chief Insp. H. J. Poole, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. E. J. Dodd, C.B.E., for so generously putting the facilities of the Police Headquarters at their disposal for the day. Mr. Dodd, in welcoming the Guild to Birmingham, humorously referred to Birmingham as having bigger bells and better bells than anywhere else.

Guests and visitors included the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Birmingham, Ald. A. Paddon-Smith, Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Donald Paddon-Smith, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, C.B.E., Chief Constable of Leicester, and Mrs. Cole, Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. W. J. Jones and Mr. John Worth.

## VALUE OF NON-TERRITORIAL GUILDS

Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill, in extending a hearty welcome to the guests, referred to his long association with ringing and remarked that non-territorial guilds like the Police Guild and the Ladies' Guild had often been regarded as unnecessary, but thought they were often a positive influence to people in official circles.

Ald. A. Paddon-Smith, in reply, referred to the low strength of the Police Service and humorously suggested to Mr. Dodd that ringing might be regarded as a condition of service, which might help recruitment and certainly would assist the Police Guild.

The Chief Constable of Leicester spoke of his long association with the Guild and said that in spite of all advice he had received he was still mystified by change ringing on bells.

Mr. W. J. Jones, of Newport, gave his first recollections of the police, and, having attained the age of 86, said it was still his greatest pleasure to come among them.

Lunch concluded, members made their way to St. Martin's and St. Philip's Cathedral, where some good twelve-bell ringing was enjoyed by the more proficient members of the company. The afternoon's ringing was concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques on St. Philip's bells to welcome the new Provost of Birmingham, who was reported to be arriving that afternoon at 4.45.

Back at Police Headquarters, 98 partook of an excellent tea. The business meeting followed. Whilst this was taking place a number of the visitors enjoyed some good ringing on the 12 bells of Aston Church.

## MEMBERSHIP 98

The secretary reported a regrettable decline in membership, which now stood at 98, and hoped that as members moved into retirement they would forward their new addresses so that

membership could be maintained. The year ended with a balance of £13 15s. 11d. After some discussion it was decided the rules be amended to admit members of the newly-formed Police Cadets as members of the Guild whilst serving in the service. Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill referred to the death during the year of ex-P.C. Walter Clayden. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill read the report of the Central Council delegate, Insp. T. R. Butler, who was unfortunately unable to be present at the meeting.

The president reminded the meeting that 1952 was the 21st anniversary of the forming of the Guild. After some discussion it was proposed by St.-Sgt. Prior, of the Metropolitan Police Force, that a celebration dinner be held in Leicester on Saturday, January 26th, 1952, to mark the occasion.

It was decided to accept the invitation to visit Liverpool for the annual meeting on Saturday, September 20th, 1952.

An excellent social evening had been arranged by Chief Insp. A. Clements with the Birmingham Police Orchestra, supported by Joyce Jeffs, Stan Blower, Archie Constable, S.C. Cheadle, Fred Hughes and Professor Gazeka. Handbell ringing was provided between the items by members of the Leicester party.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Chief Insp. Clements and ex-Sgt. Dowding for the successful arrangements which made the meeting one to be remembered. Thanks are also due and are tendered to the various incumbents of the churches where ringing took place and to all who assisted in making the day so successful.

C. H. F. K.

## RINGING WAS HIS CURE Brought Phil B. Clift Back to First-Class Cricket

Behind the wedding peal for Mr. Phil B. Clift lies an interesting story of how the physical exercises of ringing can play a great part in helping to restore health after a serious illness and operation.

Phil Clift learned to handle a bell some years before the last war, but the call of the cricket field was too great, and he was soon lost to the belfry. During the winter of 1949-50 he was appointed cricket coach to Selbourne College, East London, South Africa. On returning from South Africa in March, 1950, he contracted a serious illness, which necessitated a very serious surgical operation, and from which he made a very remarkable recovery.

It was feared, however, that he would never play first-class cricket again, as the operation had left the muscles of shoulder and back so stiff that only with difficulty could he swing a bat. He, therefore, decided to take up ringing again, and within three months he had mastered Grandsire Triples, and had been completely cured of his muscle stiffness, with the result that in the season just closed he scored over 1,000 runs with one century against Middlesex and was in the first six fieldsmen of the country with 36 catches.

In the near future he hopes to ring his first peal in his own tower at Usk, and it is evident from his conversation on ringing matters that he has returned to the Exercise for good.

On Monday, September 17th, at Rumney Parish Church, he married Staff Nurse Eiddwen Davies, of the Sully Hospital, the lady who nursed him back to health. Following the wedding the bells of Rumney Church were rung by members of the Llandaff Association under the leadership of Mr. Jack Worrall.

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## BROMLEY BELLS REDEDICATED

### A Proud Moment for Mr. Isaac Emery

WHEN the old Parish Church of Bromley was destroyed by enemy action in 1941, one of the most poignant moments of the whole tragedy was that when the bells came crashing down the fire-gripped tower. Bromley's ring of eight bells was nearly 200 years old, having been cast by Thomas Janaway in 1773.

For eight years the church had stood derelict, while the congregation worshipped in a hall kindly loaned by the Methodists: then on a joyous afternoon of October, 1949, the foundation stone of the new Parish Church was laid by H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth.

One of the first tasks of the builders was to try and save the 14th century tower—the only part of the church which had survived the bombing—this tower was split twice from top to bottom, and one face had been sucked out 6 inches by the blast, so it was a not inconsiderable engineering feat when the task was accomplished by the builders, Messrs. Dove Bros., of Islington.

Next came the matter of the bells! Their recasting was placed in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon: all the old bell metal was used and the quantity required to complete the ring was added.

On Saturday, September 15th, despite heavy rain, the precincts of the partly-built church were crowded for the service of rededication of the bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Murray Walton) and the late Bishop of Manchester.

It was a proud moment for Mr. Isaac Emery, the veteran Master of the Bromley Youths, when he handed a rope to the Bishop and requested him to 'dedicate this ring to the glory of God and the service of His Church.'

The Bishop grasped a bell rope which was attached to all the other ropes, saying as he did: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God, we hallow this work of restoration and rededicate this ring of bells in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

Immediately after came the opening rounds by P. J. Spice, Janet Farmer (age 14), W. J. Rawlings, Jill Farmer (16), Malcolm Powell, Gerald Kirby, E. Mounter and E. Horton.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch, 168 Stedman Triples, was rung by W. H. Hewitt, J. Lyddiard, J. Dafters, W. J. Rawlings.

G. H. Spice, P. J. Spice, I. Emery (conductor) and E. Mounter.

Representatives of no fewer than 25 churches attended the service, ranging from Suffolk in the East to Monmouth in the West. Tea and a reception were held in the Church Institute and ringing continued throughout the evening. A company on tour in Surrey from Suffolk, making Bromley their last call, rang the last touch.

### THE INSCRIPTIONS

The opinion was unanimous that the bell founders had cast a ring of singular beauty. The following is the list of the bells, together with their inscriptions:—

Treble.—T. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. Recast 1950 by Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 5 cwt. 24 lb.

No. 2.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. Prosperity to the Parish of Bromley. (Thence as on No. 1.) 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

No. 3.—Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Musica est mentis medicina\*. (Thence as on No. 1.) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 4.—T. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. (Thence as on No. 1.) 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

No. 5.—Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1773. When from the earth our notes abound, The hills and valleys echo round. (Thence as on No. 1.) 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 6.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. He and he only aims aright, Who joins his toil with his delight. (Thence as on No. 1.) 9 cwt. 17 lb.

No. 7.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. In bello ferocissimo dirutus, In pace incerta sed de suprema fide resurrectus sum†. (Thence as on No. 1.) 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Tenor.—Note F. Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. Recast 1950. W. H. Murray Walton, Vicar. A. Cowdry, S. E. Sandle, Churchwardens. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Clock bell.—F. Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1777. My times are in Thy Hand. (Thence as on No. 1.) 3 cwt. 24 lb.

\* 'Music is the medicine of the mind.'

† 'Destroyed in the fiercest war, in uncertain peace, but with a supreme faith I have been raised again.'

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

### Handbell Ringing

The London County Association have just completed a somewhat unusual undertaking. In the early part of this year they were approached by the committee organising Sunday afternoon church services in the Amphitheatre of the Festival Gardens at Battersea Park and asked to arrange suitable handbell ringing, prior to the services, which was to be disseminated over loud speakers. This was done on no less than 14 occasions by members of the Association from St. Luke's, Chelsea, All Saints', Isleworth, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, together with ringing friends associated with members of those towers.

The 15th occasion was spoilt by torrential rain but to their everlasting credit a very bedraggled team from Chelsea arrived dead on time, only to seek shelter for the next two hours. On three other dates within the period the committee did not require handbells to be rung.

There was, in the early stages, a period of trial and error in getting bells and microphone correctly placed to balance the sound as between trebles and tenors but the interest shown by the Amphitheatre staff very quickly overcame the technical difficulties and results, on the whole, have been extremely satisfactory. Time allotted for ringing was always comparatively short and did not allow of anything spectacular but the courses of methods rung always fitted in well with the needs of the organisers.

The thanks of the Association are due to those who so consistently supported the effort from start to finish and to the authorities for their close co-operation, which did so much to make the undertaking the success it undoubtedly was. This success was in no small measure due to the efforts of Mr. J. H. Lott, who was in attendance on all but two occasions and carried out the work of liaison with the technical staff of the Amphitheatre. It was found that the best broadcast result was obtained by the use of one microphone having the ringers around it in the general form of a semi-circle, but with the tenors positioned on a long radius and each smaller pair on a decreasing radius. Nevertheless, each individual pair of handbells in each set used had to receive special attention to ensure correct positioning.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### Loughborough District

The September meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Breedon-on-the-Hill on the 15th, this being the first meeting ever held at the church, as the old four bells have recently been augmented to six by John Taylor and Co.

Breedon is a delightful spot on an afternoon such as was enjoyed and the church, like a solitary sentinel, stands high above the village, affording a magnificent view.

The Vicar conducted a short service and in his few words of welcome gave a brief history of the church with its Saxon carvings reputed to be the finest in the country. The collection was devoted to the ringing chamber restoration fund.

Tea and a short business meeting were held in the local cafe, with the Guild vice-president and district chairman, Mr. P. L. Taylor, in the chair. Shephed was confirmed as the place of the next meeting on October 13th. Mr. A. E. Rowley, in proposing the vote of thanks, expressed the hope of the Guild that Breedon would soon have a band of ringers and that the bells would be rung regularly for Sunday services.

Some 50 ringers and friends were present during the course of the afternoon and evening. For one member of the gathering Breedon was his 1,396th tower.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

### A Day in the East Riding

Barnsley District Society held their second outing this year on September 15th when about 30 members and friends had an enjoyable tour in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Breakfast was served in the Church Room at Howden, being arranged by the local company, followed by an hour's ringing on the fine eight. Then came North Cave, a six with a ground floor ring, and Hessele, with a hot lunch awaiting the Society at the Guest House. Hessele bells were not available, as three weddings had been arranged after consent had been given. Not to disappoint the visitors, Mr. Lister (the local secretary) arranged for the octave at Hedon to be available, and thanks to Mr. Everingham, these bells were set ready when the Barnsley contingent arrived.

The gem of the day, the beautiful church at Patrington, with its intriguing entry to the ringing chamber, through a tunnel in the roof timbers, followed. The novel entry was fully justified by the good ringing provided. Another good meal, arranged by Mr. D. Fewster, fortified the visitors for the hour spent at Withernsea and the homeward journey.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The September meeting was rearranged and held at East Ardsley on September 22nd, one week earlier than usual to enable the members to attend the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York on September 29th.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall. Mr. F. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and Woodlesford. Later arrivals were from Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington and Thorne. One new member, Mr. Douglas Drane (East Ardsley), was elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson.

The Vicar, in acknowledgment, said thanks should also be given to the Society for ringing and teaching the local ringers. He would have been a ringer but he thought ringing was hard work. He was promptly told that the hard work could be eliminated by having the East Ardsley bells rehung.

The next meeting is due to be held at Burley on October 27th.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## INSTRUCTION OF LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—Returning to the Exercise recently, after some years, and still being very much of a novice, your editorial on 'Recruitment' in the issue of September 7th interested me a great deal.

First of all, I think ringers of all classes, whether spliced method experts or of the less spectacular (though none the less essential) group, will agree that the initial stages in change ringing leave the learner very confused by reason of his lack of ropesight, and that patience and encouragement are particularly necessary if he is to retain and deepen his interest.

Secondly, whilst there is no substitute for practical instruction on the bells themselves, much can be learned from the text books in current circulation, providing the learner is informed where they may be obtained, or at least given a loan of the appropriate book.

Thirdly, I fully endorse your call for a Central Council standard instruction book, giving the fullest possible information to the complete novice. However, until such a book can be compiled (and I admit it is no light task!), may I plead, on behalf of all novices, for a little space in 'The Ringing World' to be devoted to their very real needs; I do appreciate that your space is extremely limited, but surely a 'Learner's Column' would, in a very short time, pay good dividends to the Exercise as a whole.

Lastly, may I also appeal to all tower captains to encourage their probationers to take the paper and so become conversant with developments in the art.—Yours very truly,

R. E. SWANN.

Royston, Herts.

## SURPRISE AT CHUDLEIGH

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the Cheshire and Yorkshire band on their very successful tour in Cornwall and Devon, I would like to mention that the peal of Yorkshire at Chudleigh was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells. This was accomplished on Saturday, August 12th, 1950, and the method rung was Cambridge, the conductor being myself.—Yours sincerely,

A. P. CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

## BOLSOVER BELLS

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I wish to advise all our friends that work has now commenced on the rehanging and general overhaul of the bells at Bolsover, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. indicate that it will be four to five months before ringing will again be possible.

I shall arrange to give adequate notice of the re-opening date and we shall then look forward to meeting again many of the friends who visit Bolsover from time to time.

We have so far raised slightly more than £200 towards the cost of the work and whilst several efforts are being organised to collect the balance, if any ringing friends would still like to associate themselves with the undertaking, subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar or the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. COOPER.

Wickstead, Rectory Road.

Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

## CROSSWORD CLUE

Sir,—The solution of the clue in the 'Times' crossword puzzle, 'Robert with a crown among the bells (3, 5)', is by no means obvious. At least one ringer, no doubt too clever by half, wrote down 'Bob Royal'.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM MORLAND.

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD OUTING

Dear Sir,—The following extract from the account of the above outing ('The Ringing World,' September 21st) is true, but annoying and discourteous:—'At Old Windsor we helped ourselves to the bells.'

Mr. Bassett's letter to me, dated April 16th, requested the bells for Saturday, August 18th, his party arriving between 4 and 4.30 p.m. Permission was granted. I received no further communication and at a few minutes before four o'clock on the above date 'posted' myself at the church, to welcome the party.

At six o'clock, as no party had arrived, I gave them up and went home, somewhat late for tea. The next morning (Sunday) the Vicar inquired of me: 'Why were the bells ringing at seven o'clock last evening?' This was news to me, my home being some distance from the church, I did not hear them; ringing is from the ground floor and access gained through the unlocked church.

We do not neglect visitors to Old Windsor; such callous behaviour is no credit to any organiser, whether Guild secretary or just tower captain; it causes inconvenience and fosters disappointment and bad fellowship.

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

## THE POOR SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of the infinitesimal minority in the Exercise who aspire to become branch, district, divisional or general secretaries, the following 'Lament' can be taken (as one pleases) either as invaluable assistance or sound advice:—

If the secretary writes a letter, it is too long.

If he writes a postcard, it is too short.

If he issues a bulletin, he's a spendthrift.

If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.

If he stays away, he's a shirker

If he offers a suggestion, he's a 'Know-all.'

If he says nothing, he is useless.

If attendances are slack, he should have called the members up.

If he does call them up, he's a pest.

If he asks a member for his subscription, he is insulting.

If he does not, he is not doing his job.

If a meeting is a great success, the chairman gets the praise.

If it's a failure, the secretary is to blame.

If he asks for advice, he is incompetent.

If he does not, he is swollen-headed.

If the Chain of Office is missing, it is the secretary's fault.

If he awaits the president's arrival, he is officious.

Ashes to ashes—dust to dust.

If others won't do it, the secretary must.

Yours faithfully

P. H. R.

Eastbourne.

## ST. COLUMB MAJOR'S TENOR

Dear Sir,—St. Columb Major's tenor is given in the peal columns as 15 cwt. The correct weight is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., note F, and we can be sure of this as the bells only returned from Loughborough last October. This bell was not recast, although four others of the ring were, and had always previously been claimed locally to be 16 cwt. The error may even be an oversight on my part, although I thought I had mentioned the weight of this tenor. Future visitors to St. Columb will now know.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

## TWELVE-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest that the first ring of twelve was erected at York Minster in 1655 by taking four bells from the north-west tower and putting them to the eight in the south-west tower. These were recast in 1681, rehung on one level in 1733, recast as ten in 1765 (tenor 53 cwt.), destroyed by fire 1840, replaced by a twelve in 1844 (tenor 54 cwt.) and recast 1926 (tenor 60 cwt.). (See 'History and Art,' E. Morris, pp. 300-301.)

The history of the twelve formerly at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was published by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope in a series of articles in 'The Ringing World' some years ago. They were destroyed by a fire on February 17th, 1836, said to have been caused by some youths who were using the belfry as a club room. There is a tale that they had made a fire in a brazier to keep themselves warm, and on hearing the approach of someone in authority coming up the stairs, had hidden the brazier under the tenor box and departed.

The tenor of this ring weighed 44 cwt. in C and many long peals were rung by the London companies in rivalry at this church. The bells were replaced by a ring of eight with a tenor of 34 cwt.—now unringable, I believe.

Mr. J. A. Snowdon published a list of twelves with details and dates of openings, peals and condition, etc., in 'Church Bells,' 1876, p. 271, and gives 24 towers. Number 22 in the list was St. Peter's, St. Albans (tenor 23 cwt. in D). With the exception of Quex Park, they were the lightest twelve in the country at that time. This ring was augmented from ten in 1868 by Warners and reduced to ten in 1883 by Taylors; the reason being that in 1881 the eleventh was cracked by the clapper coming in contact with the frame and a subscription was raised to recast the bell. On removal the tenth was also found to be cracked and so the two trebles were handed over in payment for its recasting.

No peals were rung on the twelve bells but one would have been recorded by John Cox's band if Henry Haley had not been listening to the ringing!—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans, Herts.

## 40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World' of October 6th, 1911)

Edmonton. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. On Saturday, September 30th, 1911, in three hours and ten minutes, at the Church of All Saints, a peal of London Surprise Major, 5,088 changes (tenor 17½ cwt.): Henry Dains treble, \*Miss Edith K. Parker 2, George Radley 3, John H. Benstead 4, John T. Kentish 5, Wilby J. Hazell 6, James Parker 7, George A. Card tenor. Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Miss E. K. Parker.

\* First peal in the method as conductor.

[This was the first occasion on which a lady had conducted a peal of London. Mrs. Fletcher has repeated this performance on many occasions but if memory serves, only one other lady has so far accomplished it.]

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 16th. 1,260 Grand sire Triples: D. Cecil Williams 1, W. Glasspool 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, R. Brown 5, M. J. Butler 6, O. N. Curtis 7, E. Brown 8. With half-muffled clappers previous to a memorial service to the late Bishop Lovett.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Myhill 1, E. J. Runter 2, J. K. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Miss M. E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. W. Shadrack, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Myhill.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 16th. 1,259 Grand sire Caters: P. C. Barrett 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, S. Haw 6, W. Storey 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.



## YOUNG BEDFORDSHIRE'S RINGING TOUR

### Ringling in Six Counties

LATE last year twelve young adventurers of Bedfordshire decided on a cycling tour in the Cotswolds, and on Saturday, August 18th, we turned our wheels towards Oxfordshire on the first stage of our tour.

Because of the miles between us and Little Milton, our first call, four went by train to Oxford. Next, we pushed on to Warborough, a little Oxfordshire village, where we were met by the Vicar and a Press photographer. A very welcome tea was waiting for us, too. The six bells of the Church of St. Lawrence were rung to Cambridge, Kent and St. Lawrence Little Bob. Dorchester Abbey was reached after a needless detour; a fine ring of eight, we thought, set in a fine tower. In the evening at Oxford we became tourists, and did some sightseeing before we returned to the Youth Hostel there.

Next morning we left the overcrowded hostel and made our way by a tortuous route to the ringing chamber of Christ Church Cathedral. For some of us this was our first introduction to twelve-bell ringing, but combining with some of the regular ringers we managed two courses of Grandsire Cinques. At ten o'clock we divided ourselves up between St. Giles' and All Saints', two eights, that Oxford might the better be aware of our presence; and, again with assistance, we enlivened the city with many methods.

After that it was Westward Ho! across a corner of Berkshire and a lot of Oxfordshire, stopping at Bampton for lunch, at Fairford to see the famous stained glass in the church, and at Down Ampney for tea. After crossing the Wiltshire border for the fifth time we reached Ashton Keynes hostel and the church. We rang on the tower bells before, and on the handbells after, the service, and spent the rest of the evening getting lost in the Wiltshire lanes.

We started the next day in Gloucestershire, at South Cerney, where occurred a dramatic interruption by a local ringer, who was worried about the stay on the second bell. We found it a tight squeeze in the tower at Siddington, and the bells were noisy; it was here that we first rang our Bedford Delight. From one extreme to another, the spaciousness and the easy going of the bells at Watermoor made a remarkable contrast with Siddington.

Next we made our way to the 162 ft. high tower of Cirencester Church. Here the oldest twelve in the country is accompanied by a flat sixth, originally the fire bell; the rope circle is very large. Shop-gazing and sightseeing occupied the next half-hour before we followed the road by the River Churn to North Cerney. The tower has an unusual gabled roof and the ringing chamber was brilliant with sunshine shining in our eyes. The road to Duntisbourne Abbots Youth Hostel was very rough and hilly and infested with flies.

More rough roads and a precipitous hill were experienced on the way to Chalford next day, and brakes had to be adjusted before we could get to work on the ring of six steel bells. Although unusual, the tone was not at all unpleasant, but we wished they were easier going. Next, along a fold in the hills to Stroud. In this town of steep hillsides the church is the crowning landmark. We rang St. Clement's Caters and Cambridge and Kent Royal on the marvellous ring of ten. After lunch at Painswick we visited the famous tower with its peal-board-studded ringing gallery. It was a great pleasure ringing these bells, too.

Finished with ringing for the day, we swept down through the rain into the Severn valley to Gloucester Cathedral, where we stayed to listen to evensong. Then there were the long miles to Cheltenham and the 700 ft. climb up to the hostel at Cleeve Hill.

At nine o'clock next day we wasted all those 700 ft. on the sharp drop to Bishop's Cleeve,

with its ring of eight, and then continued across the flat valley to Tewkesbury Abbey. The ringing chamber and belfry occupy only a fraction of the interior of the massive tower. The hour after leaving the church was spent in having lunch and camera-clicking. In the sunshine now we turned back towards the ever visible skyline of the Cotswolds, to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton; these octaves are in direct contrast and we definitely preferred the latter. We had supper in Cheltenham and, due to a delay at Prestbury, reached the Cleeve Hill Hostel at 10 o'clock.

Next day, Thursday, we rang at five towers. In the morning we visited Winchcombe with its long draught of rope, and Taddington; we had lunch at Evesham and saw the bells being hoisted in the tower there, and in the afternoon we visited Hinton-on-the-Green, Norton and Salford Priors—we had thus rung in three counties in one day. At Broom, after supper at the hostel, we had a gay and convivial evening together as a farewell to one of our party who was leaving us next morning.

So at Bidford-on-Avon on Friday morning we were reduced to eleven. At Alcester we rang several methods, and Bedford Surprise for the first time, on this delightful ring of eight. Of course, we could not miss Stratford-on-Avon, and we didn't. Our visit encouraged some passing ringers from Yorkshire to join us, and together we rang both tower and handbells. By the time we rang the bells down it was threatening to rain outside, and we had to postpone our river trip till the evening, when some of us did go out in a punt on the river.

Next day we visited five places, some of them rather strange. Kineton came first, and then Burton Dassett (hard to get at, but a grand view when one does) in the morning; Farnborough with its light five, and Cropredy with its Commonwealth associations constituted the afternoon's choice of towers. At Hanwell we signed in at the hostel before ringing at the church, where we were introduced to Shepherds Aye (sic), and finished off the evening in the hostel in lively mood.

We arrived at Banbury next morning in time for the 9.30 a.m. service and rang for the 10.45 a.m. one. The tower and almost everything else is round, including the table. Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal were brought round too. The freshening wind and some sharp showers drove us homewards like autumn leaves; we stopped only at Calverton, Bucks, to ring on the pretty ring of six, and, of course, for a fine tea waiting for us at Kempston, Beds.

Having cycled through eight counties and rung in six of them, we had returned to Bedfordshire, looking forward to next year's tour (in Devon?). We had rung several methods, special methods being Carter Doubles, St. James' Youths' Exercise, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Burton and Cotswold Treble Bob and Bedford Delight Minor, St. Clement's Triples and Caters, Bedford Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal.

Lastly, we should like to thank all those who, besides our leader, Michael Stephens (and the Clerk of the Weather), helped to make our tour a success.

R. W. S.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

After approximately ten years' inactivity, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has been re-formed. An article on the Association appeared in 'The Ringing World' during July, prior to the first meeting, which was held at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, on July 21st. Among those present was Mr. E. Hudson, hon. secretary of the Northern Area of the Yorkshire Association, whose advice during the meeting proved invaluable.

Following his explanation of the formation during recent years of other societies in Yorkshire, it was decided to re-form the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association as a non-territorial association. It was reluctantly agreed that, in view of the time the Association had been dormant, the difficulties of finding the present whereabouts of all old members were too great. A new membership list would therefore be started. Those old members of the Association wishing to rejoin should contact the hon. secretary and will be re-elected in the normal way.

The chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. J. C. Pollard (Middlesbrough), who had been president before the war. Unfortunately, he is unable to take a very active part in ringing at present and therefore announced that he did not wish to be reconsidered for the office. Mr. T. M. Cox (Middlesbrough), the grandson of Thomas Metcalfe, who was for many years secretary and Ringing Master of the Association, was then elected president, and took the chair.

The vice-presidents elected were Messrs. J. W. and R. Addison (Thornaby), J. Hall (Middlesbrough), J. C. Pollard (Middlesbrough) and C. Robinson (Skelton); Messrs. P. W. B. Semmens (Middlesbrough) and G. A. Robinson (Skelton) were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. The election of a Ringing Master was not thought necessary.

It was agreed that the secretary should submit some draft rules and a proposed rota for meetings, at the next meeting of the Association (which has now been held, on September

15th, at Carlton-in-Cleveland, by kind permission of the Rev. R. Robson). The only items in the rules as adopted that are of general interest concern meetings and subscriptions. It is intended to hold meetings of the Association on the third Saturday of every month, with the exception of August. Unless unusual circumstances cause it to be decided to the contrary, the meetings are to be held at the following towers:—January, Stockton (when rehanging is complete); February, Guisborough; March, Middlesbrough (annual general meeting); April, Carlton; May, somewhere away from Tees-side, possibly a joint meeting; June, Whitby; July, Whorlton (if available) or Stokesley; September, Saltburn; October, Ormesby; November, Thornaby; December, Skelton. In every case it is intended to announce the final details of the meetings in 'The Ringing World' shortly beforehand.

For members residing within 15 miles of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, the annual subscription has been fixed at 2s. 6d. Any member residing beyond this distance may become a life member on the payment of 5s. For the information of those who may wish to ring peals for the Association, members may be elected prior to a peal attempt in the usual way.

It is hoped that the ringing in the area will be generally improved now that the Society has been re-formed. Already ringing for evening service at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, has been restarted on one Sunday a month, which although perhaps not much in itself, represents a considerable increase in interest for what is, after all, the prime purpose of ringing.

Owing to changes of incumbents, it is hoped to hold the next meeting of the Association at Thornaby in October, with Ormesby being the place of the November meeting.

Members of the Association are always delighted to see any visiting ringers who may care to ring with them while they are in the area. The Secretary, Mr. P. W. B. Semmens, Rhodron House, 52, Belle View Grove, Middlesbrough, will be pleased to supply fuller information.



# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

## Summer Tour, August 18th-26th

THE Society's sixth summer tour was held in the parts of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk near King's Lynn. Fifteen members took part, nine staying in King's Lynn and the remainder staying about four miles away, at Tottenhill.

The party assembled for lunch on Saturday, August 18th, and then rang on the sixes at Shouldham, Marham and Watlington. In the evening some went to a dance at Shouldham, but the hour of their return was not disclosed.

On Sunday morning it had been intended to ring a quarter peal of Bob Royal with some local help at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, but the band met one short, and Bob Major was rung instead. In the afternoon a peal was attempted—and lost—at Terrington St. John. This, however, gave the band time to have tea before ringing for evensong at Gaywood.

Clenchworth (5), Terrington St. Clement (8), and Tilney All Saints were visited on Monday morning. The very fine six at the last church were much admired. After lunch the excellent six at Terrington St. John were revisited for the benefit of those not in the peal attempt the previous afternoon. The two Walpoles—St. Peter and St. Andrew—completed the day's ringing.

As if seven premeditated towers were not enough, a 'snatch' at Upwell was organised before starting on Tuesday's official programme. This included one five, five sixes, and the fine ten at Wisbech, where the local practice was invaded with prior notice and kind permission. The last tower in the afternoon was Tydd St. Mary, of which church Nicholas Breakspear, the only Englishman ever to become Pope, was once Rector. The present Rector very kindly entertained the party to tea. At most of the towers we had the pleasure of the company of Fred Wigmore.

Wednesday was started with half an hour at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, before 'snatching' the six at Grimston. After lunch in Swaffham, three more sixes at Neston, Holme-Hale and Scarning were visited en route for East Dereham. Here the party fortified themselves with poached eggs and Welsh rarebit before tackling the eight bells. Swaffham was the last call, for a late evening ring, and the lovely angel roof proved a strong counter-attraction to the bells.

On Thursday the Society went West (!)—to Long Sutton. After ringing for an hour on these lovely bells, the next visit was Lutton, where a fund has just been opened to augment

the delightful little ring of five bells to six. Of interest also were the iron hooks in the walls to which the rope ends can be fastened during intervals in the ringing on stayless days. Gedney was the last call in the morning. Holbeach—a very pleasant eight—Whaplode, Moulton and Fleet completed the day.

The party went even further West, to Fulney and Spalding, on Friday, before turning northwards to Pinchbeck, Surfleet and Gosberton. At Surfleet the 'experts' rang a 120 of St. Simon's Doubles on the front five by popular request. The resultant music was declared to be very similar to that of a musical box. With the help of Mrs. Richardson and two most welcome 'gate-crashers' a course of Grandsire Cinques was also achieved. On the return journey both the cars and one of the motor-cycles took a 'short cut' to the seaside, and the details of this episode are perhaps best left covered by the darkness in which the trip was made.

At Crimbleham on Saturday morning there was a little trouble with a stay held in by a bent nail. By means of a little more bending, the nail was eventually persuaded to do its job, and the Society went through its repertoire (and more) on the five bells. Most welcome refreshments were afterwards kindly provided by the Vicar. The six at Denver and the eight at Downham Market were also visited before lunch. In the afternoon another unsuccessful peal attempt occupied the 'experts' while the learners enjoyed themselves (without magisterial supervision) at Shouldham. On Sunday morning the party—by now only twelve—rang at Mundford for service on the way home.

If the tour can be summed up in one word, that word must surely be 'splendid.' Many of the churches visited were indeed so, but the epithet was so frequently applied to various objects and circumstances encountered by one member (who owned an Austin 7 somewhat older than himself) that it was difficult to avoid the conclusion that magnificence—like beauty—lies in the eye of the beholder. It may seem to some of those who remember earlier tours by bicycle and foot that the Society is becoming too sybaritic, but anyone who saw the conditions under which the passengers were accommodated in the motorised transport would realise such fears were groundless.

The Society thanks the various incumbents for permission to ring and the many ringers who came to welcome it at their towers, and especially Dick Price for his splendid organisation.

D. N. L.

## ST. MARY'S, EALING

On September 8th, the ringers of the above church with their wives and friends were joined by friends from other churches for an afternoon's trip through Berkshire.

Proceeding, by way of the Great West Road, to Wargrave, an hour's ringing in various methods was enjoyed. At Twyford, which was the next tower, Double Norwich was successful, beside other methods. One of the party, being unable to join in the ringing, looked up one of his ringing companions of his earlier days, not having seen each other for 45 years.

A splendid tea was provided at the Castle Inn, Hurst, where the party was met by Mr. Bernard Castle, to whom thanks are expressed for his great help to Tom Davis in arranging the tea and towers. After tea, ringing commenced and a course of Cambridge was successful. Warfield was the last tower. After an hour's ringing the homeward journey was made, Ealing being reached about 10.30.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. HAROLD PAILING

We regret to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Harold Pailing, of Nottingham, who was trapped in the bell chamber of St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, on Friday.

It appears from newspaper reports that a rope broke during the practice and Mr. Pailing ascended into the ringing chamber to investigate.

Ringers below heard the fifth bell sound and then there was a scream. Mr. Pailing was found dead wedged against the side of the tower by the descending bell.

Firemen were called and worked two hours to remove the body.

Mr. Pailing was 42 years of age and was a schoolmaster by profession. He leaves a widow and two sons.

We hope to publish a memoir in our next issue.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MR. T. W. TAFFENDER

Over 60 ringers were among the congregation of between 90 and 100 attending the service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender. The service was held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, and conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hedley. Hymns sung were the highly-appropriate ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God, who livest' and 'Abide with me.' Mr. Craig was present to represent deceased's Company. At the grand piano, used in place of the organ which is out of commission, was Mr. A. St. John Boyack, the Northern District secretary of the London County Association.

Well-struck half-muffled ringing in methods from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major took place from 4.30 to 6 p.m. and also for a short time in the evening. Immediately after the service the whole pull and stand was rung by T. H. Taffender 1, C. A. Hughes 2, F. W. Housden 3, H. W. Rogers 4, C. W. Otley 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bullock 8. Both the general ringing, in which over 50 ringers took part, and the whole pull and stand was supervised by the General Master of the London County Association, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

### South and West District

The South and West District meeting on September 22nd was another 'two towers' day, when ringing took place at St. Paul's, Hounslow West, and at Heston. By the large number of visiting ringers, Hounslow was a 'snatch' for many, as meetings there are few and far between. This is quite understandable on hearing their tone and feeling the 'go,' besides which, the proximity of houses has curtailed ringing of recent years. After tea the ringers moved on to Heston. It is always a pleasure to ring here on the pleasant light octave. The ringing was in a wide variety of methods, up to Spliced Surprise in four methods. For the less energetic it was very pleasant to sit in the shadow of the old lych-gate as the evening closed in, the sound of the bells forming a very pleasant background. Then, in the darkness, the bells ceased, the light from the belfry went out and soon only the usual group of ringers remained, talking over the day's ringing and congratulating some of the team who had just completed an unusual 'mothers and sons' peal at Feltham.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Hills (first quarter as cond.) 1, H. Kenvon (first of Doubles) 2, A. Reeve 3, Constance Chinnery 4, A. Hammond 5, Violet Farrow (first of Doubles) 6. A compliment to Dulcie Fleetwood, of Dagenham, and Colin Wright, of Hornchurch, on their engagement.



## LADIES' GUILD

## Presentation to Miss N. G. Williams

A quarterly meeting was held at Chew Magna, Somerset, on September 8th, and although attendance was not as good as usual, good ringing, ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge, was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, no service was possible due to the absence of the Rector, but an excellent tea was prepared through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Babb.

After tea, Mrs. Knight, vice-president, presented a gift token to Miss N. G. Williams, on behalf of all the members, in appreciation and thanks for her 26 years' service as hon. secretary. Miss Williams replied, saying that the gift was a complete surprise, but she would like to thank all members for this expression of their thanks.

## WEDDING OF MR. ERIC DODDS

On Saturday, September 22nd, the wedding of Miss Mary E. Weller, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Weller, of Wembley, and Mr. Eric Dodds, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dodds, of Isleworth, was solemnised at Alperton Baptist Church, the Minister, the Rev. A. T. Peck officiating. The bridegroom is a long-established ringer at All Saints', Isleworth.

The bride looked charming in white and was attended by three bridesmaids. Geoffrey Dodds, brother of the bridegroom and also a ringer, was best man.

As the couple left the church, handbells were rung by a team from Isleworth and Brentford. The reception was held in the Church Hall, and the honeymoon spent in the New Forest. Although a peal was unsuccessful on the day, an excellent quarter peal was rung at Isleworth on the following day in their honour.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Despite heavy rain, 34 members and friends attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Bunwell on September 15th. The service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Herbert) assisted by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard). Tea was arranged and given by the local ringers and friends in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting five new members were elected, viz., the Rev. J. P. Herbert, honorary member; Miss Betty Syrett, Mr. J. Barber and Mr. G. J. Filby, of Winfield, and Mr. W. Gibbons, of North Lopham, ringing members. It was decided to visit East Harling for the next meeting.

Special votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Frank Philippo and the local ringers and friends who so generously gave the tea.

## PUTNEY RINGERS' OUTING

A tour into Sussex on September 8th, which was once again arranged by Mr. W. Elson (who is in his 85th year), of St. Mary's Church, Putney, gave much pleasure to the ringers of Putney and the many old friends who had been invited to take part.

Ringing took place at East Grinstead, Turners Hill, Cuckfield, Bolney, Crawley and Slaugham (pronounced Slaffam). Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were all rung successfully. A course of London came to grief at Crawley after some very good striking. Lunch was enjoyed at Cuckfield and tea at Crawley.

In honour of Mrs. H. W. Orringe becoming a centenarian, Market Harborough ringers rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples on September 15th. The band was C. A. Johnson 1, W. J. Wallington 2, C. G. Windrain 3, F. E. Wallington 4, E. J. Sharpe 5, E. W. Measures 6, G. A. Hollock (conductor) 7, T. W. Measures 8.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 9527

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. 9510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9553

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Yorktown on Saturday, October 6th, is cancelled. 9565

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Oct. 6th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room.—B. J. Luck. 9501

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea free. 9550

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting and bells 5.30. 9540

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr (8), Oct. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. 9545

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District), KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District), LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS (Central District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Epsom. Christ Church, Epsom Common, 3 p.m.; St. Martin's, Epsom, 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Tranall's Restaurant. Numbers for tea to R. Lathbury.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec.; A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.; Miss M. Jackson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9480

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. 9517

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells. Ropley (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30 at Ropley. Tea 5 in the Vicarage. Bells again available after tea until business meeting at 7.30 p.m. 9535

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday, Oct. 9th, not Oct. 2nd, 6.45 p.m. Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Oct. 16th, 7.15 p.m. 314th anniversary dinner, Nov. 10th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9543

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 13th, to be held at Freshford. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea notification, by 11th, to Dr. Vaisey, Freshford, near Bath. 9582

BATH AND WELLS.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly at Kingston on Saturday, October 13th. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9596

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, Camerton (6), Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec, Chilcompton. 9563



**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Third Annual Potter Commemoration Dinner at Barnesley, King George Hotel, October 13th, at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. each, obtainable from me. Names for these not later than October 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 9588

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting on October 13th at Kirk Ella. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 122, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by first post Wednesday, October 10th. 9589

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 13th. Towers of St. Mary's Within, Hoole, and Handbridge open during afternoon. 9587

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements this time. 9590

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Roker, St. Andrew's, Saturday, October 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by October 11th, to Mr. A. T. Shaw, 33, Clifton Road, Sunderland. Method, Stedman Caters. 9567

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting, Yaxley, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9594

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Fairwarp (8), October 13th. Tea at the Foresters Arms. Names by October 11th.—C. A. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 9572

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest.—Meeting at Staunton-Coleford, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available 2, Service 4, Tea 4.30. Notify for tea by Wednesday, October 10th.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 9570

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3, Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9555

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Heversham 2 to 4 p.m., Milnthorpe after tea, on Saturday, October 13th. Names for tea to D. Shaw, 9a, Wyndrose Avenue Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District. 9586

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, October 13th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Dedication of peal tablet after service (Centenary of Oldham peal). Business 6.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 9568

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, October 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9571

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, October 13th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 9572

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Shepshed, October 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in School. Names, by October 10th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed.—C. W. Hall. 9572

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 10th, certain, to W. H. Lilly, 5, Went Road, Birstall.—W. Swan. 9574

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**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Mathern, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea provided, bring sandwiches.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9524

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, October 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zetia, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, October 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 9549

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (St. Ann's Road Station), on Saturday, October 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Bells of All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, also available 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9569

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pulham, Norfolk.—All ringers welcomed to Pulham Market, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall, kindly given by Mr. Alfred Todd, for all who notify by Oct. 8th Mr. Arthur Roope, Pulham Market, Diss. 9544

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 10th to Mr. H. T. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 9536

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Steeple Aston (6), October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson. Adderbury West, Banbury. 9575

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chalgrove, Oxon, on Saturday, October 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards for those who notify me not later than October 9th.—H. Badger, The 'Blue Man,' Thame. 9566

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Nettlebed, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 6—9. 9564

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Twywell, Saturday, October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 9576

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Towcester Branch), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham.—R. H. Howson, W. Yates, Secs. 9519

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, by Wednesday, Oct. 10th. 9514

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12), 2.30–3.30; Hampstead (10), 3–4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews. 9514

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. Names for tea, by Thursday, October 11th, to Mr. J. Crawley, jun., The Holt, Canon's Hill, Coulsdon. 9581

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, October 13th. Names by Wednesday, 10th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 9597

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Woolton Hill (6), October 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Highclere (8) 6–9. Names, by October 11th, to J. Scott, Post Office, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks.—J. A. Hill. 9595

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8), Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Gleebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9592

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, October 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15–4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30–3.45: Hillingdon, St. (Continued on next page)

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**PETERBOROUGH GUILD**—Wellingborough Branch.—Meeting at Ecton on Saturday, October 20th. Please send names in early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 9577

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, before October 16th, to C. Churchill, Waterside, Downton. 9561

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold 9585

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Saxmundham District.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, at Aldeburgh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Annual subscriptions will be collected. Names for tea, by 18th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 9560

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social at the Co-operative Hall, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, 6.15 to midnight on Saturday, October 27th. Bells 3 to 6. For tickets, 8s. 6d. each, and number limited, apply, with remittance, before October 18th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9579

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

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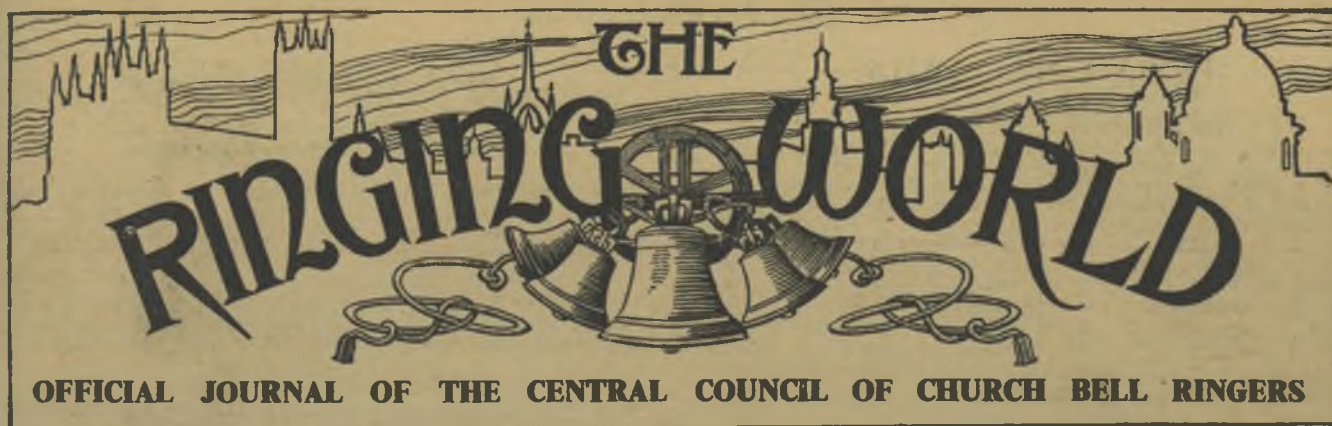
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## METHOD EXTENSION

**P**ERHAPS no subject which has been discussed over the period of years in the columns of 'The Ringing World' has caused so much controversy—and with such little effect—as that dealing with 'Method Extension.'

With a view to clarifying the matter, a motion was submitted to the Council at its meeting some two and a half years ago which, in short, asked it to define an acceptable extension of a method. Such a definition, with Council backing, would show what extensions should receive official recognition, and at the same time give a line to composers, contemporary and those of the future.

At the Council's request, the Methods Committee submitted a report. All its recommendations have not been considered, and members will have an opportunity of discussing the final report at Lincoln next year.

The committee's findings, which might be described more aptly as 'generalisations,' can be summarised thus: 'An extension should bear the same characteristics as the parent, with the inclusion of extra places or an odd dodge "here and there." No contiguous places may be used. Relative pivot bells are regarded as "desirable" and are therefore made "essential" for recognition. London, Superlative and Bristol do not comply with all these requirements and would not be acceptable.'

The Exercise has also been warned by the committee, through 'The Ringing World,' that many extensions in Corrigan's 'Surprise Royal and Maximus' book do not meet with the required standards, and advise ringers before attempting any fresh extensions to refer their figures in the first instance to it, in order to avoid the risk of rejection at a later date.

Let us consider the position in the light of what has been disclosed. London, Superlative and Bristol extensions are not to be recognised, yet methods 'modified' similarly, such as Wembley, Aldenham, Rutland and Painswick—methods which have all been rung to peals—appear to gain a further reprieve. Two versions of Rutland Royal have been rung to peals, although the Exercise is not generally aware of this because it has never been disclosed in 'The Ringing World.'

There are methods in existence which prompt the following questions because the recommendations throw no light on them:—

- (a) Whether or not the pivot bell of an extension must be relative to that of the parent, is it not essential that the *place position* of the pivot bell be correct at the half-lead?
- (b) Are not relative place positions at each treble cross section essential in the extension?
- (c) Would it not be possible to introduce new work into an extension and yet retain the same characteristics of the parent? Conversely the constructional relationship of Cambridge Minor with Pudsey Major, Corrigan's No. 622 (Royal) and No. 867 (Maximus) could hardly be challenged, but who would regard them as one and the same method?
- (d) How can a method be extended without contiguous places, when contiguous places are the characteristic of the parent?
- (e) If an extension is limited to an 'odd dodge here and there,' what would be the position of Double Oxford Bob Maximus in relation to its parent the Minor?
- (f) What would be the position of Oxford Bob Major, Royal and Maximus in regard to the Minor, if the committee's proposed table of relative pivot bells is adopted? And would the Caters and Cinques escape scot free?
- (g) The recommendations appear to be confined to even-bell ringing with a leaning towards 'Surprise.' How are these to be converted to odd-bell ringing, which the original motion meant to include?

The committee has already invited new extensions upon which to pronounce judgment, so presumably it is working to some logical formula. If not, a later Methods Committee with a completely new personnel might rule the opposite way to its predecessors.

The Council has recently clarified the position in regard to the acceptance of performances as peals and have placed their resolutions on the 'statute book.' The members should insist on the committee carrying out the terms of the resolution as it was requested to do, so that the Council, if it accepts their findings, may record its decision in the same way.

In conclusion, this article is not an attempt to influence the committee as to what type of method should be accepted, but to stress that generalisations can only produce anomalies. And the eradication of anomalies was one of the reasons that prompted the proposer to move his resolution.

C. H. K.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 720 Superlative, 1,440 Cambridge and 720 Yorkshire; 75 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt.	
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
*DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*HARRY POYNER .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
JOHN R. SMITH .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1). Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE TOWN HALL.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
LESTER GRAY .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. 7
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	LAURENCE WILLIAMS .. 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY .. 9
CHARLES CLEGG .. 4	RICHARD BENSON .. 10
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. 5	EDWIN S. BIRKETT .. 11
JACK ASHCROFT .. 6	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Maximus. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Ridyard.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

### A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
*JACK R. WORRALL .. Treble	†REGINALD T. JONES .. 6
†F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 2	†JOHN J. WEBB .. 7
†DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	†LESLEY EVANS .. 8
†FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 100th peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung for the ordination in this Cathedral Church of the Rev. Leslie Katin and the Rev. James Tavenor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	J. FREDK. MILNER .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

Tenor 20 cwt.	
GEORGE A. PACKER .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	DAVID C. VINCENT .. 8
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 9
ALAN ELSMORE .. 5	JOHN HOLLOWAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

This is the first time a lady has taken part in a peal at Crewe.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
HORACE BELCHER .. Treble	MISS D. E. LIDBETTER .. 6
MISS J. BRITAIN .. 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. 9
JOHN E. CHILCOIT .. 5	JOHN PHILLIPS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung for the conclusion of the Festival of Britain, also the 80th anniversary of the formation of the All Saints', Fulham, Society.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.	
REGINALD A. REED .. Treble	†ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL .. 6
*ALICE REED .. 2	†HARRY BUCKINGHAM .. 7
†BETTY FAITHFULL .. 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
*JOYCE COX .. 4	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 9
†WALTER GLASSPOOL .. 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. The first peal in the method on the ten bells. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Lord Bishop of Southampton, which took place in the morning at Winchester; also for the patronal festival of St. Michael, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
MRS. S. JONES .. Treble	*†ALBERT THOMPSON .. 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 2	†HAROLD TAYLOR .. 6
WALTER SOAR .. 3	SIDNEY JONES .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Peter Greville Woods, nephew of the Vicar (the Rev. Lt.-Col. John Morris, D.S.O.), and Miss Kathleen Sumner.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	GEORGE DOWLING .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	JOHN G. HOBSON .. 6
PHILIP H. SPECK .. 3	FRED OSGERBY .. 7
HARRY RODMELL .. 4	CHARLES BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

A wedding compliment to Frank Thompson and Barbara Hodgson.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
A. TREVOR SUTTON .. Treble	RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS .. 5
STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 2	DEREK PARRY .. 6
H. STEWART BAILEY .. 3	JOSEPH GODDARD .. 7
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of William Hesketh Lever, first Viscount Leverhulme and founder of Port Sunlight. First peal on the bells since complete restoration by Gillett and Johnston.



**ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF 5055 PLAIN JOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. G. KINCHIN .. .. 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. .. 5
FRED C. LYNE .. .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 7
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

**GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE .. .. 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. .. 6
SAMUEL PINDER .. .. 3	WALTER SOAR .. .. 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.  
 \* First peal of Major. A birthday peal for Julie E. Desborough and Mrs. S. Pinder.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,**

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	ERNEST G. SHORTING .. .. 5
*GEORGE H. MOORE .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. 3	CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. 7
EILEEN BRACEY .. .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 5
†STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 2	*HENRY HUBBALL .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
 \* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boxley for their 23rd wedding anniversary.

**HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Sept. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*NANCIE E. SWANN .. .. Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. .. 5
†LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	ROBERT BROWN .. .. 6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. .. 7
CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

**EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
PHILIP J. COWARD .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
JOHN HILL .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

**BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. .. Treble	HARRY WILD .. .. 5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. .. 2	ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 6
JOHN PEARSON .. .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 4	†DONALD R. MARSHALL .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

**LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 5
*JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 2	ROBERT BROOKER .. .. 6
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. 7
GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the eve of harvest thanksgiving service. The conductor's 35th peal in the tower.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.	
JOAN COTTON .. .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. 5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN .. .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

Rung for the patronal festival.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DONALD M. SALISBURY .. .. Treble	†DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD .. .. 5
†JOAN E. HILLS .. .. 2	†ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. .. 6
†RENEE L. HOPKINS .. .. 3	DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4	COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

SQUIRE CROFT .. .. Treble	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 2	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

Rung for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and following the wedding of Sub-Lieut. P. A. C. Harland, R.N. (youngest son of Prebendary H. C. Harland, Vicar of St. Stephen's) and Miss Joan Edmunds, of Plymouth. Also to mark the admission to Holy Orders this day of W. E. G. Butland, for many years lay reader at St. Stephen's.



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## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN O. WELLER .. .. Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 5
MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. .. 2	*CHARLES COLES .. .. 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. .. 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the feast of St. Michael and  
All Angels. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK COX .. .. Treble	HARRY C. JONES .. .. 5
WALTER LEE .. .. 2	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 6
†SYLVIA COKER .. .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 7
DOREEN COKER .. .. 4	†CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal away from tenor. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal. Rung for  
the patronal festival of this church.

## LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM PRATT .. .. Treble	†JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 5
*JEAN STEWART .. .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. 6
WILMA HOEY .. .. 3	FRED E. DUKES .. .. 7
TOM SMELTZER .. .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.  
First peal of Major on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal, No. 12.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
*ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. 4	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	MARK W. MARSHALL .. .. 5
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .. 6
†PERCY PAGE .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 150th peal.

## MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. 6
DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
*ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* 25th peal. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells. Rung for  
the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*SAMUEL BIRCH .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 2	*ERIC SPEAKE .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar,  
Rev. L. Wilson, on his appointment as Rural Dean.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN A. COOMBS .. .. Treble	AUDREY A. EWINS .. .. 5
†BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 6
†GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 4	IAN MACROBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.' A com-  
pliment to Mr. Cyril Heskins, of the local band, and Miss Hilda  
Gillies, of Slough, who were married this day at Upton, Slough, Bucks.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JANE M. HOOKE .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY SEAMAN .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. .. 6
HARRY POYNER .. .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER G. SOAR .. .. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 2	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. .. 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

\* First peal in the method. The first peal of London on the bells.  
A farewell peal to John F. Wilkinson, who is joining the R.A.F.

## STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. .. 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in the method on the bells.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

C.C. Collection Nos. 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 44 and 46. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALAN HEMSLEY .. .. Treble | ALBERT RELFE .. .. 4

CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2 | FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 5

CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. 3 | LEONARD W. GILES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung immediately after the induction of the Rev. A. N. Roscamp to the living of Wadhurst.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 720 changes each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

WILLIE GREEN .. .. Treble | DANIEL SMITH .. .. 4

JOHN WILLIAM MOXON .. 2 | HERMANN RUSBY .. .. 5

HAROLD CHANT .. .. 3 | NOEL F. MOXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of Ernest Brookes, former president and vice-president of the Barnsley District Society, who was a ringer and organist at this church for 30 years.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY COMINS .. .. Treble | FRANK MORRIS .. .. 4

REGINALD STONE .. .. 2 | CLAUDE FARR .. .. 5

FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 3 | WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, London, York, Carlisle, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

\*MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. Treble | JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 4

\*DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 2 | \*FRANK V. GANT .. .. 5

\*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK POUNDS .. .. Treble | MRS. ELLEN PARKER .. .. 4

VERA DRAPER .. .. 2 | CUTHBERT ACKERS .. .. 5

MARGARET RIDYARD .. .. 3 | ARTHUR MAWDESLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDESLEY.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Ridyard.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, twelve 120's of April Day, ten each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY COMINS .. .. Treble | REGINALD STONE .. .. 4

WM. A. J. KNIGHT .. .. 2 | CLAUDE TARR .. .. 5

FRAN TATTERSALL .. .. 3 | TOM HANCOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.



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## SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Combined St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Double Court, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Kent Treble Bob, Tenor 12 cwt. in G.  
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS .. Treble | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 4  
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2 | GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 5  
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3 | BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smalls, much respected parishioners and parents of the treble ringer.

## SMARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD .. 4  
\*PERCY REEVES .. .. 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5  
HARRY BAKER .. .. 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal.

## BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.  
JEANNE N. ROBERTS .. Treble | \*THOMAS F. YOUNG .. 4  
JABEZ WALTER .. .. 2 | †THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5  
SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 3 | †WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal together.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,  
AT 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.  
\*JEANNETTE A. ROSE .. 1-2 | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3-4  
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 5-6

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell to Miss Rose, who is leaving for Bristol University.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,  
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.  
RONALD C. NOON .. 1-2 | \*JOHN KING .. .. 3-4

ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5016 SPICED ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.  
JAMES E. DANIELS .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 7-8  
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. W. T. Grice, of Maidstone, Kent.

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### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Short 1, G. H. Williams 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, H. Dickens 5, A. Rainey 6, G. Davis 7, T. E. Hill (first quarter) 8. Rung before the harvest thanksgiving service.

**AUGHTON, LANCs.**—At St. Michael's, on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob: R. Parr 1, J. Timley 2, Miss A. Abraham 3, H. Winter 4, A. Draper 5, R. Larkey (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss A. Abraham. All service ringers.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Michael's, on Sept. 23rd, 1,248 Stedman Triples: W. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. Evans 2, G. E. Large 3, R. O. Fry 4, G. Prescott 5, R. Woodyatt 6, G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. A. Prescott 8.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 St. Blaise, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): H. A. Sanderson 1, D. Wheat 2, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson 5. Rung for the harvest festival.

**BERRICK, OXON.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cherrill (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom 3, T. Selwood 4, R. D. Wells 5, J. Douglas 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cherrill, parents of treble ringer.

**BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Davies (first quarter) 1, Janet Marsden (first of Triples) 2, L. J. Evans 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, J. P. Griffiths 5, G. Wilson 6, W. Poston (cond.) 7, C. Powell 8. A birthday compliment to the elder and younger daughters and grandson of L. S. Griffiths.

**BOSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wilmington 1, W. Panter 2, P. F. Romney (cond.) 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. N. Bond 5, C. D. Linnington 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Townsend (first of Major) 1, F. C. Case 2, A. Hinton 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates 5, W. J. Chester 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the dedication service of the war memorial.

**CARDIFF.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. R. Price 1, D. G. Clarke 2, J. L. Fitzgerald 3, G. J. Collett 4, F. Rowell 5, T. Yeomans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, A. Ryan Price 8. First quarter of Stepman Triples for 1 and 3.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Shelly (first quarter) 1, A. J. Ede 2, Marion Wickens 3, D. Attwaters 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, W. Hunt 6. A compliment to Mr. W. King (ringer at Charlwood) and his wife on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

**CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Long 1, R. Guy 2, W. Moore 3, R. Shire 4, D. North (cond.) 5, D. Bradrick (first quarter) 6. A compliment to R. Guy, visiting from Kent.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, Miss Joyce Morse 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the 47th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

**CROFTON, YORKS.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): P. J. Eastland 1, G. Chalons 2, H. Denman 3, F. Bradley 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

**CURRY RIVER, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Atyeo 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (first quarter in method) 3, T. E. Marks 4, W. E. Turner 5, A. S. Atyeo 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Perry 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's, on Sept. 24th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Whitaker 1, H. Taylor 2, J. F. Wilkinson 3, G. Freebrey (first in method as cond.) 4, F. R. Lowe 5, S. Walklate 6, A. E. Thompson 7, M. Barker 8. First in method by 1, 3 and 6.

**DOULTING, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Metcalfe (cond.) 1, P. Hall 2, A. Kingston 3, S. Attwell 4, C. Webb 5, T. Harris 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gane on their golden wedding day.

**EAGLE, LINCS.**—1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Single Court): G. E. Smith 1, Miss S. Roe (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. F. Butler (first quarter) 3, C. F. Butler 4, J. R. Phillips (first quarter) 5, W. Measures (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all in more than one method. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**FARNWORTH, LANCs.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, Norman Tompkins 2, Alfred Lomas 3, Geoffrey Taylor 4, Joseph Thornley 5, Victor Gaunt 6, Peter Cook, sen. (cond.) 7, Henry Prescott 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.**—At St. Martin's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Dennis (first away from tenor) 1, G. F. Carter 2, J. T. O'Dell 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, T. Bevan 6. Rung for the rededication of the church by the Bishop of London after the completion of bomb damage repairs.

**HAMSTEAD, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, G. F. Carter 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, R. H. Begrie 6, P. G. Foot 7, J. W. Dennis (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

**HANWELL, OXON.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Pearson 1, J. Bishop 2, H. Bishop (first 'inside') 3, J. M. Stretton 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5. A Festival of Britain quarter.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkerton Variation): Miss E. K. Fulton 1, J. E. Rootes 2, S. A. Warwick 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent and Oxford Spliced by all the band except the 4th. Rung for harvest festival.

**HASCOMBE, SURREY.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Lewis 1, L. Weller 2, N. J. Smith 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, P. N. Bond (cond.) 5.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, B. W. White (cond.) 2, E. Lish 3, E. W. Morey 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, F. E. Crutenden 8. Rung to commemorate the ordination at Henfield this day of Rev. A. N. Apthorpe (curate of Henfield) as priest and Rev. W. F. Barker as deacon.

**HESTON, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Newnes (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. A. Lewis 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, J. Chilcott 7, W. Winter 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,288 Forward Major: A. H. Worboys 1, D. W. Beard 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, A. R. Chapman 4, H. Long 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First in the method by all the band.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Mrs. O. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Sheila E. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, G. Dodds 7, F. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss E. Weller and Mr. E. Dodds, a member of the Isleworth band.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. D. Clement 1, T. J. Clement (cond.) 2, T. Knights 3, T. Haslam 4, B. Walshaw 5, N. T. Nightingale 6, L. Pearson 7, J. Wilson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. J. Catton 1, Miss M. Munt 2, J. W. Crouch 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggshaw (first quarter) 6. Rung on the 99th anniversary of the church's dedication, and as a farewell to the conductor.

**LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Dunseith 1, J. J. Fielding (first quarter as cond.) 2, Joan McKinlay 3, W. Young 4, Lily Hughes 5, J. Campbell 6, A. D. Fielding 7. First of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 7. A farewell to J. J. Fielding, leaving for Trinity College, Dublin. Also a 21st birthday compliment to W. Young.

**LUDLOW, SALOP.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Jaine 2, A. W. Davies 3, F. E. Roberts 4, R. T. Jones 5, W. F. Morton (cond.) 6, L. Evans 7, L. Quartermain 8.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. White (first in method) 1, F. Price 2, B. Madely 3, R. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Tyler (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to T. Price and a farewell to R. Tyler, R.N., who is shortly to go to Australia on service.

**MORTON, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 72 Kent, 72 Oxford, 36 Plain Bob): W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, H. Franklin 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Sanderson 1, R. Dixon 2, I. Werrett 3, J. Collings 4, M. Collings 5, H. Werrett 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Cheeseman (17) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, Ruth Jeanes (14) 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. For harvest festival.

**FORTHKERRY, GLAM.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Williams 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. W. Dimond 6. First quarter in six methods by all.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, B. Parkin 6, H. Webb 7, F. Pendry 8 (7 & 6 tenors). A thanksgiving for news of the missing men of the Gloucesters, especially Lieut. Preston.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Mayers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, C. S. Hoad 3, R. M. Foreman 4, V. Look 5, J. W. Crouch 6, F. B. Jeal 7, F. T. Hoad 8, A. T. Shelton 9, R. Jenkins 10. Farewell to V. Look and D. Hopkins.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs.**—On Sept. 22nd, at Christ Church, Healey, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): Dorothy Lees (first quarter) 1, Ian Taylor 2, Marjorie Leach 3, Philip Hudson 4, John A. Taylor 5, James Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: W. B. Cartwright 1, E. Large 2, K. Haslem 3, T. Elliot 4, H. J. Turner 5, H. Haslem 6, J. Pinfold 7, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 8. First in the method for 3 and 4.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Norfolk, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): E. Pizzey 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, P. Lawrence 4, F. C. Price 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pizzey 1, F. Blagrove 2-3, P. Lawrence 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, Rita Thompson (first quarter) 6; and also 1,260 Bob Doubles. Rung for harvest home service.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,414 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12 part): G. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, R. Hill 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, H. Stovell 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, C. Taylor 7, R. G. Pearce 8.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. L. Miles 2, S. Jessop (Boston) 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, F. J. Matthews 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Bradley 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung for the opening of the local Festival of Britain week.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Short 1, R. Ferris (first of Triples) 2, A. R. Botting 3, J. J. Cummins 4, E. J. Fowell 5, L. R. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyear (cond.) 7, C. Dennehy 8.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne 4, H. M. Payne 5, B. E. Payne (cond.) 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mrs. E. A. Walton, a member of the Church Council.

**TADMARTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Stretton 1, V. Lines 2, J. W. Barber 3, H. Hyde 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, J. Bishop 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. W. Howkins, a chorister and ringer at this church for over 50 years.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Perry 1, L. V. Davis 2, S. J. Bryant 3, Mrs. H. L. Slade (first quarter) 4, C. W. Smart 5, A. J. Slade (first as cond.) 6. First quarter Minor 1 and 6. Rung for the harvest festival, and as birthday compliment to the captain of the ringers, Mr. E. G. Osmond.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**—On Aug. 31st, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Emerton 1, Margaret Izard 2, Cadet T. Arkell 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, A. King 5, A. Izard 6, E. W. Izard 7, V. Donaldson 8. A welcome to the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Lawson.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8, C. W. Otley 9, J. Bullock 10.

**WATERINGBURY, KENT.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Manser 1, L. J. Honess 2, D. F. Driver (first quarter as cond.) 3, Miss Mavis Coomber (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, D. Manser 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. E. A. Clarke-Smith, who was associated with the church for over 50 years.

**WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Leaker 1, F. Hansford 2, A. M. Tyler 3, E. F. Hancock 4, F. C. Mogford 5, E. Taylor 6, I. H. Truceman (cond.) 7, G. Lilley 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mrs. Hancock, mother of Emily F. Hancock on that day at Winscombe.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—On Aug. 25th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Whittingham 1, Gwen A. Crockford 2, E. Langley 3, Mary Cole 4, W. Newton 5, H. Dyer 6, W. Pearce 7, W. Brooks (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. First quarter in the tower by a local band.

**WROXTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Bishop 1, J. Bishop 2, J. M. Stretton 3, J. S. Walton 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5. A Festival of Britain quarter.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, F. Precey 2, G. S. Morris 3, J. T. Barrett 4, J. W. Drew 5, R. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. H. Duke (first in method) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Precey and Mr. G. Osmond.



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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This is the second issue of the new quarter and quarterly subscribers are asked to remit 6s. without fail to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. New postal subscribers are asked to enrol forthwith.

Miss Valerie Willard, hon. secretary of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association, is leaving next month for a three-years tour of duty at Melbourne, Australia. The good wishes of her many friends will accompany her and she is looking forward to joining Philip and Joan Gray at Melbourne Cathedral.

Mr. Albert Relfe and Mr. Charles Bassett 'completed the circle' of Wadhurst (Sussex) tower together on September 22nd.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on September 28th, was the tenth anniversary peal of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, and an eighth birthday compliment to their son, Christopher.

The band which rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Tunstall on October 3rd, for the wedding of Miss Betty Spice and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, who are both members of the Oxford University Society, contained six Oxford University ringers.

Mr. Harry Buckingham, a young ringer at Winchester Cathedral, rang for the consecration of the Bishop of Southampton at the Cathedral and afterwards stood in at the last minute in the peal in honour of the occasion at St. Mary's, Southampton. His action was much appreciated by the conductor and we expect Harry was equally delighted in scoring his first peal on ten bells.

A correspondent writes that on September 30th he listened to four rings of bells being broadcast before service on the wireless. In two cases rounds were being rung, call changes in another and Grandsire Triples in the fourth. 'Considering that it was not a major Church festival, I think the B.B.C. must surely be paying attention to our cries for more bells,' he concludes.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Some years ago a peal was rung by a band of ringers all over 70. We now give notice that a peal attempt will be made on the bells of St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday afternoon, October 20th, by eight ringers all over 80 years of age. The method will be Bob Major, and the conductor the young and ever-green Frank Bennett. Our best wishes are extended to the band.

Mr. George Peers, sen., of Tamworth, rang at Overseal on September 26th in a peal of Stedman Triples. He rang his last peal 20 years ago.

No fewer than 197 compositions are contained in the report of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for 1950. In these days of heavy printing costs this is a fine achievement, and we feel certain that many conductors will desire to obtain a copy.

In reply to the query from Mr. Eade, Buxted, re another church dedicated to St. Margaret the Queen, Miss Winifred Bettridge informs us that there is a church of the same dedication in Barcombe Avenue, Streatham, S.W.2. There is no ring of bells in this church.

It is anticipated that there will be many members of the craft in London early in November. Mr. A. D. Barker will have a tower at his disposal for an hour on Tuesday evening, November 6th, and members interested are asked to communicate with him at Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

A novel series of advertisements are appearing in various international magazines and newspapers in South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Australia dealing with legends of the bells. The material for the series has been provided by Mr. Ernest Morris. Overseas ringers will find the series amusing and entertaining. The association of bells with whisky is an unusual combination.

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# LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS DESCRIBED

## Cathedral Authorities' Restrictions

THE cancellation of the arrangements for the visit to Liverpool, on their outward journey to Canada, of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, provided the Exercise with a great disappointment.

During the past half-century we have watched the steady materialisation of this mighty Cathedral (interrupted by two world wars), and waited eagerly for the day when the great new ring would be heard for the first time. The bells were cast in 1938-39, but owing to the delay in the completion of the tower and the shortage and restriction of materials, they could not be hung until this year.

When it became known that it was intended to ring them in honour of the Royal visit, a great surge of enthusiasm and expectation took place throughout the whole Exercise. The disappointment is not lessened by the news which reaches us from different sources. It would appear that the Cathedral authorities have somewhat unusual views on the use of church bells and for the present this great ring will only be heard on special festive occasions. We can only hope that suitable representations will be made by the Lancashire Association to prevail on the authorities to allow this, the greatest ringing installation of all time, to be heard more often.

Here are the particulars of the tower, bells and inscriptions.

The tower rises to a height of 331 feet above the floor of the nave, which is 16 feet above the street level in St. James' Road. The first trap-way in the tower is 175 feet above the floor (only eight feet short of Nelson's column). The maximum width of the tower is 96 feet.

The belfry is 219 feet above the nave floor, spans 72 feet inside and is approximately 90 feet high.

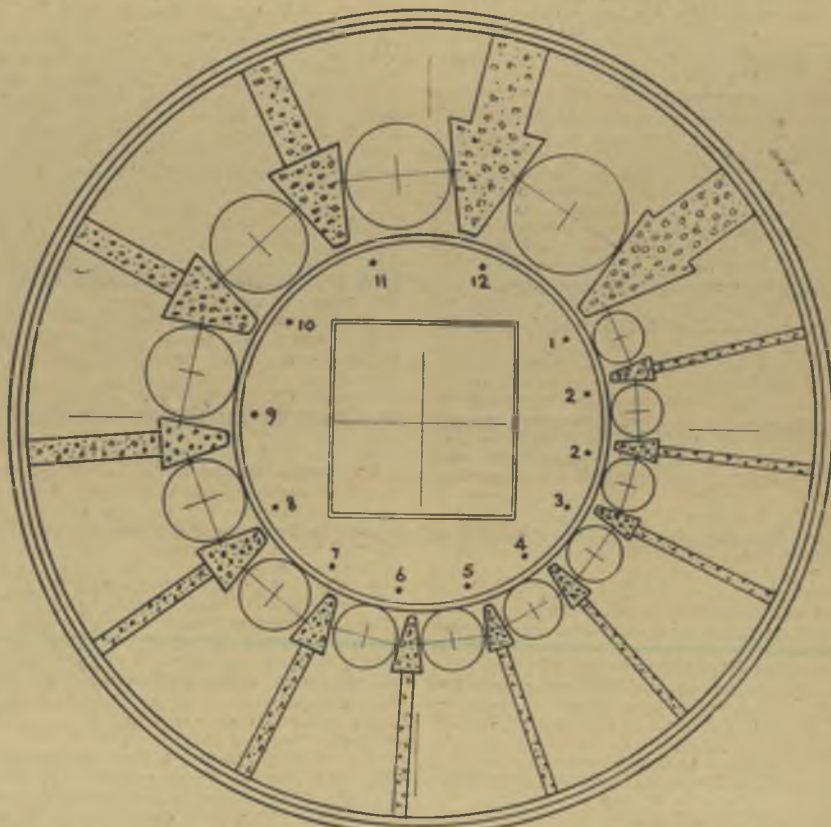
These few brief details are sufficient to convey the immensity of Liverpool Cathedral and it will be appreciated that the problem involved in hanging the heaviest ringing peal in the world at such a great height called for original design in belfry construction. Mr. Burnard Geen, the consulting engineer, solved it in the following way.

At approximately the level of the first trap-way a reinforced concrete girdle encircles the tower. This is 6 feet thick, 6 feet 14 inches high, and weighs 600 tons. Set diagonally across the corners are massive plate girders upon which two pairs of lattice girders, 82 feet long and 22 feet high, span the tower diagonally, resting at their extremities on roller bearings to allow for expansion and contraction during changes in temperature. The ringing chamber floor is carried in the lower booms of these girders. A 20 feet square space is formed in the centre by the intersection of the girders and it is here that the ringers stand on a raised circular platform.

Above the 22 feet high ringing chamber is a sound-deadening chamber of 10 feet constructed in reinforced concrete, the ceiling of which forms the belfry floor.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the bell-frame was constructed in reinforced concrete and is circular in design, being based on a true rope circle of 17 feet 9 inches diameter. The following simple plan gives a clear indication of the form the frame takes. The base ring is 2 feet thick and 42 feet in diameter. The concrete arrow-shaped piers on which the bells swing are 6 feet 6 inches high, and with the exception of the piers either side of the tenor, the 'tails' slope down to the level of the base ring.

The entire frame is insulated from the floor by one-inch felt and the three floors, belfry, sound-deadening chamber and ringing chamber, are independent of the walls and insulated from them by 3-inch cork sheets. This ensures that the sound vibrations from the bells do not



THE CIRCLE AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

carry down through all the mass of steel and concrete, and the scheme has proved very effective. Over 2,000 tons of reinforced concrete and steel work has gone into this construction, and as may be expected when the maximum forces are being exerted by the swinging bells, there is not the least indication of any movement whatever.

Access to the ringing chamber will eventually be by electric lift, but at present this only goes to the height of the nave roof.

## DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Tenor.—82 cwt. 11 lb. A flat. Inscription: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thomas Bartlett, who died 4th September, 1912, by his will left money to provide this ring of thirteen bells, which were cast by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel, 1938 and 1939. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev. Albert Augustus David, D.D., named me Emmanuel.

11th.—55 cwt. 1 lb. B flat. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto Thee. The Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool, Frederick William Dwelly, M.A., D.D., and the Residentiary Canons, the Rev. James Stanley Bezzant, M.A., B.D., Chancellor, the Rev. Thomas Arthur Edward Davey, M.A., Treasurer, the Right Rev. Herbert Gresford Jones, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Warrington, and the Rev. John Thomas Mitchell, M.A., B.D., named me James.

10th.—39 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. C. O come, let us sing unto the Lord. The President of the Cathedral Committee, Edward George Villiers, 17th Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.B., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster and Chancellor of Liverpool University, named me Oswald.

9th.—35 cwt. 11 lb. D flat. My praise is of Thee in the great congregation. The Vice-Presi-

dent of the Cathedral Committee, Sir Frederick Morton Radcliffe, K.C.V.O., LL.D., named me Peter.

8th.—24 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. E flat. All Thy works praise Thee O Lord. The Chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee, Alan Cecil Tod, O.B.E., T.D., named me Martin.

7th.—18 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. F. Sing we merrily unto God our strength. The vice-chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee, Henry Sutton Timmis, named me Nicholas.

6th.—14 cwt. 2 lb. G. Be joyful, all ye that are true of heart. The Treasurers of the Cathedral Committee, Sir Charles Henry Morton, Knt., and Harold Carleton Walker, named me Michael.

5th.—12 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. A flat. Ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. The Secretaries to the Cathedral Committee, Horace Milner Alderton Smith and Vere Egerton Cotton, C.B.E., T.D., named me Guthlac.

4th.—11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. B flat. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The Architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Knt, R.A., named me Gilbert.

3rd.—10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. Thy way is in the sea and Thy paths in the great waters. The Builders, Dudley Morrison, Norman Morrison, William Lionel Wade and John Turton, named me Chad.

2nd.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. D flat. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad. The Clerk of the Works, Owen Pittaway, and the Foreman, William Benjamin Meredith, named me Paul.

Sharp 2nd.—9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. D. Every day will I give thanks unto Thee.—The Organist, Walter Henry Goss Custard, Mus.Bac, F.R.C.O., and the Choral Conductor, Edgar (Continued on next page)



## 40 YEARS AGO

## RINGING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Extract from 'The Ringing World' dated October 13th, 1911

[A letter from Mr. Alan R. MacDonald, later a well-known bellringer.]

'When I first arrived in this city, I made enquiries as to where the Roman Catholic Cathedral was, and soon located it, as it is the only church in the whole city with a stone steeple capable of holding a ringing peal, as nearly nine out of ten of the churches and houses are built of wood. I made enquiries as to who were the ringers, and when the bells were rung, but could get no information except that the ringers were all from the Old Country, and sometimes rang on Wednesday evenings. . . . I heard the back five strike up to the old familiar tune of Grandsire Doubles. You can bet it was not long before I found my way up into the ringing chamber and introduced myself. Another new ringer to Vancouver, a son of Mr. Judd, of Prittlewell, followed me up the stairs and . . . the Vancouver band got two recruits at once, which enabled them to talk of ringing Stedman Triples. Anyway, that first Sunday evening, we changed the tune from Doubles to Triples. I had put my copy of "The Ringing World" in my pocket, so was able to show them the first official account of their own peal (rung in the July).

'We have quite a decent band here now and I am pleased to say I called the first touch of Stedman Triples last Sunday evening. It was the first in Canada, if not on the American Continent. . . . We have, when all turn up, a band capable of ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Bob Major and Kent and Oxford Minor, and are living in hopes of recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on this side, if luck is kind, at no very distant date. . . .

[Unfortunately, luck was not kind and the first peal of Stedman in Canada has yet to be rung.]

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern District was held in Dublin on September 22nd. The meeting was originally arranged in the hopes of meeting Fred Dunkerley's peal-ringing band, who unfortunately had to postpone their visit until a later date. Forty ringers from Arklow, Drogheda and Dublin attended.

The ten bells of the Augustinian Church of St. John-the-Baptist were made available during the afternoon. The belfry of this church was said to have been built without thought of how to reach the bells. It was, therefore, necessary to erect a ladder to the organ, a platform over it, and then a fireman's iron circular steel staircase up to the roof inside the lofty nave. It is a nerve-racking ascent for those making their first journey. The tenor weighs 24 cwt, and the bells were recently placed on roller bearings. Some of the ringers were given an opportunity of ringing Plain Bob with the 'experts' while others had their first 'go' on strange bells.

Tea was kindly arranged by the local ringers in St. George's Hall. This was followed by a short business meeting presided over by the chairman of the District, Mr. Fred Henly, who for just 50 years has been one of the most active ringers at Drogheda.

Mr. Henly, in his address, extended a cordial welcome to Dr. Stanley Darmon and his wife (Jean Southerst) to Dublin. They were subsequently duly elected members of the Association and presented with certificates.

## LIVERPOOL BELLS—Continued

Cyril Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., named me David.

Treble.—9 cwt, 1 qr, 25 lb. E flat. Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee; Thou art my God and I will praise Thee. The Senior Verger, Joseph Henry Harrod, named me Bede.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. HAROLD PAILING

## Trapped By a Bell

AS briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. Harold Pailing met a tragic death at St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Nottingham, on September 28th. The rope of the 5th bell having broken during practice, he went up into the bell chamber to investigate and almost immediately uttered a cry for help. He was found trapped between the lip of the 5th bell and the frame. It would appear that he slipped in the dark, and grasping to save himself, caught hold of the wheel, pulling the bell off. A doctor was called, who arrived within a very few minutes, but Mr. Pailing was dead. He could only have lived a few moments after the bell struck him. The cause of death was shock from multiple fracture of the ribs and sternum.

As it was impossible to extricate Mr. Pailing without proper tackle, the fire brigade was summoned and the working of the bell explained to them. The firemen said afterwards that it was one of the most difficult and delicate tasks they had experienced.

## THE INQUEST

The theory that Mr. Harold Pailing slipped in the darkness of the belfry when he went to investigate a rope slipping the wheel was advanced by Mr. Frederick Salter, Ringing Master of St. Peter's, Nottingham, at the inquest at Arnold on October 2nd. 'He put his hand out and caught the No. 5 bell which swung over and trapped him,' surmised Mr. Salter.

The Nottingham District Coroner (Mr. C. A. Mack), who conducted the proceedings, was shown a model of the bell and this was used by the doctor to demonstrate how Mr. Pailing was trapped. He said that Mr. Pailing died from multiple fractures of the chest. His verdict was 'Accidental death.'

Mr. Frederick Salter, of Noel Street, Nottingham, said that on the previous Friday evening he went to take part in the ringing practice at Daybrook. They had been ringing for about 15 minutes when the rope of No. 5 bell came off.

'I went into the bell chamber, intending to replace this rope, but it was dark and, as there was no light up there, I decided against it,' said Mr. Salter.

'I had never been any further than the ringing chamber in the church and did not feel justified in going among the bells as it was so dark.'

As he stepped down from the bell chamber, and was removing his overalls, Mr. Pailing arrived and asked what was the matter. As he was familiar with the place, he said he would go and replace the rope.

'He went alone without a light. We got some candles and prepared to go up and assist him. Almost at once we heard him call for help and we went up.'

'We found him trapped beneath the bell frame and the mouth of No. 5 bell. We tried to get the bell off him, but it was impossible.'

'I should say he had got below the beam and was feeling with his foot for a step and then he slipped, putting his hands out and catching the wheel of the bell.'

Police-Sgt. Thomas Love: 'Is it not a rule among ringers that when a bell is "on set" no one enters the chamber?'

Witness: 'No. If a man feels competent and knows the place, he would go up.'

'But not without a light?'—'I could go over my own bell frame without a light if the circumstances arose. Sometimes it is a necessity.'

Dr. Philip Lionel Nicolle, of Church Crescent, Daybrook, said he found Mr. Pailing pinned to a beam by the bell, which had swung over, trapping him across the chest. The doctor used the model to show the position to the Coroner.

With another ringer he attempted to lift the bell, but they could not move it.

The Vicar the Rev. F. N. Keen, and Mr. Sidney Wilce Fossey, of Patterson Place, Mans-

field, himself a Ringing Master, thanked the doctor, police and fire brigade for their help.

## THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Wednesday last, the first part of the service being held in St. Paul's Church, and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Keen, the other clergy present being Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of West Bridgford and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild the Rev. G. R. D. McLean, Rector of East Bridgford, and the Rev. W. H. Williams, curate at Daybrook.

Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled in very slow time, the effect being most solemn and impressive. The church was filled to capacity with parishioners and ringing friends. After the commitment in Redhill Cemetery, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Barratt, F. A. Salter, C. Glenn and P. Preston.

## A VALUED CHURCH WORKER

Mr. Pailing, who was 43 years of age, learned to ring at East Bridgford, where his father still rings. He came to Daybrook as a school teacher prior to the war and joined the local company, being elected leader in 1945. He was active as chorister, member of the Parochial Church Council, and served on various church committees. He was chairman of the Nottingham Branch of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. He was a sound ringer and good striker. Not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung 30 in a good variety of methods up to Caters and Royal.

The sympathy of all ringers will be extended to his widow, who is also a ringer at Daybrook Church, and his two sons, the eldest of whom is learning to ring there.

Many practical expressions of sympathy with Mrs. Pailing and family by unsolicited gifts having been received by local ringers, it has been decided that the Guild shall issue a general appeal to members. An official announcement on this matter will appear later.

## MR. A. MARSHALL

Mr. Andrew Marshall, of Lamberhurst, Kent, who had been in failing health for several years, died on September 28th, aged 68 years. About three months ago he had to enter hospital for treatment, and it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. He left hospital on September 18th and went to Brighton. He was coming home on September 29th, but had a heart attack and died suddenly the day before.

Mr. Marshall had been a ringer at Lamberhurst for nearly 50 years and had rung nearly 100 peals. He was one of the band that rang the first peal of Major on Tenterden bells in 1912, and had rung in peals of Minor up to 32 methods. He was always ready to hand his rope to a younger man and to stand behind him if he was not quite sure of the method.

The funeral was at Lamberhurst Church on October 2nd, interment being in the same grave, as his only son who was killed in the late war. The local ringers rang a course of Grandsire on the handbells at the graveside, and in the evening some of his old ringing pals from the surrounding parishes came and helped the local ringers in ringing the tower bells half-muffled.

A. R.

## MR. ALFRED E. PARKER

Grantham has lost another old ringer by the death of Mr. Alfred E. Parker, at the age of 72 years. Deceased had been a member of St. Wulfram's band for upwards of 50 years.

His interment took place at Grantham Cemetery on October 2nd and in the evening the bells of St. Wulfram's were hung half-muffled, as a token of respect.

He was of a quiet disposition, and had been in ill-health for several years, but visited the belfry until recently. He was a good, sound ringer, and had conducted a few quarter peals.

H. R. W.



# SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL OF THE SNOWDON DINNER

## A Memorable Day at York

MICHAELMAS DAY, 1951, will long be remembered by ringing visitors to York for its beautiful weather, ample opportunities for ringing on the magnificent bells of the Minster, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Evensong sung in the choir of the Minster and finally a revival of the Snowdon Dinner. Associated with the arrangements was the Silver Jubilee of the rededication of the Minster bells. The programme of events was a long one and was carried through to everyone's satisfaction.

There was a good beginning when, shortly after 11 o'clock, the middle octave was rung up in splendid style in spite of many of the band being unaccustomed to the long draught of rope. After the odd bells had been raised a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the middle octave to give the visitors confidence. Then followed Stedman Caters and other methods until a halt was called at 12.30.

The afternoon session started at 2.30 and county members rang Stedman and Cambridge Surprise on the middle octave and Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob on the back ten.

At 3.55 the county members retired to the general meeting and the freedom of the belfry was bestowed on the out-county 'brasshats.' Three courses of Stedman Caters were followed by a touch of Spliced Surprise on the back eight (the first on the bells). A well-struck bob course of Stedman Cinques concluded the method ringing. Then the front eight were rung down followed by the four tenors to enable Albert, of Birmingham, to listen to the tune 'Get up them stairs.'

## THE GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Michael-le-Belfry, the scene of the Central Council meeting in 1903. A wisecrack of one member that the hall had not been redecorated since that meeting was allowed to pass for lack of evidence to the contrary.

The chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, who was supported by Mr. S. F. Palmer, hon. treasurer, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary.

Several new members were elected and a letter from a firm of bellfounders inviting nomination of a contributor to a house magazine was allowed to lie on the table, the opinion being expressed that 'The Ringing World' was the usual means of publication of items of ringing interest.

As no invitation had been received for the next meeting it was decided to visit Sheffield, in January, provided suitable arrangements could be made.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for allowing generous use of the Minster bells was carried with acclamation as was also a vote of thanks to the York Minster Society for making arrangements for the meeting and the Snowdon Dinner. Mr. Harold Walker, president of the Minster Society, said his colleagues were very glad to welcome the Association to York and to organise the Dinner; if necessary the Association would be welcome to visit York again for the dinner next year.

A goodly number of ringers attended Evensong in the Minster when the beautiful singing of the choir was much appreciated. The first lesson was read by the president, and prayers were said for the work of the Association.

The Bellfounders' Window in the Minster was a focal point of interest for many visitors. It was interesting to note that this window was restored to its place in 1948, after the Second World War, at the expense of the 5th Division 1939-45 in memory of its fallen.

## THE DINNER

A company of 90 sat down to a satisfactory dinner in the Co-operative Cafe. The president, wearing his badge of office, took the chair, and among those present were: Canon G. W. O. Addleshaw, treasurer of York Minster; Canon F. Harrison, chancellor of York Minster; Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, and Mrs. Johnson; Mr. A. F. Sellars, vice-president, and Mrs. Sellars; Mr. F. S. Palmer, hon. treasurer; Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary; Mr. W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; Mr. W. Barton, trustee; Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Lincoln; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Worth, Macclesfield; Mr. F. Dunkerley, hon. general secretary, Lancashire Association; Mr. W. Allman, Runcorn; Mr. J. Bibby, Frodsham; Mr. H. O. Baker, Chester.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, and a brief interval, the chairman welcomed the visitors and said apologies of absence had been received from the Dean of York; the Archdeacon of York; Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council; Mrs. E. Dorice Kelly, Yorkshire Branch secretary of the Ladies' Guild; Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (a ringer at York Minster for 63 years, who is now living in Birmingham) and Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World'.

The chairman then read a letter from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon, second president of the Association:—"I wonder—should a fitting opportunity occur—if you would convey my good wishes to the gathering. My pride is to keep the "Snowdon Series" of ringing books at a reasonable price: a veritable job these days. With special greeting of goodwill to those who practise the grand old English art."

The toast 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who enlarged on 'the problems connected with the spread of population. New districts were springing up where new churches were required, and old churches were left unused amongst the warehouses in the big towns and cities. It would be a good thing if bells from the old churches were transferred to the new ones where they could be used to better advantage. Theological college students should be encouraged in the art of ringing so that when they took up their work in the parishes they could take an active part in the ringing of their bells.'

Canon Harrison replied and said ours was the only religious State left in the world and it was a record that the relationship between Church and State, which had existed since A.D. 597, had lasted so long. Speaking of the bells, Chancellor Harrison said if ever the Church lost its bells it would be well on the way to losing everything.

## JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON

The toast 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker, who said the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was not likely to be forgotten in the change ringers' world. The book 'Ropesight' might be called the change ringers' bible. He was also the author of the books 'Treble Bob,' 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Standard Methods' and he was the originator of the 'blue line.' Snowdon was born in 1844 and became founder and first president of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, which position he retained until his untimely death in 1885. Jasper was followed by his brother William, who held office for 25 years. The late Canon C. C. Marshall was then president for 35 years. William Horner Howard, who was first vice-president, was a ringer in York Minster for 68 years and was well respected in his day. He recalled the names of Charles Henry Hattersley and his

brother Tom; George Bolland; James Cotterill; and James and Tom Lockwood, each of whom had served the Association well. There were numerous others, each of whom had left his mark on the work of the Association.

'Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who said he was glad to welcome to that gathering the chancellor and the treasurer of York Minster. The treasurer had the important task of supervising the Minster appeal for £250,000 to preserve the fabric and he was glad there had been such a ready response to the appeal. Kindred Ringing Societies were represented by Mr. Albert Walker of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; Mr. Fred Dunkerley, hon. general secretary of the Lancashire Association; Mr. Walter Allman and his colleagues of the Chester Diocesan Guild; and Mr. Charles McGuinness of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Incidentally, Mr. McGuinness was taking up an appointment in Newcastle and he was sure the loss to the Lincoln Guild would be a welcome gain to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

In a humorous reply for 'The Visitors,' Canon Addleshaw said how amused he was when reading old churchwardens' accounts he continually came across the item 'Ale for the ringers.' He also told of how he was once arrested as an escaped convict disguised as a clergyman and was only released after he had produced some letters and asked what connection there was between Lambeth Palace and Durham Gaol.

Replying for 'The Kindred Societies,' Mr. F. Dunkerley said he felt honoured at being asked to respond to the toast. Such gatherings as this did much to foster friendship between Societies. He regretted the action of the Editorial Committee in putting a ban on the Editor visiting such gatherings and thought it was the wrong thing to do. What could be done to help was for everyone to become postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' That would cut out distributors and newsgagents' fees and prove a useful source of revenue to the Committee.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Charles McGuinness proposed the toast 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' He said the Association was fortunate in having a good bank balance, a good membership, wide territory and splendid officers. Prosperity meant yielding good fruit. The Association had always been noted for its high performance and future prosperity would depend on the encouragement of learners to attain the same high standard. The Association had many national ringers in its ranks and Yorkshire was well represented in the councils of the 'Exercise.' He had heard Yorkshire opinion expressed very forcibly at Central Council meetings.

Mr. S. F. Palmer replied for the Association and said that although the finances were satisfactory they had a shaking up during the past few years. The membership stood at 1,575 and he was glad the prosperity of the Association was controlled by an able body of officers.

'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. Harold Walker, who said the Association was fortunate in having Archdeacon Ellison as its president. They were all thankful to him for carrying out his duties so well. Thanks were also due to the artistes who had given their services freely to entertain the company. On behalf of the York Minster Society he welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their support in making the dinner a success. The very first ring of twelve bells ever to be assembled was hung in the south-west tower of the Minster and now they had the finest heavy ring of twelve bells in the country—that included Liverpool where, he understood, special ringing and meetings were not to be permitted.

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## Snowdon Dinner—Continued

### AVOID BICKERING

Rising to reply, the chairman said the toast should have been the other way round for he was deeply grateful to the Minster Society for the work put in to make the meeting and dinner a success. He also thanked the artistes. If he could be allowed to give advice, he said it would be to foster fellowship among themselves as ringers and then in the outside world. He deprecated the constant bickering which appeared to go on in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' He thought the first paragraph in that week's 'Belfry Gossip' was in very bad taste. To make a pun of a person's name was bad enough but to tell that person if he didn't like the bells he should live elsewhere was something that should not be done. A more conciliatory attitude was desirable. If there were complaints, then something should be done to abate them. In his own tower he had covered the louvres with sound-deadening material.

The toasts were interspersed with songs by Miss D. Roberts, Mr. S. H. Steel, Mr. F. Horner, Mr. L. Wright and Mr. J. Norfolk. Mr. K. Wishart was the accompanist.

Was the revival a success? If a few shillings deficit in the dinner accounts can be taken seriously, then it was a failure. On the credit side, there were many expressions of satisfaction that all had enjoyed the visit to York. There was plenty of good ringing, a good dinner and tons of good fellowship; so it must be concluded the function was a huge success. 'Here's to the next time.'

Sunday was another beautiful day and those privileged to stay overnight enjoyed a splendid four courses of Stedman Cinques before morning service. H. W.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Forty members with friends and visitors from North Lincolnshire, Leicester and Hadley attended the meeting at Barton-on-Humber on September 8th. The bells of St. Mary's Church were raised and rung in standard methods till the time for the service.

The service was a combined form of Evensong and Ringers' Service to meet the requirements of the general congregation and the ringers. This was a change from the usual service for the Society, but the introduction of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was enjoyed by a number of the members, who thought it could be repeated at frequent intervals.

Tea was taken in the Assembly Rooms, followed by the business meeting. The president extended a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Sylvester, to the new curate, the Rev. D. T. Russell, and Dr. H. Burtwhistle, a churchwarden. The Vicar gave a welcome to the Society and an invitation to come again, knowing how popular the rings of bells in his churches were with ringers in the district.

St. Mary's bells were rung again to Cambridge and Double Norwich to give visitors a chance to try them for the first time and then the bells of St. Peter's Church were raised and rung for the remainder of the evening.

### MR. G. W. CARTMEL

Mr. George W. Cartmel celebrated his 86th birthday on September 29th and as a compliment to him the St. Peter's Society, St. Albans, rang the first quarter from Holt's Original for evening service on the following Sunday. Mr. Cartmel's association with ringing goes back as far as 1883. He held the office of general secretary of the Herts County Association for 41 years and was assistant secretary for 14 years. Those taking part in the quarter peal were: M. Webb (first from tenor) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, R. W. Darvill 4, A. Dale 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, F. J. Bailey 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Durham on September 29th. About 40 members attended the meeting, many taking the opportunity of hearing Evensong sung in the ancient and beautiful Cathedral. The Cathedral bells were available after Evensong, and ringers who were not on committee business made good use of them.

At 7 p.m. the company sat down to dinner at Luke's Cafe, the annual general meeting being held immediately after the meal. Canon Stephenson (president) occupied the chair for the first half of the meeting, but had to leave as he had other business to attend to in connection with his parish. Mr. W. N. Park, immediate past president, was elected to the chair to conduct the latter half of the meeting, which involved a discussion regarding changes in certain rules.

Canon Stephenson was unanimously re-elected president; although not a ringer, he has been keenly interested in the art for over 50 years. He is a most regular attendee at meetings of the Association and in nearly every instance he is the only representative of the clergy who visits the ringers.

The honorary secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown, and the hon. editorial secretary, Miss M. Fidell, informed the meeting that they did not wish to stand for re-election, and Mr. D. A. Bayles and Mr. W. J. Davidson were elected to fill the respective vacancies.

The Association is suffering very much from present-day conditions and rising prices continue to play havoc with finances, but Mr. F. Ainsley, the honorary treasurer, is to be congratulated on his balance sheet.

Meetings arranged for the ensuing year are: J. W. Parker Commemoration Meeting at Sunderland on March 15th; the summer meeting at Gateshead on June 14th; and the annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 27th, 1952.

## Lancashire Ringer's Silver Wedding

On September 22nd about 60 relatives and friends and the local ringers and their wives were invited to a tea to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker. Mr. Walker has been a ringer at St. George's, Mossley, for over 20 years.

Congratulations were extended to them by several guests with wishes for health and happiness in the coming years. Mr. and Mrs. Walker suitably replied and thanked all the company for the good wishes and presents they had received.

Previous to the tea a successful peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the local ringers. Congratulations were extended to the conductor, Mr. R. Taylor, who celebrated his golden wedding a few months ago, on having successfully conducted the peal at the age of 77 years.

### GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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1s. 6d.—Donation peal at Hughenden; J. W. Raithby, Newark.

1s. 5d.—Rev. A. Melville; H. C. Lintern.

1s.—Quarter peal, Bedwellty, Monmouth.

## WEDDING OF MISS BETTY SPICE

### Bride and Bridegroom's Peal of Spliced Surprise

The Rev. Peter T. Robbins, curate of St. Paul's, Bury, and Miss Betty Spice, of Tunstall, Kent, both members of the Oxford University Society, were married at Tunstall on Tuesday, October 2nd.

The Rev. K. M. Carey, Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, conducted the wedding, and the Rector of Tunstall, the Rev. G. H. L. Graham, celebrated the Holy Communion. The organist was Mr. Michael Slaney, of the Oxford University Society.

The bride was attired in a dress of deep cream brocade and was attended by Miss Elisabeth Lewis, of Powick, Worcs, and two children, Rosemary Twyman (cousin) and Christopher Trafford (godson). The best man was Mr. Brian Robbins, brother of the bridegroom.

Among the large congregation were members of the Oxford University Society, the Cambridge University Guild, the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Kent County Association. Ringing after the service was provided by the Tunstall band, and a peal was attempted later in the tower by visiting ringers.

The bride and bridegroom were happily able to ring for their own wedding by joining in a short touch of Grandsire Triples, called by the bride, just before leaving for their honeymoon. This was spent at Oxford and Church Stretton.

At Oxford on the day following the wedding, the couple rang their first peal as husband and wife, a peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods, conducted by Walter F. Judge.

## REDEDICATION

### CHELTHENHAM PARISH CHURCH

As intimated in an earlier issue under 'Belfry Gossip,' the Cheltenham Parish Church bells were rung for the first time at the Harvest Festival service on Sunday, September 30th, after the rehanging on ball bearings. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dyer, expressed thanks to the Rector (Canon J. B. Goodliffe) and to others who had assembled at 10 a.m. in the belfry and who had made it possible for the work to be carried out.

The Rector conducted a short service of rededication after which very short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung in order to give the large number of ringers present a chance to try out the bells in the short time available before service at 11 a.m.

The Parish Church ringers wish to thank the ringers at Gloucester, Painswick, Upton St. Leonards, Bishops Cleeve and Hinton-on-the-Green for allowing them to ring their bells for Sunday services and to those at Prestbury and Charlton Kings for the use of their bells for practices. This has greatly helped to keep the band together during the period of rehanging and is much appreciated.

## ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roe's excellent letter about method extension hits the nail on the head. The method cited gives an undoubtedly correct extension to all numbers.

I would like to raise a further point, and a controversial one at that. The major method is Double Coslany Court, and it was the composer of Bristol Surprise, Bankes-James, who said that Double Coslany was 'Bristol square-rooted.' The changes in each lead of Double Coslany are identical with half the changes in the corresponding lead of Bristol. This property extends, the changes in a lead of Roe's extensions being contained in Arthur Craven's extensions of Bristol, and the lead ends are the same. Curiously, Bankes-James denied Arthur Craven's extensions as being true.

The Bristol rows which make up Double Coslany are always the rows 1, 2, 7, 8 of the lead, followed by the first and last rows of each treble dodge, until the last two dodges of the treble, when the rows pair off again (as the methods are double). There is, to me, no doubt that both are logical extensions, particularly as in Craven's Bristol (including the Beddington version of Royal) on higher numbers there is an orderly pattern of backward single dodging in advance of the treble above it and behind the treble below it. There may be other logical extensions of Bristol, but to say that there are none is absurd.

A nostalgia for 'nice work' grips many ringers. In Double Coslany Major it is nice to snap seconds and lead for 14 changes, but this turns out to be a happy accident and does not apply to any of the extensions. Similarly, although Bristol Major has a pleasant segregation of the bells in 'boxes' back and front. Why should one scrap any extension which has not the feature of Major?

I would suggest that accepted extensions belong to a sequence of extensions on all numbers, each to be judged individually, and to retain the same coursing order pattern. No approximations should be tolerated. Naturally, one cannot aspire to ring Bristol on 194 bells, but the knowledge that one is ringing a method which does extend 'to infinity' gives one a deep satisfaction like that of the astronomer who looks with awe into the depths of space. London Major is a freak with no vista.

It would be interesting for us to know the reasons which led the Methods Committee to propose such a narrow choice of pivot bells.

BRIAN D. PRICE.

10, Greenland Road,  
Brynmarw.

## PROGRESS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Sir,—The publication of a second quarter peal to be rung within a week at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, bears testimony to the excellent work which is being done for ringing by Mr. E. W. Izard and his company.

I am sure that ringers from the Old Country who are fortunate enough to visit the tower will not only be agreeably surprised at the excellence of the ringing, but will also be given a very warm welcome.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM NEVILLE.

Sleaford, Lincs.

## HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir—May I write to apologise for my poor sense of humour as so forcibly pointed out by Mr. Bond? I also hope that my not 'seeing the joke' will not result in any ill-feeling between our societies.

Well, Rovine Ringers, you had me up a gum tree, and I only think it best that I now climb down from it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Ringers Master, Rambling Ringers.  
Branston, Lincs

## RECRUITMENT

Dear Sir,—In your leading article you suggest contacting the voluntary youth organisations. For the past three years I have been trying to interest the National Association of Boys' Clubs in bell-ringing. Unfortunately, they have been unable to decide whether it should count towards their Fitness Trophy, or be included in their Arts Festivals.

Seriously though, I wonder if we are right in trying to 'catch 'em young.' I believe if one were to take a census of those who have retained an enduring interest in bell-ringing one would find that they took it up while in the early twenties. In attempting to get the young 'bitten by the bug' we may well be inoculating them against it. If bell-ringing is really child's play, when they come to man's estate they will, in the words of St. Paul, put away childish things.—Yours faithfully,

Tunbridge Wells. WILLIAM MORLAND.

## LYME REGIS BELLS

Dear Sir,—A scheme for the complete recasting and rehanging of Lyme Regis bells has been approved by the Church Council and an appeal is being launched at once for raising something over £1,000 for this restoration.

The eight bells are a light and rather toneless set with old-fashioned fittings, and bearings which are badly worn. The space available is very limited so that a tenor of about 11 cwt. is the most that can be hoped for; but we should certainly be assured of a far more musical ring.

We have had the pleasure during many years past of welcoming ringers here from all over the country and, though Lyme Regis may seem a remote corner of Dorset, many can bear witness that from a ringing point of view it is distinctly on the map.

I venture to ask your kind indulgence to allow this appeal to be extended to the Exercise generally in the hope that some of our friends, especially those who have made happy holiday in Lyme Regis, may be inclined to help our ringers, in however small a way, in achieving a long-held ambition to have bells more worthy of the name to handle.

Needless to say, we have a big task in front of us, but we mean to see it through with all speed.

Contributions will be most gratefully acknowledged by our captain, Mr. George Stedman Morris, 16, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis, or by me.—Yours very truly,

The Vicarage, C. CAREW COX.  
Lyme Regis, Dorset.

## MORE ABOUT THE FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE TEN

Sir,—This composition was rung at Preston on April 7th, 1947, and published in 'The Ringing World' some three weeks later. The falseness was pointed out at once by Mr. C. W. Roberts and others. It is regretted that the figures were copied and the corrections not seen. We rang a peal at Preston on December 26th, 1947, to replace the false one, which was clearly stated in the footnote. Mr. F. Nolan Golden wrote privately to me saying that Mr. Timbrell had made an unfortunate slip and this sums up the whole matter.—Yours faithfully,

Preston.

E. R. MARTIN.

## SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—On reading the report of the above ringers' tour in 'The Ringing World' (September 21st, 1951), I noticed that St. Neots is referred to as having six with a tenor of 14 cwt. I should like to point out that St. Neots has an eight-bell tower with a tenor of almost 20 cwt., in D.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.  
Southwold, Suffolk.

## 'RINGER'S GUIDE'

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read of the Sussex young ringer's discovery of a ring of six at Llanelly missed from the 'Ringer's Guide,' to which omission Peter Bond refers with understandable glee.

In compiling the work my two main objectives were (a) to include all towers with rings of bells, and (b) to record accurate information. Neither was easy to achieve, because in the first place the number of rings has never been known, and in the second place ringing records in general are not by any means accurate.

Dealing with objective (a), I have just been through the wonderful records kept by the late Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who, over a period of 60 years rang on more than 3,000 rings of bells, and measured the tenors of the majority of them. A careful check has revealed only two omissions from the 'Guide.' One is a six-bell tower at St. David's, Llanelly (doubtless the tower to which Peter Bond refers), and the other is a five-bell tower at Churchstoke in Montgomeryshire. This means that altogether nine towers were missed. (Details of seven have already been published.)

If, therefore, no ringers anywhere can now find any further omissions, it may reasonably be assumed that objective (a) has been achieved and the list is complete—complete, that is, up to the end of last year.

Some of the weights of tenors published have, unfortunately, proved to be wrong; for instance, Godmanchester, Hunts, referred to by the Society of Rambling Ringers last week, and several towers have since had to be deleted through being included in error or duplicated.

In your issue of September 28th 'Tourist' questioned my weight for the tenor of St. Mary's, Hull. The weight I show was supplied by the bellhangers who rehung the bells shortly before the last war, and is authentic. Incidentally, the Yorkshire Association report gives 16 cwt.

I have read the 'lesson in geography' in 'Belfry Gossip' this week. According to Crockford, St. Mellons is in Glamorgan but in the diocese of Monmouth. As the same authority gives Newmarket as 'Cambridgeshire,' possibly it is also wrong about St. Mellons.

I am very grateful to all those who have helped me with information and corrections for the 'Ringer's Guide,' and take this opportunity or thanking them.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds 8.

NOTE.—The Editor fell into the same pitfall regarding St. Mellons by checking it with Crockford.—Ed.

## WOMAN DOUBLES RINGER'S PROTEST

Dear Sir,—The Central Council evidently think they can play cat-and-mouse with five-bell ringers. It is up to all Doubles ringers not to let them and to continue to ring what has already been accepted in the past. I can think of no better form of protest.

How can the Central Council logically say they will accept a method one time and not another? By doing so they have got to the stage of making themselves ridiculously inconsistent.

MISS G. A.

Northampton.

## WESTON-IN-GORDANO PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor in four methods rung at Weston-in-Gordano, Somerset, on September 15th, which was 'believed to be the first peal on the bells,' must now be claimed as 'the first peal of Minor on the bells.'

I find that Mr. Herbert W. Knight beat me to the first peal by a mere 45 years, having rung a peal of Grandisle Doubles on the old five (the present back five) on July 23rd, 1906.

My sincere apologies are due to Mr. Knight, and to you, sir, for trespassing on your columns.—Yours sincerely,  
Bath.

ROGER O. FRY.



## OUTINGS

### MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE

Melksham ringers, together with wives and friends from surrounding towers, held their annual outing on September 22nd, the weather being at its best.

The first tower, Andover, was unfortunately reached half an hour late, and ringing there had to be accordingly curtailed. Having safely negotiated the wooden spiral staircase, which seemed to have no visible means of support and creaked alarmingly, the eight bells were raised in peal, a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and after some rounds the bells were lowered. The tower is a high one, which has a considerable movement while ringing is in progress, but the bells 'go' very well.

After a pretty run through undulating Hampshire countryside, Whitchurch was reached on time and the octave was soon set ringing. The tower is a low squat one with an oak shingled spire and the bells 'go' well although they are rather difficult to hear in the ringing chamber.

An excellent lunch at Basingstoke was kindly arranged by Mr. Gilbert, and ringing followed at St. Michael's Church. The bells were rehung and several recast in 1938 and were a joy to ring. The next tower was Alton, a fine octave hung in a low Norman central tower.

At Farnham the party was greeted with the words 'You must be an exceptional band of ringers because you're early!' The Church of St. Andrew is a very big one with a tower to match and contains a heavy ring of eight bells, restored in 1929. Tea, arranged for the party by Mr. Denyer, then followed, and afterwards came the final run to Guildford.

The ring of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, the heaviest of the day, left nothing to be desired, an unusual feature being that all the bells are rung from boxes, thus giving even the humble treble man an opportunity to demonstrate his prowess from an elevated position!

Thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the people who met and welcomed the party at the towers, and last, but not least, to Miss M. Kennelly for making the arrangements.

M. J. H.

### BURES AND DISTRICT

Leaving Bures at an early hour on September 15th, 40 local ringers and friends toured Surrey. The party included friends from Arleigh, Mistley and Colchester.

Dorking was reached dead on time and at the tower the Rev. K. Evans was waiting to welcome the party. Upon raising the bells it was discovered that the stay of the seventh was missing, so the strong men of the party took turns to hold the bell on the balance to Rounds, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire.

At Reigate, Mr. Hoad greeted the visitors and it was very pleasant to ring these ten. After lunch at Redhill, ringing took place on the ground floor eight at Bletchingley and Godstone where young Stuart Hame called a touch of 'Stoney.' Tea was served at Westerham to be followed by a ring on the heavy eight, the titbit of the day. The evening's programme included Bromley Common and the rededicated bells that afternoon of Bromley Parish Church, where, in spite of the crowded belfry, Mr. Isaac Emery fitted all in for a pull. Bures was reached just before midnight.

Thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Mills, the Bures captain, for making the arrangements, and local ringers for their kind co-operation.

H. J. M.

The peal at Abergavenny, on September 15th, was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county of Monmouth and for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and not of Cambridge Surprise as printed last week.

### PRESTBURY, GLOS.

Instead of a day's outing two half-day trips were held; the first was in June, when cars borrowed from friends enabled us to visit Elmore, Longney, Frampton-on-Severn, Moreton Valence, Hardwicke and Quedgley. We had an excellent tea at Moreton Valence, where birds' nests had to be moved before we were able to get the bells up. At another tower all our efforts failed to get the second to speak; investigation showed that the clapper was rigidly set in the middle of the bell when up.

The second trip was in September when a coach was hired. This time the lovely Cotswold villages of Northleach, Bibury, Coln St. Aldwin, Fairford and Watermoor were visited and all the bells came up to our expectations. Tea was at Bibury where half an hour was spent watching the trout in the Coln. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Little Bob. A feature of the day was that at each tower a different member was in charge.

C. R.

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

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BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—Owing to death-watch beetle in the woodwork of the tower, all ringing is suspended until further notice. 9591  
ELY ST. MARY'S.—Until further notice, practice night will be on Friday, not Wednesday as at present, starting October 12th. Everyone welcome.—R. H. Bullen. 9608

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, Camerton (6), Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec, Chilcompton. 9563

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Yaxley, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9594

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), October 13th. Tea at the Foresters Arms.—C. A. Bassett. 9572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Even-song 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zeeta, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, October 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice. St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 9549

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (St. Ann's Road Station), on Saturday, October 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Bells of All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, also available 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Steeple Aston (6), October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 9575

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chalgrove, Oxon, on Saturday, October 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. Badger. 9566

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Nettlebed, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 6-9. 9564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Twywell, Saturday, October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.—G. W. Jeffs. 9576

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—October meeting at Wellington (8) on 13th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 9626

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12). 2.30-3.30; Hampstead (10), 3-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12). 4-5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews. 9597

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. 9581

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, October 13th.—B. W. White. 9597

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, October 10th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shapwick, October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9632



**BEDFORDSHIRE (Luton) and HERTFORDSHIRE (St. Albans) ASSOCIATIONS**—Joint meeting at Luton on October 20th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by October 17th, to H. Burton, 129, Bradley Road, Luton. Durable bells available 3—5. 9624

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9631

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Middlewich, October 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. All welcome. Names for tea by October 16th, to H. W. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich 9600

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Hilary's, Wallasey, October 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 16th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9628

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Royal Hotel, Bridge Street (2s. per head) 4.15. Names, by Tuesday, October 16th latest, to Mr. F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford. Evensong 5.30 with business meeting to follow in church.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9617

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**—Saturday, October 20th. Heath (5) bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 17th, to Mr. T. Jennings, 14, Cambridge Crescent, Bramley Vale, Chesterfield. 9630

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

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**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—Meeting, Burwash (8), October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by October 17th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 9605

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Stokesay on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9606

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8), Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9592

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, October 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at West Derby (6) on Saturday, October 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea

5.30 (price 1s. 9d.). All names to Mr. H. Holmes, 7, Elwor Road, Aigburth, Liverpool 17.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9629

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael's, October 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Meeting for nomination of officers following tea. Cups of tea.—R. Benson. 9627

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, October 20th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Farm Cafe, High Street, 5. Please notify, by October 17th, Miss B. Colver, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell. 9615

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), October 20th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 16th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leicester. 9602

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, October 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Railway Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9613

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Melton District.—Meeting, Somerby, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 18th, to C. Tyler, Church Lane, Somerby.—J. H. Cook. 9612

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify me numbers requiring tea, by Monday, 15th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 9583

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9634

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15—4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Stratton Audley (5), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9609

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District)**.—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30-3.45; Hillingdon, St. John's Hall, at 2s. each, for all who notify, by John's (10) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Wednesday, October 17th, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks. Social evening in St. John's Hall, from 7.30 p.m. 9573

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, before October 16th, to C. Churchill, Waterside, Downton. 9561

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold 9585

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Saxmundham District.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, at Aldeburgh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Annual subscriptions will be collected. Names for tea, by 18th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 9560

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Holbrook and Harkstead, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Essex friends invited. Names for tea essential, by October 18th, to Mr. M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 9620

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green (6), October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by October 16th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9599

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**.—Annual general meeting, October 20th. Ringing: Feltham 2.30—3.30 and Sunbury 4—5.15. Service 5.20. Tea, followed by meeting, at Keystone Cafe. 9598

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9621

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock: cups of tea provided, bring own food. The meeting is a joint one with the Selby and District Society.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9518

**ST. AMBROSE RINGING GUILD, BRISTOL**.—Ringers' Sunday, October 21st. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11. Evensong 6.30. Ringing 7.15, 10, 5.30. Breakfast 8.45 a.m. for all who notify me by October 17th. All are welcome.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 9601

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Silverdale Hall 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Ringing again after meeting. Nomination of officers. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—A. B. Peck, 9619

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly, at Maperton, October 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 9610

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Wirksworth (8), Saturday, October 27th. Tea for those notifying, by 24th, Mr. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth.—Dennis Scott and Maurice Bailey. 9616

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Rayne (6), Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 9623

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Suttons Hall. Names for tea by Monday, October 22nd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9603

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social at the Co-operative Hall, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, 6.15 to midnight on Saturday, October 27th. Bells 3 to 6. All tickets have been sold.—W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9579

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 23rd, to Mr. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 9622

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, St. Martin's, October 27th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea most essential by October 22nd.—G. S. Bush, 18 Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9614

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

**MITCHAM**.—Ringers' Service at Christ Church, Colliers Wood, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Six bells. All welcome. 9604



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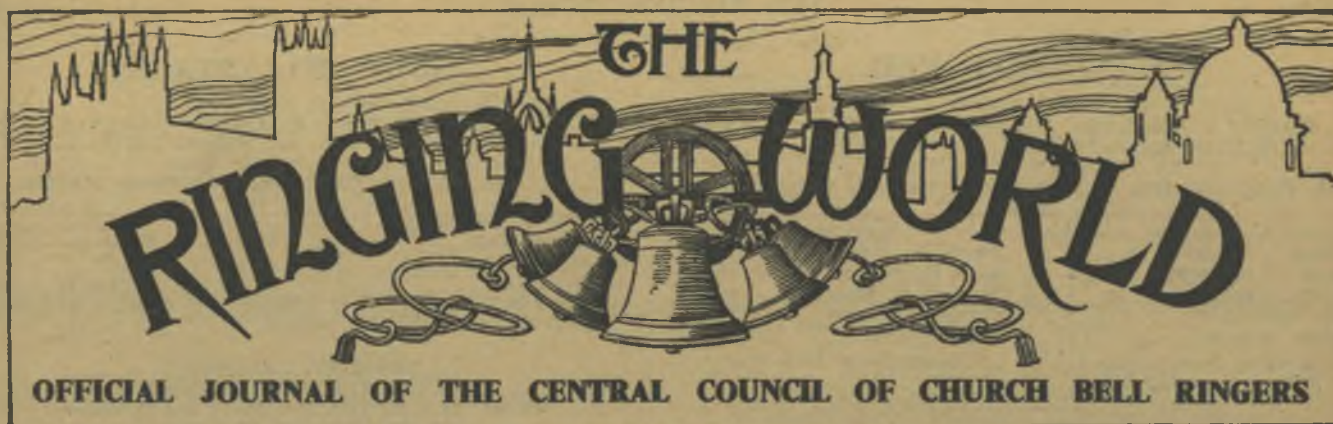
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## UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

**F**IFTY years ago this title could scarcely have been used, for, although the Central Council had been formed, it was some ten years before it made an attempt to bring order out of the chaos in which ringing found itself. A list of requirements for regular methods was drawn up and two of the main points were that all methods should have the bells in the same coursing order at every lead-end of the plain course and that methods in which fifths place under any bell but the treble were forbidden.

The first requirement was rather revolutionary and no doubt caused an uproar and dire forebodings. To us of later generations it seems strange that our forefathers should have tolerated almost any method so long as the lead-end produced a five lead course (in Minor). Modern conductors would look askance at a method in which each lead of the plain course had a different coursing order, but our forbears had six groups of lead-ends in Minor, only one of which, A, retained the same coursing order throughout:—

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
23456	23456	23456	23456	23456	23456
42635	52364	42563	62345	62534	52643
64523	65243	54632	56234	46325	45362
56342	46532	65324	45623	54263	64235
35264	34625	36245	34562	35642	36524

The second requirement, I imagine, met with rather less opposition due to the advocacy by that great ringer, Jasper W. Snowdon, of methods which produce extents with all the 5-6's at backstroke.

The advantages which have accrued from the first requirement are that regularity has been introduced into the field of method construction and emphasis given to the usefulness of coursing order on which all modern conductors depend to a greater or lesser degree. In fact, it might be said that the high standard of conducting to-day is owed indirectly to that decision of forty years ago.

Many of the old irregular methods were interesting to ring, and an examination of a collection of them made by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston and preserved in the Beeston

Library of the Chester Guild shows that many of our modern methods have features which were incorporated in these old friends. Many other methods were modernised by changing the place made at mid-lead, e.g. :—

Old Method.	Alteration.	New Method.	Cn. No.
Duke of York.	Thirds instead of firsts. Bob lead for plain lead.	Clarence Delight	(4D. 24)
Woodbine.	Fifths instead of firsts.	Neasden Delight	(4D. 16)
New London.	Thirds instead of firsts.	Nelson T.B.	(T.B. 9)

Those ringers who remember these old methods and are apt to feel that good and useful methods have been sacrificed on the altar of 'Bob Minor lead-ends' might consider how their favourite irregular method has been modernised in the Collection and instead of lamenting its demise try to popularise it in its new modernised form.

The names of some of the irregular methods are picturesque: Noah's Ark, Echo of Tong, Yorkshire Glory, Navigation Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, Queen Bess, Red Rose, Steeple Delight, Symphony, Tinker's Delight, etc. There is even one with a topical note, King's Recovery. These names would not now be approved by the Exercise, but many a pleasant half-hour can be spent in speculating how the methods received such singular names.

To the ringers of unorthodox methods we would suggest a study of the Collection of Minor Methods and the Four Way Table. They will be surprised to find how easy some of the modernised methods are to ring and delighted to find that thirteen are based upon our old friend Woodbine, whose inclusion in a peal has led to the writing of this article.

Warning should be given that the Collection contains two irregular methods, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse College.

Although the major portion of this article has been devoted to Minor, it must be remembered that a similar state of affairs existed in Major, etc., but irregular methods did not have such a vogue on the higher numbers except perhaps Canterbury Pleasure. The development of Major ringing has occurred in the last thirty years.

The Council has no desire to dictate to the ringers what they should ring, but it is felt that it is illogical for it to admit performances to its records which do not conform with its decisions. How such unorthodox performances should be recorded in 'The Ringing World' is a matter for the Editorial Committee to decide. C. K. L.



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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 8
ALIEN MORGAN .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

A compliment to Miss Betty Spice and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins on their wedding the previous day. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 6
HENRY J. SANGER .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. 8
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 9
THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5	FREDK. A. TARGETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of A. E. Reeves' first peal, rung at St. Giles's, Reading.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

*On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER (R.C.).

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

*J. ANTHONY HORNBY .. Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
JOHN WOODS .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. 7
†RICHARD RAINFORD .. 3	*FRANK HORNBY .. 8
FRANK T. POSTLETHWAITE .. 4	*SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 9
†HERBERT RAINFORD .. 5	*RICHARD HORNBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal of Caters on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of St. Peter's Cathedral.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

*On Tues., Oct. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	*ERNEST STITCH .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. 9
ALAN ELSMORE .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\*350th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. Hortin, for over 40 years a ringer at this church.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
PETER LAFLIN .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 7
JAMES FEARNLEY .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Wellington, Little Court and Little Bob; 281 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Treble	*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 5
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 6
*†C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	*ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\*First peal in 12 Major methods. †60th peal. The most Major methods yet rung in a peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the Rector's wife, Mrs. A. T. G. Blackmore.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB AND CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

*STANLEY M. EVANS .. Treble	*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. 3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
WILFRID S. PALIN .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\*First peal in more than one Major method. First peal of Spliced Canterbury and Plain Bob by all the band. The method was changed every lead. Rung for the closing of the festival, also as a thanksgiving for the recovery of H.M. King George from his serious operation.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ANNE WORTH .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	RALPH TAYLOR .. 5
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.



HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
GEORGE H. HESKETH	..Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH	.. 5
*JOHN ROBERTS	.. 2	JOHN ROBINSON	.. 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	.. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	.. 7
ALLAN CAVE	.. 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND	..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. HESKETH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. James Robinson, wife of a local ringier.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*STANLEY IRELAND	..Treble	HENRY O. BAKER	.. 5
CHARLES WARD	.. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	.. 6
JOHN ORME	.. 3	WALTER ALLMAN	.. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY	.. 4	DENIS MADDOCK	..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

\* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung for the 250th anniversary of the S.P.G. and on the visit of the S.P.G. ship, 'Centurion,' to the town of Runcorn.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*BRIAN CUTHBERT	..Treble	JACK BRAY	.. 5
FRANK LOND	.. 2	HAROLD MORWOOD	.. 6
C. AUBREY HARRISON	.. 3	HARRY HALL	.. 7
FRED LACEY	.. 4	GEORGE W. MOODY	..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison.

TUNSTALL, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK P. WRIGHT	..Treble	*PETER BORDER	.. 5
*A. ROBIN GUY	.. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	.. 6
*†M. ELIZABETH ROE	.. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	.. 7
*JOHN B. GUY	.. 4	JOHN E. SPICE	..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Betty Spice and Rev. Peter Robbins at Tunstall on this day.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT GREENHALGH	..Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN	.. 5
JAMES GROUNDS	.. 2	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	.. 6
JAMES L. WRIGHT	.. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	.. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	.. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal since 1937 for the conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	..Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK	.. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	.. 2	MAURICE HODGSON	.. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	.. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	.. 7
ALICK CUTLER	.. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method, which was produced by the late Henry Dains in 1915 and named by him.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	..Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	.. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	.. 2	JOHN HILL	.. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE	.. 3	ALFRED BALLARD	.. 7
*MICHAEL E. BROWN	.. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	..Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	..Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE	.. 5
JACK BAILEY	.. 2	JOHN F. WILKINSON	.. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	.. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	.. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	.. 4	ALFRED MOULD	..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

A farewell to John F. Wilkinson, who is joining the Royal Air Force.

BATH, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.	
MRS. DORA EVANS	..Treble	REGINALD W. PERRY	.. 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	.. 2	JESSE HALLETT	.. 6
BETTY SMITH	.. 3	*HARRY C. NEWMAN	.. 7
EDWARD J. FRY	.. 4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY	..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fry.

BOCKING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*PETER WOOD	..Treble	RONALD SUCKLING	.. 5
ALFRED LITTLE	.. 2	JOHN WARNER	.. 6
RONALD BOYKETT	.. 3	CHARLES BURTON	.. 7
STANLEY BONES	.. 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS	..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal of Major (aged 14 years). Rung as an act of thanksgiving for the 956th Dedication Festival of St. Mary's.



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# FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A flat.

A. WARREN .. .. .Treble	G. CARTER .. .. . 5
F. BARKER .. .. . 2	P. BLAKE .. .. . 6
E. TURNER .. .. . 3	B. WILLIS .. .. . 7
T. BEVAN .. .. . 4	L. TUBB .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by B. WILLIS.

First peal as conductor. A farewell to P. Blake, who is returning to Bristol after 38 years as a member of the Finchley band.

# GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS .. ..Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.. 7
CYRIL TANSSELL .. .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. .Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (15).

Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

# NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..Treble	†ERIC NAYLOR .. .. . 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN.. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 6
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

\* 250th peal of Surprise. † First touch of Superlative. To celebrate the 1,200th anniversary of the church's dedication.

# NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*REX. M. DIXON .. ..Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . 5
WALTER D. POOLEY .. . 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. . 6
†JOHN F. COLLINGS .. . 3	HORACE E. WERRETT .. . 7
†MAURICE H. COLLINGS.. 4	*L. BENJAMIN SCOOT .. .Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Garrard and Miss Veronica Frances Kenyon, daughter of the Vicar of Norton and Mrs. Kenyon.

# PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

BERNARD R. MILLWARD ..Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
FRED EVANS .. .. . 2	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 6
*ROGER B. MORRIS .. . 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. . 7
JOHN W. BEST .. .. . 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal on eight bells. A wedding compliment to Richard Edward Evans (son of second ringer) and Miss Rosemary K. Mawr.

# REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST A. HEAD .. ..Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. .. . 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. . 2	FREDK. W. MUNNINGS .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. . 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

A birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

# SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. .Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. . 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. . 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. . 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 9).

Conducted by THOS. J. LOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

# SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ..Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. .. . 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 6
*FRANK TAYLOR .. .. . 3	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 7
FREDA OLDERSHAW .. . 4	*CYRIL WANDER .. .. .Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* 25th peal together. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Farr on completing 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and on his retirement after being captain at this tower for many years.

# THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..Treble	MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. . 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. . 2	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 6
MRS. A. DISERENS .. . 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	VINCENT T. CHERILL .. .Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

\* First peal.

# THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON .. ..Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. . 5
*J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. . 2	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 6
†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. . 4	†JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. .Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

# WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LOVE .. .. .Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. . 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. . 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. . 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. . 4	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. .Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition contains 6th extent home in natural courses.

# SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DORIS G. DOBBIE .. ..Treble	WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. . 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. . 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. . 7
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 4	GEORGE WOOD .. .. .Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. Peter Tyndal Robbins and Miss Betty Spice. Rung with the best wishes of the band and from all members of the Rochester district to the happy couple.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS G. WOODHEAD .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 4
DAPHNE J. HARE .. .. 2	ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A welcome to Captain E. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	RONALD E. BURT .. .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. .. 5
FRANK PEARSON .. .. 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung for the patronal festival of the above church.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court. Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT D. JOHNSON .. Treble	DAVID HOARE .. .. 4
JOHN FOWLER .. .. 2	E. JOHN TARGETT .. .. 5
RONALD G. BECK .. .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
*ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Frederick John Sime and Barbara Mary Hillyard. A birthday peal for the bride. Rung on the Feast of the patron saint of this church.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. (approx.).

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

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Duffy, of Deeping St. Nicholas.

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL FULLER .. .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.



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STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in G.  
JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. Treble | R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 4  
\*REX M. DIXON (12) .. 2 | JOHN CHURCH .. 5  
†MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 3 | WALTER D. POOLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.  
\* First peal in method. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BRAFELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of twelve 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and ten 120's each of April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.  
PHILIP JONES .. Treble | \*ANTHONY BROCKWELL .. 3  
ROLAND JONES .. 2 | \*CLAUDE BROCKWELL .. 4  
CYRIL LONGLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.  
\* First peal. A wedding compliment to George Care, bellringer and organist at this church, and Miss M. Berridge; also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jones.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON Treble | AUBREY D. MILLS .. 4  
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2 | JOHN G. AMES .. 5  
ERNEST BRITAIN .. 3 | FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.  
A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Wright, and also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. A. Duffy, one of the local ringers.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and Reverse Canterbury, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
LEWIS NEWMAN .. Treble | WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4  
TOM SAUNDERS .. 2 | FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 5  
LUTHER J. HONESS .. 3 | PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.  
First peal in more than one method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Miss Betty Spice.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9½ lb. in G sharp.  
MARJORIE LEGG .. Treble | †TERRY ELLARD .. 4  
\*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5  
†R. COLEMAN .. 3 | HENRY BUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. R. Coleman; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellard, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
\*PETER J. THOMAS .. Treble | †MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5  
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.  
\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. Rung for the first wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
ERIC C. LUCAS .. Treble | ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 4  
\*DOROTHY HICKS (14) .. 2 | ALFRED WM. GLAZZARD .. 5  
GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3 | JOHN H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED WILLIAM GLAZZARD.  
\* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Woodbine Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and three 720's of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.  
\*FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4  
†BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2 | DAVID H. PEARCE .. 5  
MARY PEMBERTON .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.  
\* First peal. † First peal in three Minor methods. 720's contain no 6-5's at backstroke.

ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBALD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being twenty 120's (ten callings) and eleven 240's (eleven callings). Tenor 7 cwt. in A.  
JAMES H. MUSSON .. Treble | \*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3  
\*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | HUGH LONGLAND .. 4  
\*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.  
\*HEATHER EVANS .. Treble | \*JEAN POWELL .. 4  
GLYN WILLIAMS .. 2 | †A. RYAN PRICE .. 5  
†MRS. A. R. PRICE .. 3 | \*JACK POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells for 18 years.

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*ARNOLD BOWERS .. Treble | JOHN W. MILNER .. 4  
\*ROGER AXFORD .. 2 | \*EDWARD ATKINSON .. 5  
\*MICHAEL HUNT .. 3 | GEORGE CUTTS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CUTTS.  
\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Rowley, captain of the local band, on his 83rd birthday.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, and Old Oxford Delight; (3) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (4) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*NEVILLE A. BROWN .. Treble | \*DEREK OGDEN .. 4  
\*JEAN C. BROWN .. 2 | \*RONALD BARLOW .. 5  
\*M. JULIAN BRIERLEY .. 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.  
\* First peal in 15 methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. K. F. Parsons, and for the celebration of harvesttide. Average age of the band is 19 years.



## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COURT MINOR

Being four extents of Double Court and three of Single Court.

Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HUGH LONGLAND .. .. Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4
DONALD H. METTAM .. .. 2	FRANK R. MITCHELL .. .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to Denis A. Frith and Frank R. Mitchell.  
Also a farewell peal for Frank R. Mitchell, who is joining H.M. Forces.

## WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. Treble	CECIL RADDON .. .. 4
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. .. 5
ERIC HORNEY .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Taylor and Miss M. Ralphs.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 1-2	R. T. BARLOW .. .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 3-4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 7-8

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.  
Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and all the 7648's and 7468's.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 26 extents of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

\*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. .. 3-4

\*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

\* 25th peal this year.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

\*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1-2 | \*O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5-6

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4 | \*R. T. BARLOW .. .. 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal in the method  
'in hand' for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 7-8

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES. Tenor size 15 in C.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4½ Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,472 Plain Bob, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse Bob, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

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'My patience is exhausted,' said a well-known statesman on a memorable occasion. Ours is not exhausted but economic necessity prevents us from sending 'Ringing Worlds' to the postal subscribers who have not forwarded their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. Last week we had 12 new postal subscribers. Why not help the 'Ringing World' by joining them?

Ringing took place last Saturday at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in connection with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' annual dinner. It is interesting to recall that 19 years ago that Saturday on these bells, Mrs. G. H. Cross, the wife of the Master, rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques on these bells. Those present at the dinner included two others who stood in the peal—Mr. G. H. Cross, the conductor, and Dr. E. L. Taylor, who joined the Cumberlands in 1902.

Mr. R. H. McDonald, at one time captain of St. Mary's Basilica Society, Sydney, who has recently turned 95, still enjoys a touch of Triples on handbells.

The famous Spliced Surprise handbell band from Bushey hope to demonstrate their skill at the social evening at Hillingdon to-morrow (Saturday).

Mr. H. Miles writes re the touch of Stedman Triples on page 656 that the six opposite the word Whittington's should be plain, not bobbed as printed.

The New South Wales Association of Change Ringers are asking, through 'Ringing Towers,' other ringers in Australia their opinion of forming a federation of Change Ringers in Australia.

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman informs us that the weight of St. Neots tenor is 29 cwt, 2 qr, 14 lb. in D. This was not the tower visited by the Society of Rambling Ringers; the six-bell tower with a 14 cwt. tenor was Eynesbury, Hunts, a tower situated within a stone's throw of the magnificent tower and bells of St. Neots. Mr. John W. Blythe adds a correction to his letter last week stating that St. Neots tenor is 30 cwt. in D. and not 20 cwt. as printed. 'I expect it was due to my bad writing,' he adds.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Good progress with Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, is the welcome news to hand this week from St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, where Mr. C. R. H. Stickley has joined the band. Two quarter peals are recorded this week. Unfortunately a peal attempt on September 29th came to grief owing to the fifth rope coming off the wheel after 80 minutes' ringing. A word of praise is due to Mr. J. Wood, who has kept ringing alive here for 40 years. Unfortunately he was on sick leave when the two quarter peals were rung. Woodstock is the only tower in South Africa where change ringing is exercised twice on a Sunday and also on Tuesday evenings.

Mr. Eric Naylor, of Rainham, Kent, has rung a peal in 25 different towers this year.

Mr. Harry Dobell rang his first quarter peal for 18 years at Marden, Kent, on October 5th.

Mr. W. Cope, at one time secretary of the Guildford District, has returned to this country after seven years in Australia. A welcome-home quarter peal, in which he participated, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Lichfield, on October 7th. Mr. Cope is to make his home at Bath.

In the first peal on the augmented ten of St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, on October 7th, were three brothers, all first-pealers. Also a father and son and an uncle and nephew, all of them regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

Eighty-three year old Mr. Herbert Rowley had a birthday compliment paid him by a peal on Horbury (near Wakefield) bells. For 63 years he has been a regular ringer at this tower where he does almost all the conducting. He is a veteran of the last century, having rung his first peal—one of Minor in seven methods—on January 7th, 1894. His last peal was rung on September 13th, 1932.

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# THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

## Master Asks For Ruling On Non-Conducted Peals

TRADITION was fully maintained at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the 'Old Bell' Restaurant, Holborn, last Saturday. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided over a very happy gathering. With him on the top table were Mrs. Cross, the Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch), and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, the Rev. T. C. Kerne (who is temporarily attached to St. Martin's before returning to Australia) and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths).

The company present included Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. S. Poole, Dr. W. Leese, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mesdames J. D. Matthews, E. E. Davis, Kitchen, Colgate and A. Diserens.

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## DUTY TO THE CHURCH

After the Master had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. W. R. Winterton, F.R.C.S., submitted 'The Church.' As ringers, they were dependent, he said, on the Church and the goodwill of the Church to provide them with their bells. Years ago the Church was a wealthy concern: things were different to-day and he admired the way the Church succeeded in providing new rings, rehanging bells and augmenting rings from six to eight. It was, therefore, up to them to see that the bells were rung regularly Sunday by Sunday and ringing not confined to wandering bands of peal ringers. In welcoming the Rev. Meredith Davies, Dr. Winterton said Mr. Davies' first job was as a curate to his father-in-law.

The Rev. Meredith Davies gave a witty reply interspersed with anecdotes associated with his long life as a prison chaplain. He admitted his interest in bell-ringing and said when he was a chaplain at Wakefield Prison, the Governor had the idea of having a party of handbell ringers early on Christmas morning. As they played 'Christians Awake,' there were cries from the cells, 'I am not a Christian and I don't want to be awakened.' (Laughter.)

He was so pleased that the Society was taking an interest in Shoreditch Church. It was a tough job and the narsen needed all the help he could get from the laity.

The Rev. T. C. Kerne also responded and said for 15 years he used to ring at Marborough, Queensland, where they had nine bells with a tenor weighing 21 cwt. It was the only ring in Queensland. There were bells at Brisbane but they were waiting for the western tower of the Cathedral to be built.

There was one thing that struck him very forcibly in England. It was that either the laity were afraid of the clergy or the clergy of

the laity. He suggested that they form a friendship league with their clergy.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was given by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne who said he did not propose to go back to the distant past but to speak about things in living memory of most of those present and of the future. Many of the older members would remember Mr. Harry Dains, who died in 1916, and was a composer of some note. He did much to carry the Society along the path it had gone. They had another industrious Master in Mr. J. D. Matthews, who came along at a period when the Society was at rather a low ebb. It was largely due to his forethought and help—he was Master from 1912 to 1933—that the Society matured to what it was to-day. Then came their present Master—Mr. George Cross—who was a Master in whom they could all be proud.

## LIKE HIS GRANDFATHER

The future of the Society was in the hands of the younger members and it was a pleasure to see so many of them present that night. A great deal of organising of that dinner was the work of one of their younger members (Mr. F. J. Matthews). He was, indeed, following in the steps of his grandfather, in putting the best of his spare time at the disposal of the Society.

Replying, the Master congratulated Mr. Frank Matthews on the excellent arrangements for the dinner and said he was sure his grandmother must be very proud of him. Since the beginning of the year the Society had rung peals of Cambridge Major, Bob Major, Yorkshire Reval, Yorkshire Major, Double Norwich, Bristol and Stedman Triples. Two of these had been farewell peals to Leonard Baybutt and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray.

Meetings had been held at Reading, Guildford and Barnet. The meeting at Reading was first class but at Guildford they did not have many people. Since the last dinner they had suffered losses by death of George Steere, George Radley, Charles Tyler, William Dye, Harry Kilby and Harry Warnett. Charles Tyler had a great work at Henfield raising a band to ring Surprise. An enterprising band from London, however, rang the first peal of Superlative on the bells, the first Surprise peal on the bells, which caused the band to lose interest.

He would like to refer to non-conducted peals, especially those rung in Leicestershire. He had always understood that a non-conducted peal was a silent peal. In these Leicestershire peals everybody was allowed to say something except 'Bob.' This was not his interpretation of a non-conducted peal and he thought the matter should be brought up at the Central Council meeting. In his opinion a non-conducted peal should be a silent peal.

## TRANSPPOSITIONS DURING PEAL

The leading article of 'The Ringing World' of the week before stated that 'the art of transposition is becoming widely understood and practised. The result is that many conductors are now able to pick up trips that a few years ago would have meant the breakdown of the peal.' He hoped that such peals would not be published in 'The Ringing World.' The space could be better used by publishing articles of value to the Exercise.

Mr. F. J. Matthews, who proposed 'Visitors and Kindred Societies,' confessed that this was his first after-dinner speech. They welcomed visitors to their ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch that day. They were particularly pleased to have with them Mr. Raithby, of Newark. The Vicar of St. Martin's came from there and he was afraid Newark people always thought they had 'pinched' him. They were also pleased to have with them Miss Steel, who had been a member of the Society since 1912. They also accorded a very warm welcome to their friends of the College Youths

because whether they were Cumberlands of College Youths they were all ringers and were 'pulling together' towards the unity of the Exercise. In coupling the name of Mr. F. J. Smallwood, the Master of the College Youths, with the toast, Mr. Matthews recalled that he rang a handbell peal with his grandfather at Leamington.

Mr. Smallwood, in response, congratulated Mr. Matthews on his great promise as an after-dinner speaker. As he was speaking, his mind went back over 40 years and he could see his grandfather standing there. He had the same colour of hair and the same features. He well remembered ringing handbells with Jack Matthews and what an enthusiast he was!

On behalf of the visitors he thanked them for their kind hospitality and especially on behalf of the College Youths. Years ago the rivalry between the two Metropolitan Societies was very great and very acute and it was rivalry to almost jealousy and hatred. Then it became friendly rivalry and now it was real friendship. He had rung peals with their Master for the Kent County Association.

He would like to say how pleased he was that Shoreditch bells were now available, and it was a pleasure for him to ring on them that afternoon—the only ring of twelve in London he had not rung on. He hoped that with more use they would 'go' better and that steps would be taken to make them a little less noisy in the street below.

The concluding toast of 'The Press' was given by Mr. C. J. Matthews, who recalled that the peal attempt on the first Saturday in May was stopped after ten minutes by the Vicar because it was feared that the bells might drown the speeches at the May Day demonstration in Trafalgar Square. One of the papers reported the incident as the bells of St. Martin's giving the demonstration a ten minutes' welcome. He wished 'The Ringing World' every success in its effort to get 1,000 new subscribers.

## 'RINGING WORLD' BATTLE AGAINST COSTS

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, referred to the circumstances that led up to the present campaign for obtaining another 1,000 postal subscribers. Last year the accounts of the 'Ringing World' just balanced. The new Editorial Committee, led by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, were determined, if at all possible, to keep 'The Ringing World' at fourpence. When they assumed office they found that the journal was being run at a loss of approximately £5 a week, due to the increased cost of paper, and there was a wage increase also to be met. All items of expenditure were examined with a tooth comb and a saving of £3 a week effected on the editorial side. Sources of revenue were examined in relation to cost. The cost of paper alone in a half-page advertisement in 'The Ringing World' was now 18s. 6d. an issue, and the advantage to the production accruing from advertisements of this character was microscopic. The committee had succeeded in convincing advertisers that a higher price was inevitable. Troubles of cost did not end there. From the issue of November 22nd, paper costs would increase by another £5 a week. The only way this could be met was by more postal subscribers. From a postal subscriber's copy 'The Ringing World' received 34d. net towards its cost of production and from a copy purchased from a newsagent, 2d. It was this difference of 14d. which was absolutely vital and 1,000 more 14d. would give them the additional £7 a week to meet their charges and enable the journal to remain solvent. He asked all present to do their utmost to enable the campaign to succeed. In the meantime the committee were very grateful to those who had sent donations and made contributions towards the publication of

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## MIDDLESEX MEETS MIDLANDS

A very happy and successful week-end was spent by Miss E. K. Fulton, Messrs. A. W. Coles and H. G. Hart of the Middlesex County Association on their visit to the Midlands. Last summer J. W. Cotton and friends visited Harrow Weald and Pinner, ringing two good peals.

This return visit was arranged by their very able secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton. The trio travelled to Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Friday evening to be ready for a full day on Saturday. It was arranged that a 9 a.m. start should be made from Ashby for a peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry. Unfortunately a thick mist had developed overnight making driving difficult. However, a start was made from Ashby at 9.15 and on the way we were able to do our good deed for the day by giving a lift to a wedding party whose car had overturned in the ditch.

On arrival at the foundry we found that three of the band expected had not yet arrived and so an interesting half-hour was spent looking round Messrs. John Taylor's Foundry. Just in time, the three latecomers, E. Morris, W. P. Whitehead and J. W. F. Trotman (held up by the thick mist), arrived and a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major resulted.

After a well-earned and much-enjoyed lunch the band split up—the visitors, together with Mr. J. W. Cotton and Mr. S. H. Jones made their way to Rolleston-on-Dove, where the Midland Counties Guild monthly meeting was being held. The journey back to Ashby was broken by a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and family, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

However, Sunday morning found us again at Overseal—this time in the tower—and a good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Harvest Festival, conducted by Mr. A. W. Coles. Thanks are accorded to all those who made this visit possible. H. G. H.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Branch Meetings

The Penzance Branch autumn meeting was held at Paul on September 29th and was attended by about 50 members including Miss Eileen Symons, president of the Guild, and branch chairman, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., a Past Master, and the Rev. H. H. Dixon (Manaccan). Paul bells are a fine six (tenor 14½ cwt.), and were dedicated last year. The Vicar, the Rev. W. V. Wagner, conducted the service and welcomed the members by expressing his pleasure that a meeting had been arranged there so soon after the installation of the bells.

At the business meeting Miss Symons was again elected chairman, the Rev. A. S. Roberts branch secretary, and Mr. W. Wood (Gulval) auditor. It was agreed to hold the spring meeting at Crowan, with Mawgan-in-Meneage as an alternative.

The South East Cornwall Branch gathering was held the same day some 70 miles distant from Paul at Menheniot, where the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Thomas, has awakened interest in the Guild and affiliated his tower. The Vicar this year rang his first peal, and has become one of the latest members of the Clerical Guild. Mr. H. J. Clark is the secretary of this branch and had the support of Mr. W. H. Southeast (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (secretary) as well as some 60 members, which was a most encouraging number for this part of Cornwall.

### Cumberlands Dinner—Cont.

peals and quarter peals. It was a very real help in bridging the gap until the price of paper decreased.

A feature of the evening was the musical programme, especially the singing of the special choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Miss Doreen Drake sang two soprano solos and there were two handbell touches—Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Major.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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## OLD BEDFORDIANS' PROPOSED PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—On behalf of two other Old Bedfordians, I would like to announce that we propose to attempt a tower-bell peal early next year in the vicinity of Bedford, providing that a band composed of past and present members of Bedford School can be found. The peal would be rung in connection with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school.

I should be very glad to hear from any Old Bedfordians who are ringers, especially those willing to take part in this peal.—Yours sincerely,

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS (1940-45).

24, Durler Avenue,  
Bedford.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

As usual, the Canterbury District turned up in force for the annual meeting at Canterbury recently. An attendance of 130 was recorded representing 23 towers in the District. Seven other towers of the Association were also represented, visitors including Mr. J. Willis, a trustee, and Mr. B. May, hon. secretary of the Rochester District.

Ringing was held during the afternoon and the service took place at St. Stephen's, this being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Barnes. A pleasing feature of the service was the singing, which was led by St. Stephen's choir, who at all times are good, but this time they seemed to surpass themselves. The beauty of the recessional to the metrical version of Psalm 23 to the tune 'Crimond,' was most impressive. Mrs. D. Ratcliffe was the organist and a collection taken for the Benevolent Fund realised £2 5s. 4d.

Tea, taken buffet style in the Parish Room, being disposed of, the annual business meeting was proceeded with. The report showed a small decrease in membership, this being due to subscriptions not yet paid. An increase in hon. members was reported, the total at that date being 44, an increase of six over previous figures. Meetings had been well attended.

The chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, was re-elected by nomination, as was also the secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck; by ballot, Mr. H. R. French and Mr. S. Walter were chosen from four candidates as district representatives on the Central Committee, and Mr. R. G. French was re-elected Ringing Master.

Chilham was voted as the place of the next meeting, and notice was given of the District's social to be held on December 8th.

# 1,000 More Readers Wanted!

The Editorial Committee invite the help of all who have the welfare of 'The Ringing World' at heart to obtain at least another thousand Postal subscribers.

If the costs of the production of the paper could be spread over this increased number of readers it might be possible to avoid an increase in the price of the paper.

Every possible economy is being made, and advertisers are paying more for their space, but the recent increase in the cost of paper (£27/10/0 per ton) puts an additional strain on our resources.

Here is a chance for every ringer who wishes to help to do something practical. Talk about the paper at your meetings, and help us to rope in at least another 1,000 Postal subscribers. It can be done with your help. What about making a present of a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly subscription to someone whom you know does not take 'The Ringing World'? Fill in the form below and send to J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

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# A PEAL TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

## Twenty-One Surprise Peals In a Week

THE West Country has always appealed to touring parties, both to motorists and ringers. This year 19 ringers met to enjoy both these pleasures amidst some of England's finest scenery. It had been intended to spend most of the week in Devon with a couple of days in Cornwall but as accommodation for such a large party was difficult to obtain most of the week was spent in Cornwall, and as only one or two of the tourists had visited Cornwall before, the situation was accepted with pleasure.

We assembled overnight on Friday, August 24th, ten spending the night very comfortably at Cullompton and the other eight at Wiveliscombe. The latter party scored a good peal of London the following day at Milverton, the only peal to be attempted in Somerset on this tour, and after enjoying their ringing at this tower, were entertained to lunch by Mr. Claude Tarr at his home. This kind gesture was much appreciated.

The Cullompton party found no difficulty in settling down to Cambridge Royal at St. Andrew's Church and a very good peal was scored on this pleasant light ring of ten—a mixed lot—but beautifully 'Taylorised.' After lunch it rained heavily but not enough to damp the spirits of those who were to ring at Tiverton—one of the prides of Devon. Here Bristol was scored without incident but one or two of the band thought the ringing was a little too fast for such a grand ring. These bells are probably heard to greater advantage outside. Uffculme also possesses a fine ring of eight, and here the other party enjoyed a good peal of London. It might be recorded at this point to friends of the conductor that the composition rung was the last 5,024 in the little red book. After a very enjoyable and successful day we all met at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter, in time for dinner and light refreshments.

## TO MANCHESTER IN AN HOUR

On Sunday morning we again made up two parties for service ringing at Heavitree and Broadclyst. Only seven turned up at Broadclyst, the absentee being the writer, who found himself a new occupation that morning—that of assisting Mr. Fred Dunkerley to push his plane out of a hanger at Exeter Airfield. We said 'Cheerio' to Fred here for about 36 hours whilst he flew to Manchester in just over the hour to return by road the following day. The afternoon peal attempts were at Exminster and Littleham but it is sad to say that the former party literally threw away a peal of London after about two hours' very nice ringing and on an equally nice ring of bells. This loss was put down to 'just one of Charlie Duke's lapses.' The Littleham party scored a very fast peal of Bristol on a light eight but only after a false start and only just ran round in time for the evening service. Four members of the party, not having had enough, rang a peal of Bob Major 'in hand' later in the evening.

Monday proved a successful and eventful day for four peals were attempted, and all successfully, after which the long journey over Dartmoor in semi-darkness had to be done in order to reach our headquarters at Bodmin, where we were to remain for the remainder of the week. The morning peals were rung at Bovey Tracey and Chudleigh, only about four miles apart and this gave the writer the pleasure of listening to parts of both peals. At Chudleigh, the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Stevens, walked into the belfry about 20 minutes from the end of the peal and calmly timed the number of changes per minute. Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who had done so much to assist us in arranging the Devon ringing, met us here and stopped for lunch.

Afternoon ringing was very much enjoyed on the modern Taylor eight at Wollborough, rung from a gallery very much like the bel-

fries so common to Suffolk towers. In spite of the lady cleaner banging her broom against the pews, causing some very loud bangs from time to time, we succeeded in scoring a decent peal of Superlative. There was no one to meet the party that went to Buckleigh-in-the-Moor, but everything was in readiness and Rutland came home nicely with the same 'back end' that rang at Chudleigh in the morning. After a really good 'tuck in' at the Golden Lion at Ashburton, the Prefect and the old Morris eight tackled the hills and bends of Dartmoor and both arrived at Bodmin before midnight. We were all pleased to see Fred Dunkerley arrive at Bodmin shortly after our arrival, he having motored down from Rochdale in under nine hours.

## DISAPPOINTMENT AT PLYMOUTH

Tuesday was to have been the big day of the week but unfortunately after scoring a peal of Pudsey at the delightful old Cathedral Church at St. German's, Yorkshire Royal was lost at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, after 20 minutes, owing to the clapper of the eighth breaking. This was a great disappointment to us all as we had established a very nice beat before going off into changes and the first course had been rung without any scratching about, and our tenor man (all 18 stone of him) had really 'gone to town' on this job. We were very pleased to meet Mr. Tom Myers here and are indebted to him in obtaining permission for us to ring on that fine eight at Emmanuel Church at very short notice. Our 'second team' also had their misfortunes this day for they lost a peal at Lanhydrock after about an hour. This church is set in a park amidst beautiful surroundings and the party were pointed out items of interest by the Vicar, who kindly took them through the gallery at the mansion. After lunch this band made no mistake at Bodmin, scoring a peal of Lincolnshire.

Although most of us kept rather late hours each night we were all of us up very early on Wednesday morning for the journey to Penzance, one band going to Gulval and the other to Madron. A peal of Bristol was scored at Gulval but only at a third attempt and a change of conductor, with the result that our friend 'Charlie Dukes' very nearly had his quart pot taken from him. At Madron we are happy to say that it was a very different story, for a very nice peal was tapped out on the recently-augmented ring of eight, and a very delightful ring of eight, too. Both parties lunched together in Penzance before setting off for St. Columb. At St. Columb Minor the Yorkshiresmen plus H. O. B. rang a peal of Dublin on the very light eight with an exceptionally long draught of rope, whilst those at St. Columb Major scored London on that beautiful ring of eight—another of the many fine examples of Taylors' work that has been carried out in this county. We were told here that one of the local ringers had passed his 92nd birthday and was still ringing on Sundays.

## THURSDAY THE DARK DAY

Thursday proved as usual on these tours, the dark day of the week. The strain of two peals a day was beginning to tell its tale and the writer suggests that in future we should leave Thursday afternoon free for sight-seeing rather than try to ring a peal feeling very jaded. The 'first team,' however, managed to bring a peal of Eastcote round, but not without incident, at the delightful Church of St. Denys situated high up on the top of a hill, but the second string lost Pitman's four spliced at Lanivet after an hour owing to a miscall, but at least we had the satisfaction of being congratulated by one of the local ringers. We were very sorry to lose this peal as it had gone so well.

We all lunched together in Bodmin before setting out, as usual, in two parties, one to

St. Austell and the other to St. Stephen. Owing to the very long draught of rope at St. Austell, it was decided to go for Cambridge and this went very well indeed for over three hours when unfortunately one ringer took ill and had to give up. The writer had the pleasure of listening to most of this attempt and thought these bells to be one of the finest rings for the weight in the country—quite up to Heptonstall standard! What a great pity they are rung from the ground floor. It would be a much more comfortable job ringing from the floor above. To make the black Thursday more complete an attempt for Wembley came to grief on the pleasant ring of eight at St. Stephen. Even some of those who only last year 'rang the clock round,' were feeling a little under the weather by now.

As our 'first team' were to attempt twelve spliced at Kenwyn on Friday morning and the remainder had the prospect of some good ringing at Probus, all were in bed before midnight and the extra sleep certainly did us a power of good, for the twelve spliced, after one false start, was tapped off in good style, to which one impartial critic said he had not heard such good Major ringing for many years. Of course, he would have said the same about the ringing at Probus had he heard it, and we were all delighted with the tone and 'go' of these beautiful bells—an old, heavy six with two Taylor trebles added recently. A magnificent tower, perhaps the finest in Cornwall, and the ringing chamber directly below the bells with, of course, a soundproof floor. But what tail-ends to the ropes! We had become used to the normal Cornish tail-end which consists of one small loop which will allow you to ring any bell sitting down but one or two at Probus hadn't even a loop, and George Fearn, much to his sorrow, rang the seventh on a single rope without even a knot in it to help. However, we enjoyed our visit to Probus.

We all met for lunch in Truro and then split up again, one party to St. Enoder and the other party to Kea where, unfortunately, Yorkshire was lost after some indifferent ringing. Mr. Bernard Ditcher, of Yorkshire, who was staying a few days in the district, was in this attempt, and also Mr. A. S. Roberts, and for their benefit the tourists would have liked to have done better. Cambridge was rattled off at St. Enoder in double quick time with John Bibby making one of his few appearances on the tenor just to show how very overrated this tenor ringing really is. This ring of eight at St. Enoder is quite good except for perhaps the sixth and seventh, which sound like old bells with modern ones all round them, showing them up to some disadvantage. What a pity to spoil a nice peal like that. This peal had its incidents. One of the lady cleaners thought that the bellringers might amuse her baby so she brought the pram round to the belfry gates but alas, when we started ringing the child just screamed: so much so, nothing much was heard of the first two courses. The child now having been taken away, we got down to business and scored easily the fastest peal of the week, and our tenor man stood drinks all round afterwards, having 'completed the circle' during the week.

We all met at Truro in the evening for an hour's ringing at the Cathedral which was enjoyed by all; more especially by those who went outside to listen to this really glorious ten. Owing to a very long draught of rope these bells are scarcely audible inside the belfry but outside they are truly magnificent and surely must rank as one of the finest tens anywhere. We were pleased to have the company of Mr. Walter Ayre on this occasion and he joined in with us in courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. Mr. Paul Taylor, holidaying with his

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## Peal Tour of Devon & Cornwall—Cont.

family in Cornwall, popped into our hotel and spent an hour or so with us.

We paid our hotel bills on Friday night (one member just made it) and were on the road early on Saturday morning. Three car loads travelled right through to Exeter for a peal on the majestic ring of eight at Heavitree and the other two set off for Buckfastleigh, where the start was delayed some two hours owing to weddings. We are sorry to say that we did not do justice to the lovely ring of eight and it can be safely said that it was purely a conductor's peal. 'Charlie' rang the tenor and he, too, 'completed the circle' during the week. Bristol, at Heavitree, went off very well—just the method for those bells—and all concerned were very pleased. We could hardly leave Devon without having a ring on the heavy twelve at Exeter. By this time we were reduced in numbers but we managed half a course of Cambridge Royal, three leads of Treble Twelve and a course of Stedman Cinques before dropping the minor ten in peal. These bells are certainly worth looking at.

And so ended our fifth tour since the war with, of course, some happy memories. Our thanks to all who helped us, mentioning particularly the Rev. A. S. Roberts, who arranged all the Cornish towers, and Mr. Aubrey Bennett, for the Devon arrangements, and we would particularly like to thank our very good friend Fred Dunkerley, who kindly put two cars on the road for our use. One car clocked over 1,400 miles and no doubt the other four cars did similar mileage.

It is hoped to tour Oxfordshire and its adjoining counties next year.

R. G. E.  
For details of peals, see pages 594 and 595.  
The party consisted of Messrs. W. Allman, H. O. Baker, J. E. Bibby, J. E. Cawser, W. E. Critchley, A. W. T. Cleaver, F. Dunkerley, R. G. Edwards, G. E. Fearn, M. C. Fowler, G. Jackson, C. K. Lewis, R. B. Meadows, M. P. Moreton, W. F. Moreton, L. W. G. Morris, J. C. E. Simpson, J. M. Thorley and J. Worth.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' dated  
October 20th, 1911  
'ODD CHANGES'

A preacher at a recent ringers' service described Great Paul as weighing 37,000 tons. It would require several William Pyes to ring a tenor of this weight.

We have had the most remarkable summer on record this year, so far as weather is concerned. But it has its drawbacks, even from the ringer's point of view. In many a tower it has played havoc with the bell frames, and we have heard of several where the bell-hanger will be required before the bells are again comfortably pealable.

It is always a pleasure to see fresh bands swelling the ranks of those who reach the top of the ladder by ringing London Surprise; it is additionally pleasing when the ringers are all members of a local company. This week we record the first peal in the method by the Kettering band. We are expecting to see another company following close upon their heels with a local peal of London—the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

A clerical peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted next Wednesday morning, when 12 clergy will meet at High Wycombe for the purpose. Success to the band.

[Unfortunately, success was not forthcoming.]

## 10,368 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

A peal of 10,368 London Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on October 6th, in 5 hours and 26 minutes. It was conducted by Mr. F. W. Grocott. For details, see next week's issue.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Successful Meeting at Rolleston

A most enjoyable meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on October 6th. Rolleston, former home of the Mosley family, is always a popular venue for a meeting and again lived up to its reputation. Upwards of 40 members and friends from 17 towers were present. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president of the Middlesex County Association.

Towers represented were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Ticknall, Seales, Lullington, Newchurch, Duffield, Derby, Rolleston, Kingsbury, Cheadle, Harrow Weald and North Myms.

Ringing continued until tea time when the members were entertained in the Church Hall to another 'Rolleston Special.' At the conclusion of tea the Guild's chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) announced an apology from the Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott) who was unavoidably absent, and extended a very warm welcome to the distinguished visitors from Middlesex. On behalf of all present he cordially thanked the Rolleston members for entertaining the members to tea.

The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on November 10th. A collection taken on behalf of the Guild's Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 6s. 9d.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until 7.15 p.m.

Many young members were again present and these were looked after by Mr. S. H. Jones, Ringing Master. Methods were practised going as far as Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

J. W. C.

## SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

### First Visit to Rugeley

Rugeley, pleasantly situated on the North East edge of Cannock Chase, was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Society on October 6th. It was a lovely early October day and as one approached Rugeley the views over the Chase were enhanced by the autumn sunshine. Rugeley retains its country town atmosphere and the Church of St. Augustine stands in an attractive setting on the outskirts of the town.

Early arrivals at the meeting had the opportunity of seeing a fashionable wedding which was taking place at St. Augustine's, and at the same time listening to the performance of the local band as it rang at the conclusion of the ceremony. The critical audience of visiting ringers gave the locals full credit for some good ringing. The wedding over, Mr. George Oliver, Ringing Master, took charge of the ringing which continued until the time for service and then again in the evening. The wedding party must have imagined that the ringers were giving the bride and bridegroom an extra special send-off.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. K. Thacker, and it was very nice to have the choir boys leading the singing. Mrs. J. H. Joyner was organist. As the Harvest Festival was taking place the following day, the interior of the church was beautifully decorated with a wealth of autumn flowers.

Tea was served in the Old Grammar School and the 51 who sat down enjoyed the good fare provided. It was mentioned that this was the first occasion in living memory that the members of the Society had visited Rugeley, and the wish was expressed by all present that it would not be too long before a return visit took place. Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked Mr. J. M. Joyner, of Rugeley, for the assistance he had given in helping to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting of the Society will be at St. Matthew's, Walsall, on January 26th.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Dorchester Branch

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the Dorchester Branch quarterly meeting at St. George's, Fordington, on September 9th, this being the first Guild meeting since the rehanging of the six bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have certainly lived up to their reputation.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. O. A. Jessop, who, after welcoming the ringers, gave an interesting address on what the spires and towers of England should mean to them. Churches, usually the most conspicuous buildings, should serve to remind them that God was still in their lives, and the sound of the bells from those spires and towers ought to bring home the necessity of coming to the church to join in worship and praise to Him.

Tea was served at the Moule Institute by the ladies connected with the church, and was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed the chair being taken by the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop, but upon the arrival of the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, Mr. Jessop vacated the chair in his favour.

Following the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, the hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, said he was sorry to inform the meeting that one of the younger members of the branch Mr. A. (Tony) Tyers, was in hospital with a broken leg. Canon Markby promised to convey to Mr. Tyers the best wishes of the branch.

Seven new members were elected as follows: Miss Beryl Whalley (11), Fordington. Messrs. G. Boulwood, S. R. Shelton, G. Reiss, M. Adams, P. Millward and C. P. Bengtsson (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

The secretary was instructed to enquire if it was possible to hold a by-meeting at Cattistock early in November, and also to endeavour to make arrangements for a branch practice at Maiden Newton.

The chairman, who had just returned from Salisbury, where he had attended the memorial service to the late Bishop Lovett, gave a brief résumé of the life and work of their late patron, and the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, mentioned that the bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester and of Piddlehinton were rung half-muffled to the Bishop's memory.

Mr. E. T. P. Field said that the ringing at Piddlehinton included the 'whole pull and stand' 82 times, corresponding to the age of the Bishop.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jessop and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success was proposed by Mr. Hayne and carried unanimously with acclamation.

The ringers then returned to St. George's tower and St. Peter's eight bells being available, ringing was carried on until nine o'clock.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss P. Thorne (first quarter) 1. H. Atwell 2. Miss M. Robbins (first quarter) 3. R. Beck 4. H. Robbins 5. J. Turner 6. V. Wills (cond.) 7. A. Hargreaves 8. Rung at the close of harvest festival. First quarter by a local band since the war. Also a welcome back to R. Beck after three years' illness.

**AYLESFORD, KENT.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: S. Homewood 1. Miss R. Upton 2. Mrs. L. Wells (first quarter 'inside') 3. E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 4. L. Wells 5. C. Homewood 6. J. Upton 7. R. Moore 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Wells.

**BEDWELLTY, MON.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss H. Evans 1. G. Williams 2. Mrs. A. R. Price 3. Miss J. Powell 4. A. R. Price (cond.) 5. C. Thomas 6. W. Bangsund 7. G. Flower 8. First quarter for 6 and 7. Rung for the harvest festival.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1. O. Castleman 2. J. Kesterton 3. R. Swann 4. P. Wells 5. C. Linch 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7. E. Bass 8. Also 1,260 Grandire Triples: N. Abell 1. O. Castleman 2. R. Swann 3. A. Skinner 4. G. Udale 5. R. Barrow 6. C. Linch (first as conductor) 7. E. Bass 8.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: E. L. Reece 1. W. Parrott 2. P. Leach 3. P. Richardson 4. E. Gosden (cond.) 5. J. Clarke 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. I. Clarkson. M.A., and for the harvest festival.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1. A. P. Cannon 2. C. S. Hoard 3. W. B. Judd 4. C. J. Champion (cond.) 5. T. Arrow 6. Rev. K. G. Hoare 7. A. Stovell 8. Rung for harvest festival service.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double, Plain, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, 240 Hereward Bob and 360 Oxford Bob): R. Freeman 1. M. Stephens (cond.) 2. R. Stephens 3. A. Smith 4. D. Knox 5. C. Woodhead 6. Also, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Scott 1. Miss E. Preston 2. J. Sinfield 3. A. Broyd 4. D. Knox 5. E. Mastin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

**BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Prior (80) 1. H. M. White 2. R. Hayden 3. N. R. Turner 4. H. Bird 5. W. Wheeler 6. F. Bird (cond.) 7. W. Bird 8. Birthday compliments to the Prior brothers, W. T. Prior (80), of Bishops Stortford, Herts, and Walter Prior (83), of Stanstead, Herts.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss B. Thurston (first quarter) 1. A. Scar (cond.) 2. H. Hopkins 3. W. Daniels 4. W. Scar 5. J. Meager 6. J. Marks 7. R. J. Howson (first quarter) 8.

**BRANSTON, Lincs.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Bourne and 576 Cambridge): A. Brummitt 1. J. E. Cook (cond.) 2. A. Ingale 3. A. Applewhite 4. M. Billings 5. L. Wildlers 6.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss P. Bennett (first quarter) 1. Miss S. Green 2. F. E. Roberts 3. R. Poston 4. W. Poston (cond.) 5. J. Harris 6.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Chapman 1. J. A. Flint 2. J. R. Flint 3. W. R. Drury 4. C. E. Carr 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**CAPE TOWN, S.A.**—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: O. Lamb 1. C. Gardiner 2. A. Gardiner 3. W. Smith 4. R. Stickley (cond.) 5. J. Ernsten 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Also, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. Meyer (first quarter away from tenor) 1. C. Gardiner 2. A. Gardiner 3. W. Smith 4. R. Stickley (cond.) 5. J. Riley (first quarter) 6.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Edna Poole 1. A. Bellamy 2. E. Parker 3. R. Young (cond.) 4. A. Chubb 5. R. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Graham Farmer, grandson of J. H. Farmer, fatally injured on Sept. 17th.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss O. D. Scott (first quarter) 1. A. D. Cullum 2. Miss M. E. Francis (first quarter) 3. S. M. Osborne (first in method) 4. A. Wiggins (cond.) 5. A. R. Vaughan 6. H. A. J. Osborne 7. A. S. H. Sweetzer 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury: O. Pole 1. C. Clarke 2. E. Norman 3. F. Sweet 4. R. Short (cond.) 5. Rung previous to Communion service at harvest festival. believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Joyce Friswell (first quarter on treble) 1. Gwen Friswell 2. Mabel Prockson 3. G. Parsons 4. R. Harman 5. D. Neal (cond.) 6. W. Prockson 7. R. Wilkings 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. B. Fleetwood 1. J. Armstrong 2. Miss R. L. Hopkins 3. Miss D. J. Fleetwood (first quarter as cond.) 4. C. E. Wright 5. I. Campbell 6. A. C. Chaplin 7. J. R. Fleetwood 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss D. J. Fleetwood and Mr. C. E. Wright.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Glenn (cond.) 1. A. H. Ward 2. J. K. Wagstaff 3. E. F. Gobey 4. F. Bradley 5. G. H. Clift 6. J. E. Hobbs 7. H. Cawthorn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Pailing.

**DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Higgins 1. G. Creed 2. C. Lintern 3. Miss B. Look (cond.) 4. W. Higdon 5. R. S. Tucker 6. J. Lintern 7. A. Lintern 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Lintern.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Old, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's and 60 of Grandire): B. Myles 1. Miss D. H. Boulton 2. Miss E. Morse 3. Miss F. Hope 4. W. Godwin (cond.) 5. G. Burge 6. Rung to mark the birthday and engagement of Miss D. H. Boulton to Mr. H. Teuty, of Cirencester.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,320 Surprise Minor (being a 720 of London and 600 of Cambridge): S. A. Warwick 1. Miss E. K. Fulton 2. Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3. H. G. Hart 4. C. C. Mayne 5. J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**HECKINGTON, Lincs.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. Cole 1. Mrs. D. Wray 2. S. Jessop 3. W. Asher 4. H. Harper 5. F. Dewey (cond.) 6. W. Jackson 7. C. Stubble 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. M. Jupp (first quarter) 1. Miss S. M. White (first of Plain Bob 'inside') 2. F. E. Crutenden 3. E. W. Morey 4. F. W. Parsons 5. C. R. Longhurst 6. E. F. Packham 7. B. W. White (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: A. Croucher (first quarter) 1. G. F. Cantrill 2. E. White (first 'inside') 3. J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 4. M. G. White 5. N. Ollett (first quarter) 6.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. Rathborne 1. I. Windwood (first quarter 'inside') 2. D. Paice 3. B. Moore 4. J. Smart 5. S. A. Paice 6. L. Stilwell (cond.) 7. C. Denyer 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4. Also 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Windwood 1. E. Lonnen 2. E. R. Rapley 3. E. Treagus 4. S. A. Paice 5. L. Stilwell (cond.) 6. R. Overy 7. C. Denyer 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: V. Evans 1. I. Biggs 2. A. Cox 3. R. Blaby 4. R. Biggs 5. A. Newton 6. P. Newton (cond.) 7. R. Newton 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**HUNTINGDON.**—On Sept. 30th, at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1. J. R. G. Spicer 2. R. Peacock 3. C. J. Young 4. H. S. Peacock 5. S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**IFFLEY, OXON.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 180 Grandire): Christine Hall (first quarter) 1. J. Adams 2. D. Woodley 3. W. Fern 4. T. Bowles (first as cond.) 5. M. Harding 6.

**IRTON, CUMBERLAND.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. McKay 1. G. Tembey 2. J. A. Haile 3. F. J. Jackson (cond.) 4. G. McKay 5. A. R. Agg (first quarter of Major) 6. H. Wilson 7. S. Richardson 8.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: T. J. Clements 1. L. Clements 2. N. T. Nightingale 3. Mary Walshaw (cond.) 4. B. Walshaw 5. L. Pearson 6. K. Holmes 7. J. Wilson 8.

**MARDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: T. J. Pert (first quarter Triples) 1. P. Carter 2. V. L. A. Wallis 3. H. Dobell 4. S. G. Waters (first of Triples as cond.) 5. F. W. Mitchell 6. C. M. Claeys (first Triples 'inside') 7. T. Pert (first of Triples) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. A. Finch. M.A., late Vicar.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. White 1. R. Hazeldine 2. B. Madely 3. T. Price 4. A. Hickman 5. W. Tyler (cond.) 6. S. Hughes 7. F. Price 8.

**MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: C. Johnson 1. W. Wallington 2. C. Windram 3. E. Measures (first quarter as cond.) 4. G. Hollick 5. E. Sharp 6. W. Hector 7. T. Measures 8.

**MELDRETH, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Harpur 1. C. W. Cook 2. J. G. Gipson 3. R. Newell 4. S. Dash 5. F. Harper 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barrington 1. Miss J. Tattersall 2. F. Morris 3. F. W. Shcombe 4. L. Alderman 5. C. Tarr 6. A. H. Reed (cond.) 7. H. Commins 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 4, 5.

**NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandire): P. Millward 1. J. Ashcroft 2. R. A. Phillips 3. R. A. Clarke 4. G. A. Halls (first quarter as cond.) 5. J. Mawdesley, jun., 6.

**NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1. C. E. Wright 2. Miss D. Fleetwood 3. A. R. Chapman 4. C. E. Brown 5. F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss Brenda Chapman and Mr. M. Packer.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At St. Mary's on Oct. 3rd, 1,295 Grandire Caters: P. Preston 1. G. H. Clift 2. C. Glenn (cond.) 3. A. H. Ward 4. Canon R. F. Wilkinson 5. J. K. Wagstaff 6. F. Bradley 7. E. F. Gobey 8. W. Nichols 9. A. E. Hoodless 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Pailing.

**OTTERTSHAW, SURREY.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. J. Andrews 1. W. A. Goldstone 2. R. W. Monk 3. P. Underwood 4. D. Sleet (cond.) 5. W. Horn 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**PELSALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Derry 1. J. R. Terry 2. J. Gregory 3. P. D. Booth 4. R. C. Ingram (cond.) 5. W. Rowley 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

**PINCHBECK, Lincs.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Ames 1. C. C. Rawding 2. Miss G. D. Robinson 3. F. Taylor 4. A. D. Mills 5. H. Bennett 6. W. A. Richardson 7. S. E. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. M. Wayet, widow of a former Vicar.

**PROBUS, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Carveth 1. E. H. Eplett (first of Triples) 2. C. Drewitt 3. A. Newman 4. J. P. Blond 5. E. T. P. Field (first of Grandire Triples) 6. E. V. Williams (cond.) 7. P. R. C. Williams 8.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1. T. G. Dennis 2. G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3. F. J. Cheal 4. J. Hale 5. E. Naylor 6. W. J. Walker 7. B. Edward 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (being 360 Grandire, 360 St. Simon, 720 Plain): A. Walpole 1. J. Forder 2. S. Copling 3. G. Walpole 4. A. E. Long (cond.) 5. Rung for harvest festival.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—At St. John the Evangelist on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss F. Ilman 1. Miss M. Hunt 2. J. W. Knight 3. Miss E. Ilman 4. M. Jackson 5. C. Munt (cond.) 6. A. Streeter 7. 5 and 7 covering. Rung for the 108th anniversary of the dedication of the church and as a farewell to the conductor.

**SHENINGTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 each of Antelope and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandire): H. Bishop 1. J. Bishop 2. J. M. Stretton 3. E. E. Pearson 4. J. S. Walton (cond.) 5. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 3.

**SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. Peter's on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss J. Franklin (first quarter) 1. Miss V. Potter 2. J. Relf 3. P. Davis (cond.) 4. T. A. Blow 5. F. Jones 6. J. Hayward 7. W. Brownett 8.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss M. Stephens 1. J. Kemp 2. R. Piron 3. R. Stephens 4. C. Woodhead (cond.) 5. R. West.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. Kenyon (first of Triples) 1. Miss J. Hills 2. A. Reeve 3. Miss C. Chinnery 4. H. Chinnery 5. F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. A. Hammond 7. A. D. Howell 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,302 Grandire Triples: A. J. Batten (first quarter) 1. Winifred E. Chaplin (first 'inside') 2. A. A. Rackham 3. E. Elton 4. H. J. Dakin 5. G. Peers, jun. (cond.) 6. G. Peers, sen., 7. S. Dunkley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**TAXAL, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Rowbotham 1. Lillian Martin 2. G. Cook 3. G. Shaw 4. S. Depledge 5. G. H. Ashmore (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4. A wedding compliment to Fred Wild, captain of Taxal ringers, and Mrs. L. Dawson.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. H. Ware 1. R. J. Bowden 2. L. H. May 3. E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4. P. J. Mayne 5. E. Richards 6. J. D. Upton 7. A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. E. Payne 1. L. H. May 2. S. H. Green 3. L. E. Parris (cond.) 4. P. J. Mayne 5. R. J. Bowden 6. E. J. Taylor 7. J. D. Upton 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Saunders 1. J. Tomsett 2. R. Charge 3. C. W. R. Grimwood 4. S. Howard 5. J. Chapman 6. F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7. F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Canon Norman Hook) and Mrs. Hook.

**WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Roger 1. W. Clifton 2. J. Skinner 3. C. Deem (cond.) 4. F. Bastin 5. J. Deem 6. W. Hayman 7. J. Cox (first quarter) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Millington 1. E. Webster 2. W. Cathall 3. F. R. Evans (cond.) 4. A. Lea 5. J. M. Capper 6. D. Millward 7. A. Hodges 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss Rosemary Knox-Mawer and Mr. R. E. Evans (son of the conductor).



**DEVON RINGERS IN SOMERSET**

Ringers from Sidmouth, Woodbury, Broadclyst, Littleham, Exeter, Ottery St. Mary and Honiton had a half-day trip into Somerset on September 29th.

On crossing the border we were met by Mrs. Powell and the convoy of cars proceeded to Ditchat, where the fine ring of eight was rung to Grandshire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Saying 'Cheerio' to Mr. Lintern, we arrived at Evercreech, where several good touches of Grandshire Caters were brought home. Stedman Caters was not very successful. Mr. Sanger joined us in one of the touches, also one of the 12-year-old ringers, the latter handling his bell very well, especially in the lowering of the ten.

The spacious belfry of South Petherton was next on the list, and here good touches in various methods were rung on this heavy eight. Shepton Beauchamp, the last tower, was arrived at in the dark and ringing on this pleasant eight was much enjoyed.

Torrential rain had made the roads like rivers and we thought ourselves fortunate to drive out of the village. The water was rushing down the roads, several inches deep. All arrived home safely with the exception of one car which ran into a flooded patch, with unpleasant results, near Ilminster. The engine refused to oblige. Fortunately we managed to secure a tow into Honiton, where Mr. Owen Griffin was 'knocked up' at 12.15 a.m. He kindly towed us to within three miles of home, when the car started and we arrived at 1.30 a.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the tower masters who opened the towers for our pleasure.

E. W. R.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH****Winchester District**

In a welcome change of sunshine members and friends assembled at Ropley on October 6th for the third quarterly meeting of the year. These light and easy-going bells were soon being rung to a variety of standard and not-so-standard methods until the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Were.

Tea in the Vicarage was kindly provided by Miss D. Were. At the meeting the chairman welcomed the several visitors present and expressed the members' appreciation of the Rev. P. Were's and Miss D. Were's kindness and hospitality.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that repair work was being carried out in the belfry of Cheriton Church and it was expected that these bells would be heard again next year. He also reported that Guild certificates were available. One new ringing, two honorary and two compounding members were elected.

It was decided that the November practice meeting should be held at Preston Candover with, if possible, one or two adjacent towers of the Basingstoke District, and the December meeting at New Alresford. Members then adjourned to the belfries of Ropley and Bishop's Sutton for further ringing.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

A meeting held on September 22nd at Walton-on-Thames was well attended, ten Surrey towers being represented, besides various visitors. A short service was held by the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Melville). Some 35 ringers sat down to tea, provided by the local ringers' wives, and were joined by the Vicar and other church officials.

Mr. F. A. Collins opened the meeting and announced with regret the death of Mr. R. Pethybridge.

One ringing member, two honorary members and three non-resident members were elected.

Further ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, till 8 p.m.

R. L.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****Memorial Service to Harold Pailing**

At the meeting at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on October 6th, a service was held in memory of the late vice-chairman of the Guild, Mr. Harold Pailing. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Inglis, and the address was given by the Guild's chairman, Canon Wilkinson.

In his address Canon Wilkinson laid stress on the unselfish life of service of Mr. Pailing, particularly how he gave his life in an effort to avoid disappointment among those who had come to practise that evening. Special prayers were said for Mrs. Pailing and her sons.

At the meeting which followed, letters were read concerning the opening of a fund to assist Mrs. Pailing. This was agreed upon.

Anyone wishing to subscribe may send a donation to one of the following:—

Canon R. F. Wilkinson, West Bridgford Rectory, Nottingham; Mr. W. Nicholls, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham; Mr. J. W. Raithby, 205, London Road, Balderston, Newark; or to one of the Southwell Guild District secretaries.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Halvergate on September 29th and fine weather brought an attendance of 41 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Wibrow, Vicar of Halvergate, and tea was served in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Vicar, invited by Mr. E. R. Goate, presided. A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. W. J. Lee.

The following members were elected:—Rev. H. P. Smith, Michael Devenish, W. Long, James King, Basil Brindley (Blofield) probationers; Mrs. Lena Donnelly (Forncett), Mrs. H. W. Barrett (Loddon), Mr. H. Porter, Mr. J. Cable (Norton Subcourse) honorary members; ratification of belfry election prior to peal of Miss D. R. Fletcher and Miss E. Fletcher (Beaconsfield).

The next meeting will be at Catfield on November 10th. Mr. E. R. Goate proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and Mr. W. de Volle for arranging the tea. Ringing was resumed after the meeting in methods to suit all.

J. H.

**THE KEMPSTON RINGERS**

It was our 'At Home' day on September 29th and in view of it being a departure from the normal routine of local Association meetings we must confess that we were rather nervous about it.

The day's activities began with two quarter peals rung at neighbouring churches; these were arranged for visiting ringers wishing to make a complete day of it.

Ringling at our tower on the eight bells (tenor 17½ cwt., cast by Hugh Wates in 1603) started at 2.30, and our leader, Pearl Inskip, was able to find a band to meet most people's requirements—an exception was Bristol Surprise, when it was discovered that 'one more was wanted inside.' After two hours' ringing a service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. John.

Kempston has a reputation for good teas and obviously the meal provided was not the exception that proves the rule. We must thank our wives and mothers for the remarkable variety of sandwiches and cakes that they provided for the 50 hungry ringers.

Another short session in the belfry was followed by the great experiment—a social evening. The first part consisted of games and a ringers' Brains Trust, this latter event producing great hilarity at the answers to 'The ideal belfry and ringing chamber,' and 'What does the "old hand" think of the coming generation?' After refreshments the company was entertained by the younger ringers who performed two sketches and gave a musical interlude on handbells.

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ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE—Owing to tower restoration, no ringing until further notice. Practice will be held at Thurcaston on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey. 9652

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**MEETINGS**

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby 3 p.m., Saturday, October 20th.—Peter W. Semmens. Hon. Sec. 9649

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Royal Hotel, Bridge Street (2s. per head) 4.15. Evensong 5.30 with business meeting to follow in church.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9617

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). —J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9638

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, October 20th. Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 3 to 4.30 at Cathedral Church (8), St. Mary's (6) and Merrow (6). Short service in Crypt Chapel of New Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Dinner tickets 10s. 6d. from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough. 9661

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash (8), October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 9605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in



the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 9583

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9634

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Stratton Audley (5), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9609

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30-3.45; Hillingdon, St. John's (10) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. John's Hall, at 2s. each. Social evening in St. John's Hall, from 7.30 p.m. 9573

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD**.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Polebrook, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. —P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9635

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 9561

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Holbrook and Harkstead, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Essex friends invited 9620

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**.—Annual general meeting, October 20th. Ringing: Feltham 2.30-3.30 and Sunbury 4-5.15. Service 5.20. Tea, followed by meeting, at Keystone Cafe. 9598

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9621

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock; cups of tea provided, bring own food. The meeting is a joint one with the Selby and District Society. —H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9618

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Silverdale Hall 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Ringing again after meeting. Nomination of officers. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—A. B. Peck, 9619

**ASHTON-U-LYNE SOCIETY**.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on October 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting following tea. All welcome.—E. Walker. 9651

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly, at Maperton, October 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 9610

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly at Congresbury, Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in The White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 9645

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, October 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea must be received by 23rd.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9665

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Wirksworth (8), Saturday, October 27th. Tea for those notifying, by 24th, Mr. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth.—Dennis Scott and Maurice Bailey. 9616

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT**.—Meeting at Thorne (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail to Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 9648

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Newburn. St. Michael's, Saturday, October 27th. Names for tea to Mr. G. McGuigan, 83, Sutton Dwellings, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—C. T. Lamb, Sec. 9633

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Ely, Cambs and Hunts Districts) with **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD**.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 9646

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Rayne (6), Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 9623

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Bristol Rural and Wotton-under-Edge Branches.—Joint meeting at Almondsbury (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Bells until 9 p.m. Tea notifications immediately, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9636

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please notify for tea.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9642

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Quedgley (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) certain by October 23rd. Note new address.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9664

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, October 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mrs. A. Lacey, Sandy Lane, Hawley. Ringing at Yorktown (8) in the evening.—R. H. Mills (for Hon. Sec.). 9639

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Harberton, near Totnes, Saturday, October 27th. Usual arrangements. —A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9643

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Fore Street, Silverton. 9647

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Suttons Hall. Names for tea by Monday, October 22nd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9603

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea provided. Names for tea, before October 24th, to W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9655

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9662

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Meeting at Burley on October 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Members take own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9663

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 23rd, to Mr. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 9622

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Monday, October 22nd.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 9659

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, St. Martin's, October 27th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea most essential by October 22nd.—G. S. Bush, 18 Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9614

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.—W. Hacker. 9650

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, Ixworth, October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by the 26th, to E. W. Bishop, 10, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 9653

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—General meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints', 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Searles Cafe, King Street, only for those notifying, by October 26th, Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. St. Peter's immediately following business. St. Gregory's 7 p.m.—Cecil W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 9660

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Saturday, October 27th. Tower open 2.30. A Memorial Plaque in memory of the late Mr. J. Sinden, of Battle, will be dedicated at service, 4.15 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea, not later October 24th, to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9644

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

**MITCHAM**.—Ringers' Service at Christ Church, Colliers Wood, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Six bells. All welcome. 9604

**BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**.—Dedication of restored bells by Canon R. F. Wilkinson on Wednesday, October 31st, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. M. White. 9637

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Wenden (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9657

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, November 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9640

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Ruskington (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 9658

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, November 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, October 30th.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9641

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—314th anniversary, Saturday, November 10th. Ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Chairman: The Master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 13s. 6d. Other ringing to be announced later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9654



## OUTING

### READING AND NEWBURY

Saturday, September 29th—the feast of Michaelmas—was favoured with the finest weather since July, a real bright spot at the end of an extremely wet and dull week, and following a particularly damp Friday.

In spite of early meanderings, Petersfield was reached five minutes ahead of schedule and the bells were raised in peal and, after everyone had had a pull, lowered in peal.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was then visited and the bells were soon set going to Stedman, Grand-sire and Cambridge. The top of this fine tower proved a formidable rival to ringing and after the ringing had degenerated almost to Triples without a tenor, a clarion call was sent up to bring down enough members to ring a course of London, 'Provide your own lunch' being the order of the day, members then dispersed, re-assembling at 1.15 p.m. to take the coach for Portsmouth Cathedral. These grand bells were unanimously voted the best ring of the day.

Fareham was then visited, and after the ringing a sumptuous tea was taken at a nearby cafe. The next stop was Curdridge, a fine old eight, although rather noisy in the ringing room. They then proceeded to North Stoneham, the last tower of the day. An attempt was made to raise this light ring of ten (tenor 9 cwt.) in peal. The back three bells were manned by the same three doughty lads who had previously raised the back three at Curdridge (tenor 26 cwt.). One or two hefty pulls, and lo! up went the eighth rope, and the ringer nearly emulated the performance of his sister at Norwich. However, upon inspection it was found that the slider block falling out of place had saved the stay, and after raising the bells—this time in a more careful manner (singly), the bells were rung to Stedman Caters, Grandsire and Cambridge Royal.

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## THE CHARM OF STEDMAN

SOME years ago I was asked by a ringing friend, 'Why on earth do you ring so much Stedman? Surely you must be bored to tears half the time.' Since then Spliced Surprise has come more and more into favour, but Stedman still retains pride of place with me, certainly on twelve and ten, possibly even on eight bells. Comparatively simple though the method may be, it is only after years of acquaintance with it that all its beauties and advantages over other methods can be appreciated. The taste for Stedman, like the taste for peal ringing, increases the more it is indulged, and all who ring enough of it will eventually realise the truth of the statement that Stedman Cinques is the finest music possible on church bells.

To realise this, however, one must become so familiar with the method that the bell can be left almost to ring itself; then the ringer can listen with enjoyment to the course-ends with the big bells together at the back, to them next coursing down to the front, then alternately parting company to work with the little bells, then gradually coming together again and coursing up to the back to produce the climax of the next course-end. And when the course-end is perfectly produced surely all but the deaf must feel a thrill that no other ringing can give.

In the middle of the course also, especially in the tittums, there is some excellent music. The 'six' with 8 and 9 dodging together in 8/9 with the fourths-place bell in 10-11 with the eleventh sounds very fine (strangely enough its effect is increased if the eighth 'clips' the ninth slightly at back stroke and the fourth also holds up just a little, although breaking the rules!), followed by 8 and 11 together up behind. Sometimes, too, after ringing for some time the back bells will seem to fade into the distance, and the small bells will stand out prominently with charming effect as they course each other. The 'hand-stroke home' position is not so pleasing in the middle of the course, but the development of the course-end, the run round at hand in the following six, and then 8 and 10 dodging together in 10/11 bring ample compensation.

The music of Stedman Caters is produced in similar fashion, but naturally on a somewhat diminished scale. By putting the sixth into seconds-place the middle of the course is improved, but the course-ends are disappointing.

Whether Stedman Caters are superior, equal or inferior to Grandsire Caters musically is a question that is often debated. In Grandsire the big bells retain their coursing throughout; in Stedman each change, be it one of the more or one of the less musical, is produced three times in close succession by the method's very nature. This effect can also be achieved in Grandsire by ringing short courses with calls at three successive lead-ends (four in Cinques).

Musical touches of Stedman Triples can, of course, be obtained of almost any length desired, favourites being those with 7 & 4 and 4 & 6 dodging in 6/7. This quality, shared also by Caters and Cinques, makes the method ideal for Sunday service ringing. The regular blow of the covering tenor, too, gives a finish or polish to the changes that renders the ringing more attractive to the non-ringing congregation than even-bell methods, however well struck.

Part of the appeal of change ringing, as hinted above, is undoubtedly psychological. In this respect no other method can equal Stedman. As the end of the course approaches there should be a growing sense of anticipation, coupled with even greater care to maintain the rhythm. Then there is a feeling of satisfaction and achievement. And if, as may sometimes happen, some silly ass spoils it, there is disappointment and perhaps irritation, rapidly succeeded by the thought, 'He'll get it right next time.'

F. E. H.

## IRISH ENTERPRISE

MOST members of the Central Council have met Mr. F. E. Dukes, who for a number of years has been one of the representatives of the Irish Association, and they will wish him well in his new honorary post as editor of 'The Irish Bell News,' the journal of the Irish Association of Change Ringers. This typescript journal made its first appearance this week and is to be published quarterly for the present at 2s. 6d. per annum (apply Mr. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda).

'Irish Bell News' is essentially a news sheet—some 21 towers have sent in details of their activities—and there is a strong personal touch throughout its pages. Northern Ireland's fine work in connection with the Festival of Britain has been referred to in our pages, and it is pleasing to note that Mr. and Mrs. Rogan and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody attended the Royal Garden Party at Stormont,



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	JOHN A. CRAMPION .. 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 10
CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Maximus. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas G. Fox, past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Miss Ansley Bowers, whose marriage took place at Goring, Sussex, the same day.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 7
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3	*SAMUEL BIRCH .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 6	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\*First peal on twelve bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

## TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 2	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 8
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Composed by W. D. CROFT.

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\*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Kent Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DEREK ASTON .. .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5
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IVOR GOULTER .. .. 3	LESLIE ASTON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 4	WILFRED FOLEY .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Rung for the patronal festival.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*TOM BRETT-SMITH .. .. Treble	*ALLISON PURDOM .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	A. RONALD LING .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\*First peal in the method. In honour of the marriage this day at Tunstall of Rev. P. T. Robbins and Miss Betty Spice, daughter of the hon. general secretary of this Association.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 5 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 10368 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

WALTER G. SOAR .. .. Treble	*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

\*First peal in the method. The longest length of London Surprise Major rung in the diocese.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. WARD .. .. Treble	J. ADIE .. .. 5
ROGER R. SAVORY .. .. 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 6
GEORGE R. MORRIS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. 7
RALPH HARRIS .. .. 4	R. STANLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 each of Rutland and London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
*FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	*HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
WILFRED F. MORETON .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\*First peal of Spiced Surprise in six methods. First peal of Spiced Surprise in six methods for the Guild.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	HARRY WILD .. .. 5
PAUL BIRKETT .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
GEORGE W. TURNER .. 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 7
JOHN PEARSON .. .. 4	*SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\*100th peal

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 6
DENNIS MADDOCK .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 4	FRANK VARTY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. T. Baker, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire.



## GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR G. PIPER .. .. Treble	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. .. 2	CHARLES W. WILLMINGTON .. 6
*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. .. 7
WALTER H. SMITH .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON .. .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 7
JOHN HILL .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

## CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*STEWART J. ROBINSON .. Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 5
†A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 2	HARRY MILES .. .. 6
JAMES BLOND .. .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 7
MARION L. LIDGEY .. .. 4	JAMES C. NORTHEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells. Rung to mark the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells and Miss Elizabeth White's fifty years' service with one family.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

A birthday compliment to Yvonne Staniforth, sister of the conductor.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 7
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN WHITEHORN .. .. Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. .. 5
GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN .. .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. .. 6
MICHAEL LAYTON .. .. 3	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 7
GILLIAN A. SMITH .. .. 4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY .. .. Tenor

Adapted from J. CARTER.

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal.

## HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 5
†DAVID KINGSTON .. .. 2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fox and for 25th wedding anniversary of H. Ranzetta.

## ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Variation of No. 147 (C.C.C.)

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

CYRIL A. HURST .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 2	ROBERT H. BROOKER .. .. 6
CHARLES W. COOK .. .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. 7
GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

R. ALLEN HICKTON .. Treble	†D. J. MARSHALL .. .. 5
WM. E. SIMPSON .. .. 2	ALFRED MOULD .. .. 6
*MISS A. M. HOBBS .. .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. .. 7
T. W. ROBINSON .. .. 4	H. F. MAKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A welcome to Adrian Spencer, son of C. Wm. Bond, of St. Peter's Derby, born during the week.

## READING, BERKSHIRE.

## NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	CHARLES H. PULLEN .. .. 5
RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 2	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	GEORGE E. CLODE .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

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



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

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
\* 300th peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 5
*HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	†ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. .. 7
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.  
\* 100th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Surprise Major.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG .. .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 5
*ROBERT BROWN .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods. Rung in honour of the installation as Archdeacon of Lincoln of the Rev. K. Healey, Rector of Algarkirk.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of three 720's of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DIANA ARNOLD .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS COLLINS .. .. 4
ROBERT LESTER .. .. 2	MAX PAGE .. .. 5
DEREK WOODWARD .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX PAGE.

\* First peal. First peal in two methods by all. M. Page has now rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods. Rung for harvest festival.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Oct. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. 4
*P. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 2	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	†BERT BOGLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

GREAT PONTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one 720 each of Hurdibras, April Day, Plain Bob and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Treble	†THOMAS W. CHARITY .. 3
†FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	†H. REGINALD WOODS .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in five Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Norwich, Bourn and Cambridge. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Treble	LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 4
PETER W. CROFT .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT .. .. 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. .. 3	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Wolfe (83), a local ringer interred this day.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 1,440 Cambridge, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. .. Treble	ALBERT CLEMENTS .. .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. .. 3	ROBERT H. BROOKER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. James Ransom, former sexton and 50 years a bellringer. R.I.P.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising seven extents in 17 methods, with 81 changes of method, viz.: (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden, (2) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (3) Hereward, Single Oxford, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 17 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN MAWDESLEY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 4
IAN JONES .. .. 2	*GORDON HALLS .. .. 5
RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4
EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

\* 25th peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Wass, churchwarden, also to Alan Charlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Charlton, of Hinckley.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, eight of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's Morris's, and four 240's Pitman's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROY HOLPIN .. .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 4
LESLIE BARRY .. .. 2	CHARLES WATTS .. .. 5
D. MARY DREW .. .. 3	RONALD COX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. F. Burlton.



## DOWNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

One extent each of Netherseale, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MICHAEL FULLER .. .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 2	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all and on the bells. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. E. W. E. Fraser.

## DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*A. D. R. KER (Clare) .. Treble	A. R. GUY (Jesus) .. .. 4
R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*KEITH MUNNS (15) .. Treble	*ROLAND C. MORLEY (18) 4
*JAMES MORLEY (15) .. 2	*GEORGE RAMPLEY .. .. 5
JOHN W. PICKETT .. .. 3	*ANTHONY DOGGETT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE RAMPLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A compliment to J. W. Pickett, formerly churchwarden and captain of the local band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent and Oxford Spliced, and two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE .. .. 4
H. WALTER SMITH .. .. 2	GEORGE SCHLUETER .. .. 5
WALTER LITTLE .. .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2	NORMAN HOUGH .. .. 5
DAVID SMITH .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung for the harvest festival and as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hough, sen., leader of the tower.

## RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARK .. .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. R. PARKER.



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## STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

*HARRY J. GAYLARD .. Treble	*JACK W. DREW .. 4
*MRS. E. S. POWELL .. 2	HARRY G. KEELEY .. 5
†ROGER KEELEY .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\*First peal of Surprise. †First peal of Minor in the method.  
First peal of Cambridge Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GRANSDEN .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 4
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
CECIL C. BISHOP .. 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

\*Fiftieth peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. H. M. A. Clark as Vicar of Upchurch.

## WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 4
RICHARD WILSON .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
*NORMAN J. SMITH .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

\*First peal of Minor in more than one method. A wedding compliment to Thomas G. Fox and Ansley Bowers.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*R. R. NOGARE (Adel) .. 1-2	PHILIP L. COOPER (Adel) .. 5-6
JOAN GRAY (Oxon) .. 3-4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY (Lond.) 7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.  
\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major 'in hand' to be rung in Australia and first peal in Australia for the Universities Association.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Oct. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
HARRY POYNTER .. 3-4	*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
\*First handbell peal. Tenor size 14 in C.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 74, HOOKFIELD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

RUTH M. HOW .. 1-2	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 3-4	GILLIAN R. BRITAIN .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

## IFFLEY, OXON.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. 1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5-6
ELIZABETH M. ROE .. 3-4	*FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7-8

†PETER BORDER .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.  
\*First peal of Royal 'in hand.' †First peal 'in hand,' and first peal of Royal. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Betty Spice (ex-Master of the Society) and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH



# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. J. Tesson 1, Miss M. I. Kennelly 2, A. P. Cave 3, Miss B. E. Lloyd Roberts 4, R. J. Stokes (first of Major 'inside') 5, L. C. I. Watson 6, I. H. Trueman 7, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 3 and 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol.

**BEOLEY, WORCS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Jackson (cond.) 1, J. Merrell (first quarter) 2, W. Gethin 3, E. Wilson 4, R. Wilson 5, H. Balls 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Betty Wilson and Mr. Martin Hudson, the bride being the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

**BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Baker (first quarter) 1, G. Winter 2, W. A. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, G. Oram 8. **BITON, GLOS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Ann Clarke 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfry 3, F. J. Sampson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, H. L. Parfry 6, W. F. Webb 7, R. O. Fry (cond.) 8. First quarter peal in the method by all except ringers of 5 and 8.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Dewey 1, Lorna Briggs 2, A. Freeston 3, S. Jessop 4, D. White 5, F. Leggett 6, R. Brown (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung for the harvest festival, also a birthday compliment to the wife of the treble ringer.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: L. Muller 1, F. J. Hannington 2, T. Ycomans 3, G. Francis (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 4, J. Davies 5, A. R. Price 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10. Rung for harvest festival.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Heywood's Variation): R. W. Skinner 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, G. K. Jarrett 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, C. J. Norris 5, R. E. Norris 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, H. Springate 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, Miss E. W. Keys 2, F. Lewis (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. T. Finney 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8. For the Cathedral dedication festival, at which special thanksgiving was offered for the £40,000 restoration just completed.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. John the Baptist's on Oct. 8th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: G. Lodge 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, C. Parks 5, P. Humphries 6, E. Razzell 7, W. Oatway 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 11, F. E. Collins 12. First quarter of Cinques by 3 and 6.

**DERBY.**—At the Cathedral on Oct. 7th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. B. Stennit 1, Miss K. I. Tivey 2, G. Freebrey 3, M. J. Barker 4, J. A. Constant 5, P. H. Whitaker 6, A. E. Thompson 7, H. Taylor 8, F. R. Lowe 9, J. E. Wilkinson 10. A compliment to Miss K. I. Tivey and J. F. Wilkinson, members of the Cathedral company, on their engagement. Also a farewell to J. F. Wilkinson, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6. Rung for harvest evensong.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Fulwell 1, J. C. Birt 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. Ellis (cond.) 7, T. E. Davies 8. For harvest festival.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gill Bishop 1, J. Gordon 2, H. K. White 3, M. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, A. Woodley 8.

**ELTHAM, S.E.9.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming 2, J. Hurrell 3, G. Daynes 4, F. W. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**EVEDEEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss Reeve 4, W. Paul 5, W. Bowers 6, T. Stagg 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At St. Thomas', on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Howe 1, J. Hosgood 2, F. Wreford 3, F. Willis 4, C. P. Yates 5, R. Truman 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. Willey 8. First of Stedman for 3, 4 and 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Soffley (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Lewis 2, E. N. Harrison (first quarter as cond.) 3, Miss K. Soffley (first quarter) 4, K. Arthur 5, T. W. Crowe 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, T. Sewell 8. A 16th birthday compliment to J. A. Ainsworth.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. A. Harland (first quarter) 1, C. W. Haslop 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. N. Atkinson 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. R. Waller 7, T. N. Tindale 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, C. Denness 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Callaway (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. For harvest festival.

**HALLOW, WORCS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Collins 1, A. Morgan 2, J. Gwillam 3, R. G. Morris (first quarter as cond.) 4, F. Griffiths 5, F. Pugh 6, T. Green 7, F. Hyde (first of Triples) 8.

**HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Goddard 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hillier 4, Bert Ridout 5, W. Trevett 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charlie Cluett (ringing member) and Mrs. Molly I. Hutton.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): E. Saunders 1, W. J. Chester 2, M. Saunders 3, W. Yates (cond.) 4, E. Lines 5, H. Batchelor 6. A farewell to the Rev. James Cornelius Morrice. First quarter on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Johnson 1, Miss M. J. Rowland 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. Thomas 4, R. Freeman 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6, P. Harris 7, E. Rowland 8. Rung for the ordination of John Oswald Champion, son of the Rev. F. C. Champion, Rector of Hinton.

**HORNSEY, LONDON.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hille (first quarter) 1, R. P. Crump 2, Miss E. M. Fadden 3, W. G. Kingston 4, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 5, J. E. Crump 6. For harvest festival.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich: V. Evans 1, I. Biggs 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Cox 4, A. Newton 5, E. Timpon 6, P. Newton 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

**KEELE, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Nicklin 1, D. Bourne 2, R. T. Barlow (cond.) 3, O. M. Slaney 4, J. Beardmore 5, J. Ford 6. First quarter of Doubles by all except the conductor.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary J. Funnell (first quarter) 1, Betty E. Strutt 2, E. W. Blake 3, H. W. Haslam 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, N. J. Goodman 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8. Rung for the opening of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, Miss D. Fleetwood 2, H. Worboys 3, J. Carrott 4, G. Proctor (first quarter) 5, S. Penfold 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, H. Roome 8. For harvest festival.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—At St. Mary's on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Beresford 1, G. E. Oliver 2, Joan Beresford 3, W. Cope 4, F. A. Sedgwick 5, W. J. Cope 6, P. Beresford (cond.) 7, M. N. Culling 8. Rung for the harvest festival and a welcome home quarter to Mr. W. Cope.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, A. W. Coles (cond.) 3, F. A. Barker 4, W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. A. Hilton 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**MAPERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. McCreedy 1, J. F. Hatchley 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, Miss Daphne Webb 4, D. V. Gare 5, P. Sparkes (cond.) 6.

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. Poval 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, W. Fernley 3, B. Jones 4, Miss S. Cain 5, J. Fernley (cond.) 6, R. E. Jones 7, J. W. Hartley 8. A birthday compliment to Carol Fernley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fernley.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kitney 1, H. Manuel 2, P. R. Jemmett 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, Miss E. S. Wyles 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, C. J. Eades 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, T. E. Eades 2, C. J. Eades 3, Miss E. S. Wyles 4, H. Manuel 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, D. E. Eades 8. For harvest festival.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elsie K. Fulton 1, H. Carter 2, A. W. Coles (cond.) 3, H. G. Hart 4, W. Brooker 5, H. Adams 6, J. Wm. Cotton 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Mounfield 4, G. Bush 5, J. Kemp (Hertford) 6, L. Hadman 7, W. Barker 8. For the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to S. Goakes.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, at St. Mary's, Portssea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, L. Duguid 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. W. Burnett 4, S. J. Harding (first quarter of Stedman) 5, A. F. Burbridge 6, J. D. Harris (cond.) 7, T. H. Macey 8.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Scott 1, C. Brasier 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 4, E. Russell (first quarter for 30 years) 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, W. Rogers 8.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—At St. Andrew's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hunt 1, C. Underwood 2, J. Underwood 3, T. Pittham 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Townsend (first quarter, age 13) 1, H. Sharatt 2, J. H. Joyner 3, J. R. Joyner 4, A. J. Townsend (cond.) 5, C. A. Brass 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Birt, for many years a ringer at St. Augustine's, who was interred earlier that day.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Clark 1, D. E. Cattell 2, R. Stoddard (first quarter in the method) 3, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 4, W. J. Nudds 5, W. Wenban 6, J. Rootes 7, C. Wenban 8.

**ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Short 1, D. Martindale 2, J. A. Haile 3, G. McKay 4, F. J. Jackson 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, T. McKay tenor. For harvest festival.

**ST. IVES, HANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,368 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Chapman 1, H. Brooks 2, A. J. Print 3, K. R. Holtom 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, V. B. Hunt 6, T. Lyne 7, H. Huxley 8, F. C. Lyne 9, E. Goode 10. For harvest festival. First quarter of Caters for 2, 4 and 7.

**SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, G. Allum 3, J. Greenwood (first quarter) 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, C. James 6. For harvest festival.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, Miss M. C. Payne 5, H. Humphreys 6, H. M. Payne 7, E. F. Payne 8. For harvest festival.

**THAMES DITTON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Jones-Walker 1, Mrs. H. Hawthorne 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, F. W. Wicks 6. For harvest festival.

**THETFORD, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sharpe 1, S. Atkins 2, Miss Reeve 3, W. Paul 4, T. Stagg 5, W. Bowers 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Fuller 8. For harvest festival.

**TIDENHAM, MON.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. L. Fitzgerald 1, J. E. Morgan (first of Minor) 2, Jacqueline S. Evans 3, D. S. Voss 4, D. G. Clarke 5, D. J. King (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method on the bells.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, S. G. Day 2, Miss P. Holloway 3, L. Hall 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6, H. Smith 7, F. Wigmore 8. For harvest festival.

**UPAVON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. G. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, J. Keddle 6. A farewell compliment to J. Keddle, who is leaving the district.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, C. F. Neal 8.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, A. Elsmore 3, H. T. Higgins 4, A. Botterill 5, A. T. Dutton 6, E. T. Smith 7, G. W. Hughes 8, B. Woolley 9, A. M. Pickering 10. For harvest festival.

**WALTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Prime 1, N. Stevens 2, W. Cavill (cond.) 3, I. Hillburn 4, E. Skinner 5. Believed to be the first quarter at the above tower.

**WARFIELD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. D. Millard 1, W. Ellis 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, T. Davies (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

**WARSPOT, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Dobb 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob 1 and 2.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At All Saints' on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clark 1, R. Ellis 2, J. Cooper 3, W. Peart 4, E. Parish 5, W. Partridge (cond.) 6, A. Mills 7, F. Pickering 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford and 552 Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Anne Holmes 1, Hildegarde Bird 2, A. S. Richards 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. Cannell 6.

**WICKWAD, GLOS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Nation 1, Miss M. Drew 2, Miss J. Barbrooke 3, H. V. Robinson 4, C. Watts 5, F. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung after the marriage of Mr. E. Pratt and Miss H. Jones, local ringers.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Burton 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott 3, Miss B. Succamore (age 14, first of Major) 4, W. Mellin 5, D. Portway 6, S. Bones 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Janice Simms (age 13, first quarter) 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott 3, W. Mellin 4, C. Burton 5, D. Portway 6, W. S. Butler 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.



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ties and Associations will follow their example.  
We are confident that if the necessary drive is  
forthcoming we shall start 1952 with the 1,000  
new postal subscribers.

By ringing the third to a peal of Minor at  
Bobbing on September 12th, E. Naylor 'com-  
pleted the circle.'

The dedication of Ash Priors, Somerset, is  
Holy Trinity, and not as stated in the peal re-  
port on page 645.

It was Mrs. A. S. Roberts and not 'Mr.' who  
stood in the unsuccessful peal at Kea during  
the recent Cornish tour, as reported in the  
story last week.

Earl Shilton ringers and ringers from  
Barwell and Stoney Stanton recently accepted an  
invitation from the Tamworth (Staffs) ringers  
and spent an enjoyable evening in their  
company. The bells were rung to various  
methods before retiring to a local hall where a  
concert by vocalists and handbell ringers had  
been arranged. Mr. G. Newton thanked the  
local captain, Mr. G. Peers, jun., for the warm  
hospitality afforded them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, of Canterbury,  
celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on  
October 11th, in a true ringers' fashion. There  
was a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor on St.  
Dunstan's bells by Mrs. E. Philpott 1, Mrs. G.  
Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4,  
Mrs. B. Chatfield (conductor) 5, B. Luck 6.  
The band was afterwards entertained by Mr.  
and Mrs. Stockbridge at their home. Thanks  
are due to Mrs. B. Luck, who stepped in at a  
few minutes' notice, owing to the indisposition  
of one of the intended band.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Just one Irish story from  
the 'Irish Bell News':  
Two Gardai sent to keep  
a midnight watch on the belfry at Crooke, Co.  
Waterford, Catholic Church, where for the past  
few weeks the bell had been ringing mys-  
teriously about 2 a.m., 'arrested' the culprit,  
which turned out to be a pet monkey that had  
escaped from a travelling show which had been  
in the area recently!

A correspondent writes: In the obituary  
notice of the late Mr. Marshall, of Lamber-  
hurst, it states that he took part in the first  
peal of Major on Tenterden bells in 1912. James  
Barham rang the first peal of Major on these  
bells in 1771 and the 1912 peal is recorded in  
the Kent County Association report as the first  
peal of Major on them since that date.

Mr. J. E. Cawser writes: The footnote to the  
peal of Yorkshire at Chudleigh should be 'First  
peal in the method on the bells,' and not as  
sent in. The error was mine and I apologise  
to Mr. Cannon. I believe there is a record of  
the peal of Cambridge in the tower, but in any  
case I knew one had been rung there and had  
failed to notice the error when checking over  
the details.

Mr. I. Emery wishes to thank all who kindly  
assisted him in getting together a band of oc-  
togenarians to attempt a peal last Saturday,  
which was unfortunately lost after one hour's  
ringing. But having again obtained permission,  
it is hoped to make another attempt early next  
year.

A reader who missed her usual Sunday even-  
ing ringing on account of indisposition has  
expressed to us her pleasure the television  
broadcast of the ringing at Leeds Parish Church  
on October 13th gave her. The reception in  
the south was very good.

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# JOHN S. GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER

FOUNDER OF 'RINGING WORLD'S' GREAT SERVICE—LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS: APPEAL FOR UNDERSTANDING—INSURANCE OF RINGERS—URGE FOR 1,000 NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS—ST. MARY'S, GUILDFORD: 50 YEARS ON

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner commemorating the name of John Sparkes Goldsmith, founder of 'The Ringing World' and first secretary of the Guild, on Saturday, was one of the most successful functions in the history of the Guild.

Previous to the dinner there was ringing on the Cathedral bells and also St. Mary's, Guildford, and in the Crypt Chapel at the new Cathedral, a short service commemorating the life of Mr. Goldsmith was held. This was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Doe, the lessons being read by Mr. A. C. Hazelden. The only bell at the new Cathedral was given by the ringers of the Diocese as a memorial to Mr. Goldsmith. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Major were rung on handbells by Colin A. Hopper 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. A. Munday 5-6, T. M. White 7-8.

The dinner at the Lion Hotel was attended by a company numbering 119. The tables were profusely decorated with chrysanthemums, the gifts of the Master (Mr. A. Harman) and Mr. Cheeseman.

Canon R. G. Clitherow presided and Mr. C. W. Denyer, who was M.C. for the evening, and with Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. D. Mills and Mr. G. S. Joyce was responsible for organising the event, read apologies from the Bishop of Guildford, the Vicar of Aldershot, Mr. G. S. Joyce (who was in Paris on business), Mr. W. Shepherd (Addlestone), Mr. C. E. Smith and Mr. H. A. May (Ringing Master of the Guildford District).

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild.' It was entrusted to an old friend of Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. W. J. Paice, who recalled his earliest meeting with Mr. Goldsmith well over 40 years ago, before 'The Ringing World' was started. Mr. Goldsmith had the happy knack of knowing not only what was a good thing for ringers but also had the knowledge and ability in making those ideas suitable to the times.

It was along with Mr. Grover that he first met him at a ringing meeting which Mr. Goldsmith had organised with great thoroughness. As a ringing journalist Mr. Goldsmith used his talents in founding 'The Ringing World' and still one could not read the journal without thinking about the founder. He ventured to hope that the Guild would take no unworthy part in bringing about the increased revenue needed by the journal to-day.

## PIONEER, GUIDE AND COUNSELLOR

They also thought about Mr. Goldsmith in the formation of the Guildford Guild. It was no easy task after the division of the Winchester Diocese to form the Guildford Guild and they were exceedingly fortunate in having a man like Jack Goldsmith to be its organiser and first secretary. He was pioneer, guide and counsellor to the new Guild. 'I am glad and proud to propose such a toast,' concluded Mr. Paice.

The Master (Mr. A. Harman) acknowledged the toast on behalf of the Guild, and expressed the hope that the company would have an enjoyable evening.

The toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise' was submitted by Mr. T. W. White. We were living, he said, in an age of substitutes when people imagined that by 'turning on a knob' there was a substitute for corporate worship. With the majority the only time the Church entered into the lives of individuals was on those three momentous occasions in life—baptism, marriage and death—with perhaps an odd Christmas Day, Harvest Thanks-

giving or Remembrance Day thrown in. The fundamental purpose of the Ringing Exercise was to give a constant reminder to the community at large, and particularly to the millions who had been admitted to His Church by baptism, of the call to worship. In that direction, they as a Guild rejoiced that since the last dinner the bells of the old Saxon Church of St. Mary, of which their chairman was in charge, had been rung, and Sunday by Sunday gave their message to the people of Guildford, not with the full-throatedness of the eight in the Cathedral, but with the mellowness of old bells telling of a glorious heritage of the continuity of worship to Almighty God for more than 900 years.

## QUESTIONS OF THE MOMENT

Regarding the second part of the toast, the Ringing Exercise, there were three questions of immediate concern. The first was that the new ring of twelve at Liverpool Cathedral, the finest addition to the Exercise since the war, was only to be rung for special occasions. To imagine that that vast agglomeration of metal could be handled without constant practice passed human comprehension. These bells had been given to the glory of God; that their voice should only be heard on State occasions did not reflect to the credit of the Dean and Cathedral Chapter. If any individual was asked from that representative assembly to find a band who, without practice, could ring Stedman Cinques on those bells he would have to admit the impossibility. The decision indicated a complete lack of understanding of the principles and purposes of ringing and it was to be hoped that those responsible would be enlightened and reverse the present decision.

The second point made by Mr. White was the tragedy at Daybrook and the widespread sympathy with the bereaved family. From the Church's point of view there was an obligation to make certain that their ringers were insured. He hoped that the Guild would look into the question and make certain that every Parochial Church Council had fulfilled its obligations in that respect.

Lastly the speaker referred to the finances of 'The Ringing World.' 'Costs,' he said, 'have been heavily weighted against us this summer. By economies and increased revenue from advertisements, the new committee has adjusted a £7 a week increase in paper and production costs that became operative this summer. The committee are now faced with another rise in the cost of paper of £5 a week. It can be met by recruiting another 1,000 postal subscribers. About one quarter of our readers are postal subscribers. From them we received 3½d. to meet our production costs. From those who buy through the newsagents we receive 2d. If there was a transfer of 1,000 from one to the other there would be an increased revenue of £7 a week. Will you all help in this direction and keep "The Ringing World" at 4d.?'

Canon R. G. Clitherow in thanking the company for the honour of being asked to preside, said he felt he was like the Bishop pawn. On his shelves there was 'The Ringer's Handbook' and he found it contained this advice under the heading of position: 'A man who moves his feet about is never so safe as a man who stands quietly all the time.' If they could see what was going on under the table they would understand his position. (Laughter.)

'I was a little surprised and a little hurt at the decision of the Dean and Chapter of Liverpool. As one who married the only good thing that came out of Liverpool, it might be understandable. It seems that there is another Very

Reverend who is destined for the 'high jump.' (Laughter.)

## 50 YEARS ON

It was also a great privilege for him to be there because he had recently become closely associated with a tower in Guildford which was already famous. It was a matter of great rejoicing to him when St. Mary's bells rang again because when those bells were rung for the last time in was in 1901, as the tower was then declared unsafe. Two of those who rang them then, Mr. Pulling and Mr. Hutton, were there to ring them when they were re-opened and they were there with them that night (applause.) There was an example of faithful and loyal service that had bridged the passage of time. They must have been championing and chafing (if ringers did that) during those 50 years waiting for the Church to do something. But 50 years was a short time in the life of St. Mary's Church, which had been standing for nearly 1,000 years. He wanted them to take away this thought: what they were doing was part of God's tireless work in the world. It was something that had been going on for centuries and would continue for many, many years to come. They in their generation were privileged to carry on that tradition and hand it on. In ringing, he trusted they would never forget their own dependence on God and their duty towards God.

'These are anxious and critical times and I want you to feel that God is at work in this world and you and I are privileged to take part in His work. The forces of evil are strong and the challenge of materialism is strong. Keep on ringing and fight against evil and continue your work for His glory and the happiness of man.'

## LADIES AND THE REVIVAL IN RINGING

The toast of 'The Visitors and Ladies' was honoured on the call of Major E. J. Bragg. He welcomed in particular Canon Clitherow, the Rev. and Mrs. Doe and Mr. Tom Page and friends from the Winchester Guild.

They were living in a democratic age when women had many organisations, including a Ladies' Guild. The revival of ringing since the war was very largely due to the ladies. The ladies were persevering, they were regular in attendance, and, at church, much more regular than men, and as a body they were very good servants of the Church. He noticed in 'The Ringing World' recently that a band of ladies rang a peal. It was difficult to realise eight ladies locked in a church for three hours and not allowed to speak. They had famous lady ringers years ago, but he thought the ladies of this generation were their equal. He also thought the time had come when the editor should consider introducing a ladies' page to 'The Ringing World'—it would be a refreshing change to read their reactions.

Miss Myrtle Cass, who replied, said she came from a bell-ringing family and her grandfather was a ringer in Kent. She spoke enthusiastically of ringing as an exercise in which one never stopped learning. She felt very proud to be asked to reply as she came from the black spot of the Farnham District where the ringing was often confined to rounds or the 'old familiar' (Grandsire).

The Rev. W. F. Doe also replied expressing the thanks of 'The Visitors' for the hospitality extended to them.

'The Artistes' were honoured on the call of Mr. C. W. Denyer and the Master expressed the thanks of the gathering to the chairman and Messrs. Viggers, Denyer and Dick Mills in organising the dinner so successfully.

(Continued on next page)



## Guildford Guild Dinner—Cont.

An excellent entertainment was provided by songs from Mrs. G. L. Grover, Mr. J. Harding and Mr. Harold Cole, pianoforte solo by Mrs. Fletcher, who also played the accompaniments, and handbell tunes by the Cobham ringers.

### THE COMPANY

The company consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Beadle, Mr. C. J. Beadle, Mr. Brackley, Major E. J. Bragg, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. H. Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler, Miss Butler, Mr. P. Canfield, Mr. J. Carter, Miss Cass, Mr. F. Cherryman, Miss J. Clemson, the Rev. G. L. Clowes, Mr. G. Clode, Mr. H. Cole, Miss S. Corke, Mr. R. Curie.

The Rev. K. C. Davis, the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Doe, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. W. Denyer, Miss M. Davey, Mr. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. W. Enticknap, Mr. G. Enticknap, Miss A. Fisher, Mr. E. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover, Mr. B. Grover, Mrs. Gurr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunter, Miss M. Harris, Messrs. J. Harding, C. Hopper, A. Hunter, L. Hunter, H. Hutton and J. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenward, Mr. and Mrs. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. S. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Mills (Cobham), Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills, Miss M. Lewis, Mrs. McDeort, Miss H. F. Mills, Miss A. Morrison, Mr. D. Munday, Mr. F. Munday, Mr. A. Oliver, Miss W. Oliver, Mr. T. Page, Mr. W. J. Paice, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pepler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pulling, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. W. J. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schüpke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherwood, Mr. B. Sherwood, Mr. W. Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. A. Smith, jun., Mrs. Stacey, Miss E. C. Stewart, Mr. Stone, Mr. Treweek, Mr. D. Verrier, Mr. and Mrs. Vickers, Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner, Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. T. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. C. Williamson, Mr. D. Williamson, Mr. H. C. Williamson, Mr. K. Williamson, Miss B. Wood and Mr. A. Wren.

## STUDYING IN AMERICA

Ringers in North West Kent, South Lancashire and around Ipswich will be interested to learn that Peter G. Parrott has been granted an award under the Economic Co-operation Administration. This provides for a year's advanced technical training in the United States. He left for New York by sea early in September and continued his journey by air to California. He is an electrical engineer by profession and is now probably very busy at the Pasadena Technical Institute. Peter is an enthusiastic and conscientious ringer, and his cheerful company will be missed at home. A better ambassador for the youth of the Exercise would be hard to find. We wish him every success and look forward to his return.

## ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

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# DECISIONS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

## As Amended at Chester, 1951

The following Decisions and Recommendations of the Council have been issued from time to time, for the guidance of the Exercise, and with a view to bringing about uniformity of practice.

### PRACTICAL RINGING

#### CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.

Any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised at the earliest date and in any case within three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(1). That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(2). That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

(3). That no other person than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(4). That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,000 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i). That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii). That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii). That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer or conductor, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the published figures for this purpose shall be published with the report of the performance and also submitted to those who proved the composition, previous to publication.

(iv). That all the ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been correctly rung. Any objections to the performance must be made to the conductor taking part in the peal, or umpire, immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council, whose decision on the matter shall be final.

In the case of record peals on handbells, every facility should be given to those interested to hear the ringing and a notice requesting 'Silence' could be displayed to protect performers from distraction.

### PEALS OF DOUBLES

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(a). True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without

rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(b). Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(c). Twelve-scores known as Morris's and Pitman's.

(d). Combinations of (a), (b), (c) or any two of them.

2. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

### PEALS OF MINOR

1. Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(a). True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(b). Round blocks consisting of two or more 720's, provided that each of the 720's which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(c). Any combination of (a) or (b).

2. No covering bells are allowed.

### PEALS OF TRIPLES

A peal of Triples shall consist of not fewer than 5,040 changes rung without interval and shall be always rung with one covering bell only, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

### PEALS OF CATERS AND CINQUES

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and with one covering bell, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

### PEALS OF MAJOR, ROYAL AND MAXIMUS

Peals of Major, Royal or Maximus shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

### SPICED PEALS

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spiced,' provided that methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the 'leads' in treble-dominated methods, the 'sixes' in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods) remain intact. Reports of all spiced peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3-4 down, cannot be described as spiced peals.

### CALLS

Calls are not part of any method, but are only means of passing from one course to another, and their form and placing can be capable of considerable variation.

A bob can affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them. A single can also affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of two of them.

Calls may be made at any place within the lead, but the traditional practice of making them at the lead end should be adhered to, and is recommended.

Only one type of bob and single should be used in any one composition.

Singles in Treble Bob methods should only be used when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs.

Under no circumstances may bells lie still on going off into changes or returning to rounds, unless it is a part of the method.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: A. Bailey 1. J. McDonald 2. P. J. Morton 3. M. G. Morton 4. W. G. Anker (cond.) 5. G. Williams 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LENGTH OF PEALS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—What I am about to write may arouse much criticism—some considered and balanced, much, no doubt, hasty and superficial, even hostile—but, nevertheless I feel sure the time has come when our highest court of appeal must tackle the question of length of peals. Two conductors of repute have said all that need be as to quality.

It was reported recently that the incumbent of a certain church, famous throughout touring circles for the bells in it, was the recipient of complaints by telephone during the performance and no doubt subsequently, of a peal by a visiting party. The reputed time the bells were going was altogether nearly five hours and the striking almost as perfect as any party could make it and beyond the capabilities of most hands, but raising and lowering in peal was ignored and this in a county where that is a *sine qua non*.

This incident is mentioned only as being indicative of many complaints based upon the performances of mediocre and evil strikers who should not attempt three-hour peals in any tower, much less in a part of the country where striking is appreciated.

I have myself rung several peals—really good, not so good and otherwise—and have come to realise more and more that, with the continual congestion of the communities, the Exercise must make some radical changes if we are to survive the growing storm of protest against continuous ringing for 3–4 hours or more.

Is there something sacrosanct about the traditional 5,000 minimum? True, in our forefathers' days, when seven best methods were those generally chosen for peals, 5,040 true changes had the undoubted advantage of being the total possible, but those days are long past and that length has lost its special significance. Moreover, the fact that there was a covering bell to round off each change and relate it to the next made the whole more easy for the human ear to comprehend both as to sound and perhaps, much more important, rhythm, as the last quality will so often cover up weak, untuneful and otherwise poor old bells. Modern bellhanging has reduced to almost nothing the mighty physical triumph of our great and honoured predecessors.

With the tenor turned in the cream of a peal on eight is probably 12 courses in Treble Bob methods and 24 courses in Plain methods and I would submit that a peal of 2,500–3,000 rows is sufficient in which to concentrate the best of the music.

Manners have been discussed before, but I do not think the wear and tear of ropes and bearings has been sufficiently considered, and the payment of the steepleage fee by each participant should not be any more resented or neglected than 2s. or 3s., would be to a visit to the pictures or a football match.

Since I have lived in a county where good striking is the rule, not the exception, and where raising and lowering in peal are a *sine qua non*, I can better appreciate why conversions to method ringing makes slow, almost no, progress: the close hand-stroke lead does not appeal but the repetition of rows has much to commend it, and to raise methods such as Stedman and Erin very much in esteem for Sunday service ringing. A good touch of Double Norwich, Treble Bob or Superlative commands much more favourable attention than other even-bell methods but as a rule 'tenor in' ringing is unpopular and completely lost on the listening public. The country village populations have, however, an inborn love and pride in their bells and can always be relied upon for subscriptions when maintenance of their heritage has to be faced. This is worthy of our support.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. G.

## HE RANG ON OPENING DAY

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, September 30th, I had the pleasure of meeting John Boutland, one of the two Chester ringers who went to Australia, as reported on page 522 of the issue of August 17th.

Parramatta bells had just been rehung, having been silent since June, and as three of us were waiting for the others to arrive for the opening ringing, a young chap came up and asked if he was at All Saints' Church with a ring of bells. Thus John spent a most enjoyable time for his first ringing day in Australia.

To get to Parramatta, John pushed his bicycle about 15 miles and it was not a cool day. He told me that he had been in this country a fortnight and thought it was time he did some more ringing before he lost touch with it.

In our tower we ring monthly Doubles but now, with John and his knowledge, I am sure we will be able to go ahead with more Minor methods.

I hope you will let his friends from Chester know about this and if there are any more bellringers coming to this country, to let us here in Australia know. Ringing is carried out in five of the six States so surely they will be able to settle near a tower in at least one of the States.—Yours faithfully,

R. FERRIS.

Capt., All Saints', Parramatta.

P.S.—I came across another ringer from Chester by the name of Ernest Barlow, but he is not in the best of health at present and is not carrying on with his ringing.—R. F.

Appropos the re-opening of the bells of All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., Mr. A. R. Botting writes that the six are now fitted with steel headstocks and ball bearings and the 'go' is all that can be desired. The work was carried out by Bruce Dunbar and George Williamson ably assisted by the captain, Mr. R. Ferris, to whom great credit is due.

The re-opening took place on Sunday, September 30th, when members of other towers were invited. Ringing included Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Eighteen ringers sat down to tea in the Parish Room, and afterwards touches of Kent Treble Bob and Doubles were rung. 'We have bright hopes for the future,' concludes our correspondent.

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—An interesting point about the inscriptions on Liverpool Cathedral bells may not be widely known. They are all passages from the Psalms, and the initial letter of each passage, reading from the tenor upwards, spells out 'Thomas Bartlett,' the name of the donor. The 14 letters needed are obtained from 13 bells by the treble having the inscription:—

'Thou art my God and I will thank Thee; Thou art my God and I will praise Thee.'

Is it too much to ask that when this mighty ring is fully completed, its sound may literally 'go out into all lands' through the medium of broadcasting? Perhaps the Central Council could make the necessary representations?—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

## ST. MARY'S, HULL

Dear Sir,—May I assure Mr. Dove that I do not question his weight re the bell at St. Mary's, Hull. That he received the weight from the bellhangers I already knew. The emphasis in my report is on my remark 'a lot of metal here for the diameter.' I think he will agree with me.—Yours faithfully,

TOURIST.

Hersham.

## METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—C. H. K.'s comment (or complaint) that extensions of London, amongst other methods, would not be acceptable if the Methods Committee's report is accepted, brings to mind a suggestion recently made by Mr. Maurice Hodgson, that some enterprising person should splice into one peal all the different versions of 'London' Royal, and then look for a name for the result. Would it be 'Spliced London Surprise Royal,' or 'Spiced London, London, London . . . etc.'? Similarly, we could have 'Spliced Superlative and Superlative' and, evidently, 'Spliced Rutland and Rutland.'

Perhaps reflection on the absurdity of this would bring home to C. H. K. and others the unsatisfactory nature of the present situation, whereby with nothing to guide them, two or more people can produce 'extensions' of a Major method, find some gullible company to accept, ring and name them, and subsequently discover that the versions are entirely different.

Incidentally, C. H. K. does the Committee less than justice when he states that the recommendations throw no light on how a method can be extended without contiguous places, when these are a characteristic of the parent. The recommendations on this subject are clear enough:—

- (a). No contiguous places in the parent shall be omitted from an extension.
- (b). No contiguous places which have no counterpart in the parent shall be included in an extension.

Yours faithfully,

B.

## MORE GEOGRAPHY!

Dear Sir,—The statement of the Slimbridge ringers (see September 28th issue) that they travelled along the River Usk to Raglan could not possibly be right.

If they went through Monmouth to Raglan they were alongside the River Trothy, which joins the Wye near Monmouth.—Yours faithfully,

L. H. JONES.

Monmouth.

## THANK YOU, BOURNEMOUTH!

Dear Sir,—May I trespass upon your space in order to thank the ringers of the Bournemouth area who made me so welcome to their respective towers during my stay there recently.

It gave me real pleasure to ring with that grand old veteran, Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch, and I am sure that ringers generally will be glad to know that he is still able to climb the stairs and, to use present-day jargon, do his stuff.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Maidstone.

## THREE 720's OF BOB MINOR

These 720's are curious in that they are variations of the well-known 720 with 15 calls (the minimum) only although 5-6 are not the fixed bells, there are no 6-5's at back stroke. It would be interesting to know if they have been composed before.

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Each repeated twice. The calling of the third is palindromic.

B. D. P.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: F. G. Groombridge 1, G. W. Ashdown 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, F. R. Scott (first quarter) 4, J. M. Ellwood (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8. Rung for harvest festival.



## 40 YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,'

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## EIGHT BROTHERS RING A PEAL

A remarkable performance, unique in the annals of ringing, was accomplished at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday (October 21st), when eight brothers Bailey rang a peal of Bob Major. There are eleven boys in this wonderful family, but it is no less extraordinary that so many of them should have taken up the art. They are excellent ringers and strikers and we may expect to see further Bailey peals before long. In the peal of Bob Major the treble was rung by Allen, the youngest of the eight brothers, and the rest stood in order of their ages.

Allen F. Bailey was born on April 30th, 1896, and commenced ringing only last year. This was his first peal.

Frederick W. Bailey, born April 19th, 1894, commenced ringing in 1909. This was his ninth peal.

Leonard P. Bailey was born April 5th, 1892. He also began ringing in 1909 and has rung 14 peals.

James M. Bailey, born January 30th, 1890, learned to pull a bell in 1906, and this was his 69th peal.

Norman R. Bailey was born September 30th, 1887, began ringing in 1903, and this was his 97th peal.

Ernest S. Bailey, who was born January 13th, 1882, learned to ring in 1900, and has rung 106 peals.

Charles F. Bailey was born December 28th, 1879. He began ringing in 1896, and has been the conductor of the family, having called 87 of the 113 peals he has rung.

Edgar H. Bailey was born November 26th, 1877, and learned to ring in 1895, having now rung 106 peals.

[This was the first of many peals by the Bailey brothers, one other of whom joined the ranks of peal ringers. They formed the backbone for many years of the famous Leiston band, who broke new ground in Surprise ringing in the 1920's. James M. and Ernest S. are still members of the company.]

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Southern District

About 35 ringers attended a very successful meeting at Butlers Marston on October 6th. Towers represented were Warwick, Leamington Spa, Southam, Ladbroke, Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Harborne, Byfield and Betchworth (Surrey). Ringing included rounds and call changes and methods up to Cambridge Surprise. A very nice service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Glyn Lewis). This was followed by a tea supplied by the Women's Guild of the village—one which would have done justice to any wedding feast. No one could have been made more welcome to the village. Kington was visited in the evening.

R. J. E.

## HOW NOT TO GET PEALS

The 'Leicester Daily Mercury,' after commenting on a certain charity bequeathed to the town, mentions Mr. Ernest Morris as the well-known local historian, vergar and vestry clerk of St. Margaret's—then goes on to say 'Mr. Morris is an author of many books and articles on campanology and he has rung 3,000 peals on every possible bell in Leicestershire.'

Thus overnight he gets 1,700 peals credited to him—but that is not all!! The same day he received the Leicester Diocesan Guild report for 1950 and here again he gets 100 peals credited to him 'free, gratis and for nothing.' This is much cheaper than Mr. Albert Walker's half-crown peals!

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD  
Welcome to Student Ringers

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Perry Barr on October 6th, Mr. Albert Walker (vice-president) being in the chair.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business, the chairman referred to the death of William J. Simmonds, a ringer at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, who, although his membership of the Guild was of short duration, had shown a keen interest in ringing, and his sudden death, following an operation, came as a great shock to those who had met him in the city practically every Sunday. The members stood in silence for a moment as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The tower election of the following new members were duly ratified: Miss Claudia A. Harding (Harborne), Miss Winifred M. Burton (Leicester), the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), and Messrs. John R. Mayne, Billesley, Brian G. Warwick (Leicester), J. Martin (Thorley), Thorne (Doncaster) Wilfrid F. Moreton (Hereford), and Victor G. Hemus (Malmesbury, Wilts).

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 15th, 1952, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of the officers of the Guild.

The next meeting, being the annual, will, according to custom be held in the city on the first Saturday in January, 1952. Mr. William C. Dowding expressed his appreciation of the help given by the officers of the Guild upon the occasion of the annual meeting of the National Police Guild, which was held in Birmingham on September 15th last and which was highly successful.

The chairman gave a hearty welcome to several young ringers who had recently arrived in Birmingham for a period of study and hoped that their stay in Birmingham would be a happy one. He assured them that they would be well received in any of the towers they cared to visit.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Perry Barr (the Rev. D. McLean) for conducting the Guild service, for the use of the bells and for accommodating the members of the Guild at the Vicarage for the tea and meeting. Mrs. Ingram and her lady helpers provided an excellent tea and a vote of thanks to them was carried with acclamation.

## DEDICATION

## SENNEN (THE LAND'S END)

Much interest was taken in the rededication of the bells of the First and Last Church in England at Sennen, Cornwall, on October 6th, when Canon C. H. S. Buckley, Vicar of Gulval, and Rural Dean, performed the ceremony, and dedicated a new treble bell. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. D. Wynne, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

The church was filled to capacity and included members of the Parish Council and more than 50 ringers, including Messrs. T. G. and F. Myers (Plymouth) and E. T. P. Field (Dorset). The rounds at the service was rung by a band representative of the Diocesan Guild:—Mrs. A. S. Roberts 1, W. Wood (vice-president) 2, Miss E. Symons (president) 3, G. W. Taysom 4, R. G. Clemens (Truro Branch secretary) 5, W. H. Southeard (Master) 6. This band rang two 120's of Grandsire Doubles at the end of the service. It was appropriate that they should be followed by the Landewednack band who possess the most southerly ring in England, and were thus the first parochial band to ring on the most westerly ring.

Ringing continued during the afternoon and evening with rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and a course of Cambridge Minor. All present appreciated the generosity of the Church Council in that tea was provided free for all—and a splendid tea it was.

Details of the bells are as follows:—Treble, 2 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.; Second (1762, recast 1951), 3 cwt. 23 lb.; Third (1810), 3 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.; Fourth (1810), 3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.; Fifth (1889), 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.; Tenor (1889, recast 1951), 5 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. with their usual efficiency, and all were agreed that at the Land's End there is a light ring which is most pleasant to listen to both inside and outside the tower, the louvers having been partially bricked.

Sennen bells are now ringing again after a silence of about 25 years, and this restoration (for the sake of those who keep their directory correct) decreases the rings of five in Cornwall to seven—Little Petherick and St. Juliot having recently become sixes also—and increases the sixes to 94.

## THREE PEALS IN A DAY

A MILESTONE in the history of the Sheffield and District Society was passed on October 12th when three members of the Society set off for Leicester to attempt three peals of Surprise Major in one day. It is probably the first time since the Society was founded in 1890 that such an expedition has been attempted and the ambition of one on the trio was to ring the tenor in each peal.

Leicester was reached at 5.30 p.m. and Mr. N. Chaddock proceeded to the Bell Foundry at Loughborough for a peal of Bristol. The other two, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. J. C. Turley, made for the practice at St. Margaret's to satisfy the burning desire of 'J. E.' to try the tenor; a course of Cambridge Royal and three leads of Treble Twelve proved satisfactory.

Early next morning all was bustle, and a record-breaking sprint by the 'Three Musketeers' enabled them to catch the bus to the residence of Mr. H. J. Poole, who had organised this feat of endurance. After greetings had been exchanged the party started for the scene of the first effort by shooting brake and car, and by nine o'clock Superlative was under way at Stoney Stanton; it proved to be a fast peal and under the conductorship of Mr. Poole ran smoothly into rounds about 11.40 a.m.

After the return of the tenor man from a big house just down the road it was all aboard

for Earl Shilton where a magnificent lunch was enjoyed by all. By one o'clock the ropes were fully manned for Yorkshire, the conductor being John Gilbert, and a beautifully-struck peal was brought round in 2 hours and 36 minutes. A short drive in convoy brought the party to the home of Mr. A. Ballard, where tea and a television programme were much appreciated.

By 5.30 p.m. all were assembled at the last port of call, Claybrooke, a truly noble eight, and a few minutes later Peter Staniforth was doing his best to see that Cambridge came to a successful conclusion. A beautiful beat had been established when suddenly a man dashed up the ladder, threw open the trapdoor just behind the tenor man, and started to climb to the bells. Mr. Poole immediately enquired his business and it appeared that the man was a local. However, the incident had startled more than one ringer and it was not until Mr. Poole had assured everyone that all was well that the peal settled down again to eventually run round.

The final highlight of the evening was supper in Leicester at a Chinese restaurant, arranged by Mr. Poole, and much to the delight of one of the Sheffield men. All the ringers were at the station to give the 'heroes' a good send-off and the Yorkshiremen would like to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Poole for his making the whole thing possible.



# CYCLING IN FOUR COUNTIES

## Hills, Rain and Good Fellowship

SATURDAY, August 11th, happened to be a very wet day—not the day to assemble at Chepstow Youth Hostel for a ringing week—but, nevertheless, eleven people arrived in time for supper. Six of us—Mary Kennelly, Heather Tesson, Alan Cave, Frank Mack (the organiser), Lance Watson and myself—arrived from Bristol; Beryl and Bernice Strange, Brian Bladon and Tony Peake from Swindon; and Stanley Weekes from the Wimborne area. The handbells were brought out and the first touch of the tour, 120 Bob Minor, came round, much to the interest of other hostellers.

Sunday offered no energetic programme but 10 a.m. saw us joining the local band at Chepstow. St. Mary's possesses an anti-clockwise ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) and a very keen band of ringers, mostly young people. The bells were rung to various methods up to Double Norwich in our three rings and at evensong and also for a short while on Monday morning. Stanley Day, from the Reading area, joined us first thing on Sunday morning, and A. Rex Agg, from Wolverhampton, in the evening, when we also met Mr. Harding, from Portsmouth, who came with us as far as Tidenham on Monday.

During our ringing at Chepstow on Monday morning our motor-cyclists—A. Doreen Edwards and Mary Drew—joined us. Farewells and good wishes were expressed to the Chepstow ringers and we moved on to St. Peter's, Tidenham, in Gloucestershire. This ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.) cast in 1710 and rehung in 1886, go remarkably well. They were such a contrast to our next tower, St. Andrew's, Alvington (5.9 cwt.). On the way we had our first cycling spill, so by the time we arrived others were 'having a go.'

## THE WORST TOWER

It was without regret that we said farewell to the worst tower of the tour, but we wish the Vicar and his ringers the best of luck in any attempt to get the bells put in order.

Lunch was the first concern as we reached Lydney but we all managed to assemble at St. Mary's. This quite pleasant Rudhall and Taylor eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) could 'go' a little better.

It was time now to leave the coastal plain and make our way inland to St. Briavel's and encounter those hills which were to become so familiar in the next few days. We found the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin right opposite our Youth Hostel, St. Briavel's Castle. The pleasant eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were soon set ringing and, of course, brought up a crowd of interested fellow-hostellers. The curate welcomed us and invited us over to the neighbouring parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield. After supper we accepted his invitation and cycled the two miles or so to find a fair-going five (tenor 14 cwt.), rung from the centre of the church, which, incidentally, was my 300th tower.

Newland, the 'Cathedral of the Forest of Dean,' was the first tower visited on Tuesday, and here the Vicar conducted a short service for us. These pleasant six (tenor 16½ cwt.) are a mixed bag but include some Rudhall's. At All Saints', Staunton (6, 10 cwt.), we had many interested spectators including three Australians who watched us ring in another belfry-in-the-church-stalls. The eight at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monmouth (tenor 20 cwt.), certainly need re-ringing. They are quite a pleasant eight otherwise—Rudhall's bells—and their 'go' seems the only thing wrong with them. Crossing the border into Herefordshire we arrived at Goodrich (St. Giles', Abbot and Confessor: tenor

13 cwt.), a good, light eight, and here we said farewell to Miss Drew. The night was spent at Bicknor Youth Hostel.

The fine eight at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Ross-on-Wye (tenor 24½ cwt.), was our first stop on Wednesday and we thoroughly enjoyed this eight. Then came Upton Bishop (6, 10 cwt.), a nice Rudhall six, and while ringing we were joined by Miss Doris Sheppard, Mr. Leslie Barry and Mr. William Richings, who stayed with us for the rest of the day. At St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin's, Dymock (6, 18 cwt.) our ringing entered into competition with the local Women's Institute gramophone concert and a local garden party. The bells are heavy-going, however, and so a promise to curtail the ringing was not regretted.

St. Bartholomew's, Much Marcle, has a ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.) by J. and A. Rudhall, which seemed to be out of tune. Here we lost A. P. C. (not the one of 'raisin' fame), who joined our motorised section to 'snatch' another tower and consequently nearly lost his supper.

## AN UPHILL RIDE

Rushall was our hostel for the night. The view across to the Malverns was enchanting but we realised we had to cross them the next day. Before we partook of that 'pleasure' we listed up three more towers—St. John-the-Baptist's, Mathon (6, 9 cwt.), Taylors, in 1949, rehung Rudhall's bells, the result being excellent; St. James, Apostle and Martyr, Cradley (6, 13 cwt.), with its short, spacious tower containing Rudhall and Taylor bells, whose 'go' was fair; and the eight at St. James the Great, Colwall (11½ cwt.). This tower was mortuary-cum-hospital for bees, hundreds of dead or dying bees filling the window ledges, etc. Then the 'hike' started; up and up it went until at last we were through Wych Cutting into Worcestershire, and what a glorious view it is from the top of the Malverns! Great Malvern, the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Michael and All Angels, was our next stop. A very enjoyable eight (tenor 22 cwt.) by A. Rudhall (1706).

The Youth Hostel was not far away. One cyclist was looking at the scenery—that is what he says—and forgot the pavement—spill number two. He missed the after-supper 'snatch' (through going to have his wounds dressed) at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Madresfield (6, 14 cwt.).

Friday morning started with pouring rain but by 10.30 it began to clear. St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Hanley Castle (6, 14 cwt.), was our first call. Rudhall's (1699) and Taylor's bells in a metal frame went very well. Two gentlemen who calmly walked into the belfry, measure in hand, took dimensions of the belfry amidst dancing ropes, said nothing, nearly upset the Cambridge but beyond that there was nothing outstanding. SS. Peter and Paul's, Upton-on-Severn, has a nice ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.). St. Mary's, Longdon (6, 12 cwt.) gave us another tower where the bells are 'clocked.' Some members took too long over lunch (?) and by the time all the ropes had been detached from the clappers we were running a bit behind schedule, so a short ring was the order. Over into Gloucestershire again to the pleasant five in the wooden tower at St. John-the-Baptist's, Tredington (tenor 9 cwt.). Our ladies attempted a touch, but I feel the conductor was overcome by the occasion and lost count of the plain leads between the bobs!

## FAREWELLS COMMENCE

The recent augmentation at Bishops Cleeve (St. Michael and All Angels', tenor 19½ cwt.) is a grand job. It has made a fine eight and again we were sorry to leave. A long climb to Cleeve Hill Youth Hostel finished the day and here we said farewell to Beryl and Bernice Strange.

St. Mary's, Prestbury (8, 13½ cwt.), where

Mr. Charles Rouse met us, St. Mary-de-Crypt's, Gloucester, a fine Rudhall eight (tenor 14 cwt.), St. Andrew's, Churcham (6, 14 cwt.), which now need new bearings, were in the programme.

A splendid tea awaited us at the Vicarage and we thanked those responsible for it, but Frank would not let us stay very long and it was onwards to St. John-the-Baptist's, Huntley (6, 9 cwt.), a fair six with the third going very badly and the fourth reputedly the oldest bell in the country. All Saints', Longhope (6, 12 cwt.), went somewhat better.

Now the party began to split up. Alan Cave left for the first stage to his journey to Liverpool and Frank Mack returned to Churcham. It was also farewell to Doreen Edwards.

Micheldean was our Youth Hostel for the night—its warden's late husband was a ringer so she appreciated our handbell ringing.

On Sunday morning we said farewell to Lance Watson while the rest of us went off to join the ringers at SS. Peter and Paul's, Westbury-on-Severn (6, 21½ cwt.). A cup of coffee then into Gloucester, where all roads meet, and singly and in pairs we all went homewards.

Our thanks are due to Frank Mack for undertaking the organisation. The party, although on the youthful side, did justice to the bells met with. The methods rung were Grand-sire, Plain Bob, Stedman, St. Simon's, Erin, and New Doubles: Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise and York Surprise Minor, with Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. I. H. T.

## CARTER RINGING MACHINE

I have seen this machine under all sorts of conditions. Forty years or so ago, I visited John Carter's house in Birmingham, where John was still experimenting with this wonderful piece of engineering. Such was his enthusiasm that he had a gas engine specially installed in his garden to provide the necessary power. On this first visit the machine was simply operating the levers and printing the diagram of Stedman Cinques.

The next visit found the machine coupled up to the keyboard of a piano and it tapped off a course of London. On yet another visit John had it attached to a set of handbells and I heard some perfect Stedman Cinques. For some reason which John Carter never explained, he would always stop the machine on the last change before rounds.

When John died, the machine was placed in the Science Museum at South Kensington, where it gradually fell into a state of disrepair.

Recently it was taken out of the Museum for overhaul by Mr. D. Hughes and the machine is now what John Carter would have desired it to be. A tremendous amount of patient work has been done, and it was a remarkable experience to hear a few days ago, this machine tapping off Stedman Triples on a light ring of eight church bells at the rate of about 34 changes a minute. The perfection of the rhythm was much higher than could be obtained by human agency, and I felt that if John Carter could have heard what I did, he would have felt very proud of his machine.

As a piece of mechanism it is unique, and if useful for no other purpose, it could be used as an example of what to aim at in striking, and we must also remember it was the diagrams which this machine printed that gave the idea by which multi-method ringers could get the 'blue line' into a very small space.

The thanks of the whole Exercise were expressed to Mr. Douglas Hughes by the Central Council at Chester, and he has well and truly earned them. J. F. S.



## MARRIAGE

## Mr. T. G. Fox—Miss A. Bowers

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Goring-by-Sea, when two well-known ringers, Miss Ansley Bowers, of Goring-by-Sea, and Mr. Thomas G. Fox, of Forest Gate, London, were married.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. W. S. March) officiated at the service which was choral, Mr. Basil White, secretary of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association, played the organ, and the local band rang the bells before and after the wedding.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. G. Bowers, wore a wedding gown of white net and lace trimmed with mother-of-pearl sequins, with a headdress of natural cream rosebuds and carried a bouquet of carnations, gardenias and stephanotis. She was attended by four bridesmaids, two adults and two children, who were dressed in turquoise green taffeta with headdresses of natural yellow rosebuds and carried bouquets of the same flower. The best man was Mr. L. J. Fox.

Among the many guests present at the reception, held in St. Mary's Church Hall, were Messrs. G. W. Cecil, Master of the Sussex County Association, Len Stilwell, Master of the North Division, Ernest Treagus, secretary of the Western Division and R. P. Wood, Master of the Western Division.

Before departing on their honeymoon, the bride and bridegroom, assisted by L. J. Fox and G. W. Cecil, rang a very good course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. This surprise item, arranged at short notice by Len Stilwell, who gave a pair of handbells to each performer and then left them to get on with it, brought the house down.

In the evening a peal was attempted at St. Mary's by the Sussex Association. Among other peals attempted were those at Romsey Abbey, Holloway and Leytonstone.

The bride is a member of the local band, the Sussex County Association and the University of London Change Ringers' Society, whilst the bridegroom is the immediate Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, captain of the band at Stepney and a member of many guilds and associations up and down the country.

L. J. F.

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## HIS FIRST WAS A LONGEST LENGTH

This week we give details of a peal of 10,368 London Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry which is the longest length in the method to be rung in the Diocese of Leicester. The peal went through without a hitch and bears out beliefs of some of the band of the 'myth' of this so-called Surprise method. Congratulations will be extended to W. Harry Duncombe, whose performance must rank unique, this being his first peal of London Surprise.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Rochdale Branch

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Oldham Parish Church on October 13th. Combined with this was an unveiling and dedication ceremony of a peal tablet recording the peal of Plain Bob Royal rung for the Centenary of the County Borough of Oldham in June, 1949.

Previous to the ceremony the beautifully mellow sounding bells of St. Mary's were rung in short touches of various methods from 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. all ringers filed into church for a short service conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Stephenson. The address was given by the President of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, whose theme was the close connection in the civic and ecclesiastical life of our towns.

After the service the unveiling of the tablet was performed by Alderman A. Marshall, who was Mayor of Oldham in the Centenary year. Archdeacon Stephenson then dedicated the tablet and an appropriate acknowledgment was given by Mr. F. Dunkerley, general secretary of the Association.

After the tea break and business meeting, the bells were once again set going by Branch members and visitors until almost 9 o'clock.

## MR. J. R. WORRALL'S CENTURY

His many friends, both known and unknown, will congratulate Mr. J. R. Worrall on his first 100 peals. Details are appended:—

## TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire, rung 3 (conducted 3); Stedman, 3 (2); 3 methods, 1 (1);

Minor.—Plain Bob, 16 (11); Kent Treble Bob, 3 (2); 2 methods, 1 (1); 3 methods, 3 (2); 6 methods, 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise, 1 (1); 7 Surprise methods, 4.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1; Grandsire, 6 (4); Stedman, 4 (2).

Major.—Plain Bob, 14 (6); Little Bob, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob, 6 (3); Cambridge Surprise, 5 (1); Yorkshire Surprise 3.

Caters.—Grandsire, 5 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob, 2 (1); Kent Treble Bob, 1; Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob, 1.

Total.—91 (45).

## HANDBELL PEALS

Doubles.—Plain Bob, 1 (1); Grandsire, 2 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob, 4 (4).

Major.—Plain Bob.—2.

Total.—100 (conducted 51).

## Warwickshire Surprise Royal

By ERNEST W. TIPLER

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, August 9th. 1951.

## OUTINGS

## WELLINGTON, SOMERSET

Punctually at midnight on Sunday, October 14th, Wellington ringers and their friends from other towers began the long journey to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry at Loughborough.

After travelling all night in dense fog the party was met by Mr. J. Fidler, of Taylor's, at the Loughborough Hotel. By the kindness of Mr. F. Harris, the hotel was made their headquarters for the day.

Following a hearty breakfast the party went to the Bell Foundry where Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. Fidler conducted them through the various departments and answered numerous questions. The next attraction was the bell tower on the Foundry roof, which contains a ring of ten bells (tenor 6½ cwt.). Here the unusually light weight of the smaller bells had many at a disadvantage, but after settling down, touches of Doubles, Major, Triples and Caters were brought round; also rounds for those who wished to 'get the feel' of the bells first.

A move was then made to the Parish Church where there is a ring of ten (tenor 30½ cwt.). Ringing here ranged from rounds to one of the highlights of the day, a really good course of Bob Royal. These bells were voted by the 'tower snatchers' to be among the best they had ever rung.

Lunch was next on the programme, so a general move was made towards headquarters, where first the local brew was sampled to the accompaniment of Grandsire Caters on handbells. After lunch the short journey was made to Shepshed, a large church with a small tower containing a ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) Rounds to Kent Major were rung on these lovely bells. Many found the noise in the ringing room rather disconcerting, but the music heard outside was first class.

Another seven miles and the coach dropped the party at Melbourne, in Derbyshire, famous for giving its name to the town in Australia. Here they found another ring of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) hung in a central tower, the ropes falling through guides to a circle in the chancel. Ringing here was curtailed as the fog was again becoming evident, and was very thick on the run back to headquarters for tea.

After ham and salad, Mr. E. Barrington was asked to express the thanks of the party to Mr. Fidler, for his arrangements at the Loughborough end, and to Mr. D. North for his arrangements at Wellington. This he did in his usual genial manner, and a hurried departure was made in a real 'pea-souper.' The fog became really serious on the way home and resulted in the loss of about 1½ hours to the schedule. The outing will long be remembered

## ST. MATTHEW'S, CLAPTON

Six towers were visited by the St. Matthew's Society, Clapton, on their second outing on October 6th. These were Bushey, King's Langley, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamstead, Tring, and Beaconsfield. At the last-named tower a fire in a nearby public house kept the few non-ringers of the party of 23 interested while ringing took place.

A feature of the outing was that at all the churches (except the first and last) harvest festival preparations were in full swing. This made one realise what ample opportunities exist in these country churches for such a festival. They all looked very lovely. Clapton was reached at 10.30 after a very enjoyable day. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the party would like to thank all those who were waiting to welcome them, and also the incumbents.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th. 1.260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob): G. E. Larner 1, G. Powles 2, D. W. Green 3, R. G. Larner 4, J. R. Powles 5, R. E. Woodhouse (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.



## NOTICES

## New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. D. P. Roberts, formerly of Liverpool, has now removed to Marston Vicarage, Stafford. 9672

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## MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, November 7th, but October 31st, 6.30—8 p.m.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9692

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Silverdale Hall 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Ringing again after meeting. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 9619

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Wirksworth (8). Saturday, October 27th.—Dennis Scott and Maurice Bailey. 9616

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely, Cambs and Hunts Districts) with CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 9646

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Rayne (6), Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 9623

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, October 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Yorktown (8) in the evening.—R. H. Mills (for Hon. Sec.). 9639

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Fore Street, Silvertown. 9647

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 9659

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Cookham, Saturday, October 27th. 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Royal Exchange, 1s. 6d.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9681

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints', 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Searles Cafe, King Street, only for those notifying, by October 26th, Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. St. Peter's immediately following business. St. Gregory's 7 p.m.—Cecil W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 9660

MITCHAM.—Ringers' Service at Christ Church, Colliers Wood, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Six bells. All welcome. 9604

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Stagsden on November 3rd. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: College Exercise and Cots-wold Treble Bob.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 9694

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Parish Church of St. Chad, Over. Dedication of a peal tablet to 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, on Saturday, November 3rd. Ringing 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service in the belfry at 5 p.m. Ringing after service until 6.30 p.m. Friends and visitors welcome.—J. W. 9682

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Hutton (6), Saturday, November 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9696

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Wenden (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9657

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Abbotts Leigh (6), November 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 9677

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall, Saturday, November 3rd, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 31st.—H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 9671

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), November 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9673

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kirkheaton (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Bring own sandwiches, please. Good bus service from town passes church. 9674

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, November 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9640

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Cockerham, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 3rd, Ormskirk. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge to those who notify by October 31st, Mr. J. Burns, 19a, Longdale Avenue, Wigan. 9690

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Ruskington (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 9658

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, November 3rd. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9667

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Hanslope, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9675

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversham, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Notifications for tea at Anchor Cafe, by November 1st, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Finchampstead on Saturday, November 3rd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9685

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Kelmash (6) on Saturday, November 3rd. Names for tea, before October 31st, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9680

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe, November 3rd. Names for tea, at the latest October 30th, to Mr. Eric Nobles, N.B. Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 9668

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon (8), November 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9695

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 33, East Bawtry Road, Rawmarsh. 9688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Worth (6), Saturday, November 3rd at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by October 31st, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9693

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 9683

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—314th anniversary, Saturday, November 10th. Ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Chairman: The Master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 13s 6d. Ringing Southwark Cathedral 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m., St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9654

BARNESLEY DISTRICT and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting at Horbury on November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d., at Carr Lodge Cafe, 4.30 p.m. All requiring this must notify, by November 7th, Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, near Wakefield.—D. Smith and E. D. Kelly. 9691

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than November 3rd, please, to the Rev. L. Bruce, Exhall Vicarage, near Coventry. 9686

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for District officers for 1952. Names for tea, by November 7th, to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 9678

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Suckling, 2, Northview Cottages, Widford, Herts. 9687

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Catfield, Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, by November 7th, to P. C. Nicholson, Rose Villa, Limes Road, Catfield, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9670

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, November 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, November 10th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 9679

**SALISBURY GUILD**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Cattistock, November 10th. New ring of 8 available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify, by November 5th, Rev. A. V. Deane, Old Rectory, Chilfrome.—Hayne, Sec. 9684

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—North Notts and Nottingham Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday, November 10th. Bells available 3.30. Names for tea, by November 6th, to Mr. C. Evans, 201, Huthwaite Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. No names, no tea.—H. Denman and Miss P. Lewin, Dis. Secs. 9676

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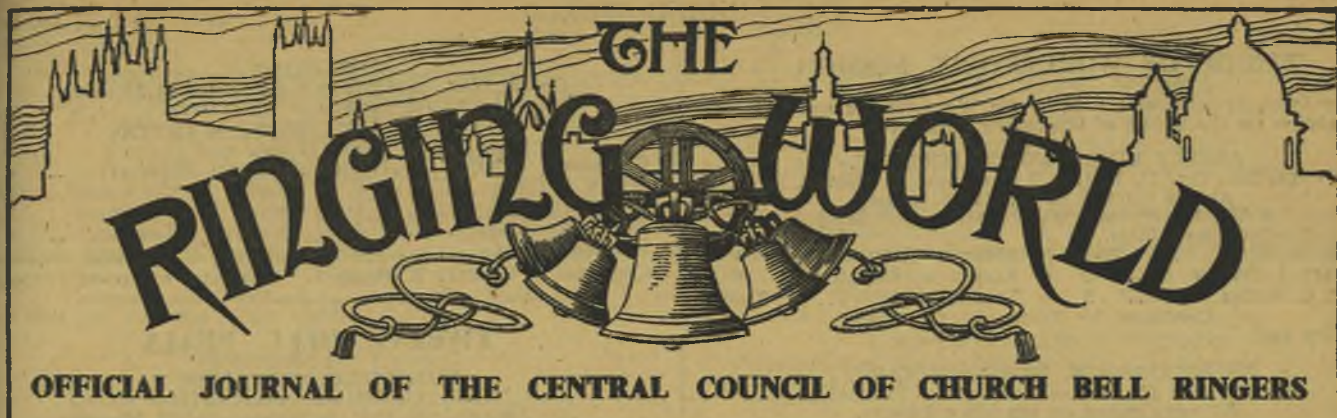
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## FOR THE RANK AND FILE

(From one of them)

**T**HE Editor at the Royal Cumberlands' annual dinner gave some facts about the efforts made to enable 'The Ringing World' to keep its head above water. It may do no harm to take a brief look at the position as it affects ringers generally.

'It is not too much to say that if 'The Ringing World' were to cease publication the loss to the Exercise would be a disaster of the first magnitude. It would be as though an almost impenetrable blind were drawn over towers and guilds and all ringing functions. The bells might continue to ring, but a deadly, unprogressive silence would envelop learners, experts, historians, tourists and all.

Imagine for a moment what it would mean for ringers to be without a periodical; without a medium for advertising meetings; for recording performances; for disseminating information about events all over the country; for the discussion of problems and the interchange of opinions; or for anything instructive. Without, too, a medium for gaining news of ringing friends at home and abroad; for reports of important gatherings, such as those of the Central Council; without the means of publicity for new methods or compositions and, therefore, with no avenue for a check upon achievements.

One is prepared to say without risk of contradiction that the existence of a ringing paper—particularly 'The Ringing World' since its foundation—has proved of incalculable benefit to the Exercise, mingled with which has been a weekly expectation, and even a thrill, to ringers far and near. More than that, it has been the means of linking guilds and individual ringers together in ways that would otherwise have been impossible.

Again, the development of modern means of transport has given many ringers increased opportunities for travelling to all parts of the country and, to such, the doings of their fellows have become full of interest; friendships have been formed, all kinds of encouragement have been absorbed, inferiority complexes have been broken down, and, through their journal, ringers can be said to have been cemented into a fraternity of far more than local significance. Is it not also true that the easier penetration of ringers into the most remote towers has made for a wider knowledge of change ringing and for a better understanding of the conditions which the guilds seek to promote?

Most of this was fully realised by the late Mr. Goldsmith, who with no little self-sacrifice laboured to build up an

organ of communication for the Exercise. 'The Ringing World' is his monument. That cannot be allowed to collapse. Let all ringers rally to the cause of maintaining it! Aside from all criticisms which may be levelled at some of its contents from time to time, who will deny its usefulness; its necessity as the official journal of the Exercise; or its value as an aid to the encouragement of the highest standards among the ringers of the land?

These are but a few of the considerations which rise to the surface. Let ringers everywhere **THINK ON THESE THINGS.**

We ringers are, as it were, the scaffolding on which the Editorial Committee stand to build for our benefit. Shall we let them down by indifference, by meanness, or even by over-confidence? This is OUR paper and, however times may change, no one would wish this journal to be one of 'our little systems which have their day . . . and cease to be.'

'The Ringing World' has stood up to the test of 40 years against all menaces to its existence. We can do without many things, perhaps, but certainly not without this handmaid to the age-long art and science of bell-ringing.

C. C. C.

## WORCESTERSHIRE'S EXAMPLE

**W**HEN the Bishop of London held his Mission it was our pleasure to record the measure of co-operation that existed in many parts of his diocese by ringers in proclaiming the message of the bells—'Come to church, ye people.' This week the ringers of the Worcestershire and Districts Association have given a wonderful example and public demonstration of their service as church workers. On the opening day of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission, October 13th, a request was made that there should be a good ring in every tower on that afternoon. The event was well planned beforehand. The subject was ventilated at the annual meeting, and at the request of the Chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) a reminder was sent by the general secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson) to each tower that wherever possible a peal be attempted, or where local conditions did not allow of this, at least a quarter peal. No fewer than eight peals were rung and a large number of quarters. We feel certain that other Associations and Guilds as opportunities arise would like to give similar demonstrations. Officers of Guilds should watch for circumstances of this character as they arise and not hesitate to approach diocesan authorities with suggestions.



## BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION

The following peals were rung by the Worcestershire and Districts Association for the Bishop of Worcester's Mission:—

### ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt

JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY .. 4
GERALD J. BOWEN .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 5
ERIC C. LUCAS .. .. 3	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

\* First peal.

### BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Bob Doubles, four callings, and thirty 120's of Grandsire Doubles, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIDGE .. .. Treble	†ERNEST CALCUTT .. .. 4
†EDITH STRIDE .. .. 2	†RALPH C. PARTON .. .. 5
†JOHN HILDER .. .. 3	*WILLIAM GRAINGER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CALCUTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles in two methods.

### BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	†WILLIAM J. GETHIN .. 4
*AUDREY C. DIGBY .. .. 2	E. DUDLEY WILSON .. 5
WILFRED R. JACKSON .. 3	*H. GEORGE BALLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

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### EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
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\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RALPH HARRIS .. .. Treble	*ROBERT G. FREEMAN .. 5
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### KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

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HAROLD WILLETT .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. DERRINGTON .. 4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY .. 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY .. 5
*MRS. A. JOPP .. .. 3	ARTHUR JOPP .. .. Tenor

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### SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

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*JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD .. .. 2	FREDERICK MERRICK .. 5
*GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3	THOMAS COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WORCESTER.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 3	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 8
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 9
WILLIAM LEWIS .. .. 5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD .. Treble	ALFRED ASHTON .. .. 7
ERNEST B. BETTS .. .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. 8
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 9
FRED HODGSON .. .. 4	JAMES H. KIRBY .. .. 10
HARRY WILDE .. .. 5	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 11
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6	ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus by all except the ringer of the sixth. Rung for the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

### HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
RALPH COLES .. .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 8
*MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM .. 3	†WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 9
G. R. GOODSHIP .. .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG .. 10
DOREEN COKER .. .. 5	E. R. COLES .. .. 11
SYLVIA COKER .. .. 6	WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal on twelve. † 25th peal for 1951. Festival of Britain peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON .. Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 3	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First peal of Royal in this variation by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

### GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Treble	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	*JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the Guild, in the county and on the bells. This composition contains 18 of the 24 657890's and 567890's.



**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.*

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. .	Treble	*DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. .	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. .	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. .. .	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. .	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. .	9
FRANK REED .. .. .	5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 18½ cwt.*

HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. .. .	6
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. .	2	FRANK C. MAY .. .. .	7
DONALD COOMBS .. .. .	3	*PHILLIP SADLER .. .. .	8
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. .	4	GERALD FROST .. .. .	9
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. .	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Royal. Rung for the wedding of Christopher Norman Gowing, youngest son of the Vicar of Prittlewell, and Enid Marie Ladislava Johnson.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 24 cwt.*

*PETER BERESFORD .. .. .	Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. .	6
†JOAN BERESFORD .. .. .	2	†§HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	7
†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. .	3	†KENNETH KNOWLES .. .. .	8
†ERNEST STITCH .. .. .	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. .	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. .	5	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Royal and of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. § 100th peal on ten bells. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Messrs. M. G. Turner, H. Howell, H. E. Green and W. Davies.

**WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

*Tenor 28 cwt.*

LESTER GRAY .. .. .	Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. .	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. .. .	2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. .	7
JAMES GROUNDS .. .. .	3	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. .	8
JAMES S. WEBB .. .. .	4	EDWIN BIRKETT .. .. .	9
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. .	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

*Tenor 37 cwt.*

JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	Treble	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. .	6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. .	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. .. .	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN .. .. .	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. .	8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. .	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. .	9
RONALD G. BECK .. .. .	5	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

In memoriam J. H. B. Hesse.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*J. W. Washbrook's Variation.*

*Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.*

JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	5
WALTER J. CLOUGH .. .. .	2	*ALFRED J. HINDE .. .. .	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. .. .	7
J. EDWARD CLOUGH .. .. .	4	†F. ANTHONY ELSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 19½ cwt.*

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. .. .	Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. .	5
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. .. .	2	ALBERT E. WHITING .. .. .	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	3	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. .	7
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY .. .. .	4	HARRY PARKES .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Queenie Ruffles, daughter of Mr. F. Ruffles, for several years a member of the Debenham band, and Mr. B. Race.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

*AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5038 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. .	5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. .	2	*COLIN A. HOPPER .. .. .	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. .. .	3	T. MARK WHITE .. .. .	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. .	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs. Oct. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

*Tenor 18½ cwt.*

VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. .	Treble	BASIL A. EDWARDS .. .. .	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. .	2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. .	6
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. .	3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .	7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. .	4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* 25th peal together. Rung for the local Festival activities.

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*Washbrook's Variation.*

*Tenor 15 cwt. in G.*

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. .	Treble	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. .	5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. .. .	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. .	6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. .	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. .	7
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. .	4	WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.



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MELLS, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt.

*STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* 250th peal. In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 5
*SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN .. 4	ARTHUR HATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

BOUGHTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL I. EADES .. Treble	PETER R. JEMMETT .. 5
*ALFRED C. PHILPOTT .. 2	ERIC T. EADES .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. 3	*FRANK PACK .. 7
ALAN E. BUTLER .. 4	WILFRID S. PALIN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK WELLAR.

Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor and 25th peal.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE .. Treble	DAVID J. GAY .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. 6
HORACE W. J. BUTT .. 3	*FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
JOHN L. P. GLANVILL .. 4	†EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FLEMING.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Crediton, vice-president of the Guild. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of the parents of the 6th ringer.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*THOMAS SENIOR .. Treble	CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 5
ROLAND PARK .. 2	*THOMAS COOKE .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
W. NORMAN PARK .. 4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

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

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. CROSS .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 5
ALAN R. PINK .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. 7
JOHN S. WALTON .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (168). Conducted by A. R. PINK.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A farewell to John S. Walton, who is leaving the district for Edington, Somerset.

EASINGWOLD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE .. Treble	*GORDON BENFIELD .. 5
†F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
GIBSON JACKSON .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Major on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Milner on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. PENNELLS .. Treble	*COLIN E. VERDON .. 5
JOHN A. DOWNING .. 2	*R. GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6
JAMES W. PIPER .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER .. 4	WILLIAM LEVETT .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

\* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. John R. Sankey, M.A., former Vicar of Wormingford, Essex.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FRANCES J. POWELL .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. 6
CLARENCE R. STEED .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 4	†ALFRED E. BOSBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

ERNEST GREENWOOD .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. 5
SIDNEY BARRON .. 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 6
FRANK GREENWOOD .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. 7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 4	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Triples on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bottomley, for 53 years a ringer at this tower.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

J. R. Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MISS D. L. TURK (Newn.) Treble	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 5
R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 3	A. R. GUY (Jesus) .. 7
†E. W. TAYLOR (Emman.) .. 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Conducted by A. R. GUY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(South-West Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL A. JONES .. Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 6
HAROLD W. MILFORD .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
DENIS F. WHEELER .. 4	*GEORGE W. LAVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the dedication of the present building. This is the first peal since the recasting of the bells in 1936.



## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Treble	LUTHER HONESS .. .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN .. .. 2	†REGINALD RICH .. .. 6
LEONARD MANNERING .. 3	LOUIS HEAD .. .. 7
*WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. 4	†HUBERT SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS HEAD.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal for 29 years, making a total of two to his credit. ‡ First peal in the method with cover bell.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Treble	*†THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5
†DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
†ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	†HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in these three methods spliced. ‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung for the wedding of Frank H. Hicks to Miss Evelyn M. Capon. Mr. Rogers, by ringing the treble, has now completed the 'circle' at Rotherfield for the second time.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
JACK KING .. .. 4	BRYAN S. COPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition contains 6th extent home in natural courses.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. VINCENT A. HEMMING, Birmingham City .. .. Treble	
EX-SERG. WM. C. DOWDING, Birmingham City .. .. 2	
EX-P.C. LEONARD TUFFREY, Birmingham City .. .. 3	
EX-P.C. (W.R.) ARTHUR H. BEAMISH, Warwickshire .. 4	
SERG. CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON, Metropolitan .. 5	
EX-P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON, Leicester City .. .. 6	
INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City .. .. 7	
STATION-SERG. JAMES G. A. PRIOR, Metropolitan .. Tenor	

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by INSP. HAROLD J. POOLE.

A Festival of Britain peal. First peal in the method for the Guild. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. Treble	*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* 100th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey F. Sone, daughter of Thomas E. Sone.



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## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).  
\*GLENYS BODYCOTE .. Treble | HAROLD KILBY .. 4  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. 5  
MARY A. CARPENTER .. 3 | JOHN J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal,

## COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*FRED C. GIFFORD .. Treble | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4  
CHARLES W. SMITH .. 2 | CYRIL A. HURST .. 5  
†JOHN WILKIN .. 3 | JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. R. QUINNEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*KATHLEEN TIVVEY .. Treble | FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4  
\*ALBERT THOMPSON .. 2 | \*MAURICE BAILEY .. 5  
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3 | DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

\* First peal in five methods. A birthday peal for Miss Vivien Carlisle, daughter of the conductor. Also rung to commemorate the engagement of Kathleen Tivvey and John Wilkinson.

## WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. Treble | A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 4  
ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. 2 | JOHN S. POWLES .. 5  
DENNIS W. GREEN .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

## STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.  
\*SYLVIA J. BEDDOW .. Treble | RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 4  
LEO EVANS .. 2 | †CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5  
ALBERT E. JONES .. 3 | ERNEST F. WILCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Allen, of Stokesay, who has been a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for 50 years. Also rung by request for the harvest festival.

## BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb.  
THOMAS W. CROWE .. Treble | ERIC N. HARRISON .. 4  
STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 2 | EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5  
JOYCE LEWIS .. 3 | HAROLD WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

Rung as a farewell to Joyce Lewis, who is leaving the district.

## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) College Bob, (2) Double Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.  
NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble | GEORGE SAYER .. 4  
\*TONY OWEN .. 2 | GEORGE BAILEY .. 5  
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3 | BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods and first in eight methods on the bells.

## NORWICH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
WILLIAM LOVE .. Treble | ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4  
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. 2 | RALPH STETCH .. 5  
\*DAVID HEIGHTON .. 3 | ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal,

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
T. COLIN RYDER .. Treble | \*PHILIP COOTE .. 4  
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 2 | ARTHUR FIRTH .. 5  
ARNOLD HILL .. 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal in more than one method. A tribute of respect to Mrs. R. E. Beeden, who died on October 8th, and whose husband gave the new treble bell a year before his death in 1946.

## DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, London, Wells, Durham and York, with seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.  
MRS. W. N. PARK .. Treble | THOMAS COOKE .. 4  
RICHARD BUSBY .. 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5  
W. NORMAN PARK .. 3 | ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Durham at the choral thanksgiving service held in this church to mark the end of the Festival of Britain celebrations in Darlington.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.  
JAMES W. WILLIAMS .. Treble | KENNETH HARTLEY .. 4  
\*FRANK TRICKETT .. 2 | BRIAN H. WOOD .. 5  
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 3 | ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal.

## CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.  
\*WILLIAM BUTLER .. Treble | \*†DAVID H. PEARCE .. 4  
BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2 | FRANK C. PRICE .. 5  
JANET S. BAILEY .. 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* 20th peal together. † First peal of Bob Minor. 25th peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Frank Price, leaving to join the R.A.F., and in memory of Mr. George Barkus, a ringer for many years at St. Mary's, Slough.



DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY .. Treble	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 4
*FREDA OLDERSHAW .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
FRANK TAYLOR .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Emery and Mr. W. Forth. Mr. Frank Taylor has now circled this tower.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH .. Treble	HARRY J. WRIGHT .. 4
HENRY T. WILSON .. 2	DENNIS SYMONDS .. 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON .. 3	FRANK V. GANT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

Rung, with the best wishes of the band, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. 4
†MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor.

ORDSALL, RETFORD, NOTTS.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

D. ALMA PIERCY .. Treble	WILLIAM A. MULVEY .. 4
*WILLIAM K. BRETT .. 2	*JOHN STANILAND .. 5
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD 3	JOHN W. HURST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HURST.

\* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all and on the bells. First peal since rehanging.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Guilsborough Branch.)

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

L. GEORGE WYKES .. Treble	C. WILLIAM BROWN .. 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	ARTHUR MILLWARD .. 4

LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Rung for the patronal festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
*JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
*ROY DUESBURY .. 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven plain methods. A wedding compliment to Geoffrey Andrews and Pamela Peck, married at St. Nicholas, Harwich, the previous day.

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## WHICH HALF ARE YOU IN?

When the Government increased, last June, the postage on 'The Ringing World,' we appealed to postal subscribers to forward the extra 1s. 5d. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. So far, 515 subscribers have responded to this request, but there are 523 who have not. There is still time to be regarded as a member of the better half.

The Society of Roving Ringers' attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral last Saturday was lost after an hour's good ringing. Unbeknown to the rest of the band, one of the ringers was not physically fit. Had this been known beforehand alternative arrangements would have been made.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed rang his 50th peal this year at Erith, on October 5th.

Miss Edna Sills, of Wrotham, Kent, has accepted an appointment at Radley College and has already been introduced into Oxford ringing circles.

The Yorkshire Association, at its meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on October 20th, extended congratulations to Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessle, on having celebrated his golden wedding.

Congratulations to Mr. George Gilbert on ringing his 500th peal. His list includes 154 peals of Minor, 61 of Grandsire Triples and 57 of Plain Bob Major, due in a big measure to first-pealers, of which he is justly proud.

Although Plympton (Devon) bells were recast in 1936, a peal had not been rung on them until October 20th. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at the residence of Mr. W. G. Lavers, captain of the St. Maurice's ringers.

The ringers of Bedwellty, Mon., where the first peal for 18 years on the bells was recorded recently, are determined to get an eight-bell band of change ringers and at the moment, with a number of young learners, the prospect looks good. Last year at this time a 'peal' was rung with more than one cover bell which the Central Council could not recognise as a peal. Writes the tower's correspondent: 'We decided to abide by the rules and not call it a peal, but rather a "practice" peal.'

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The annual report of the Kent County Association has made a welcome re-appearance. Apart from surveying the activities of the past year in a comprehensive fashion, the report contains a list of towers in union with the Association, details of first performances of peals and compositions of first performances during the year. A guide of tower secretaries and practice nights will be of value to the many thousands of visitors to 'The Garden of England.'

The dedication of Ash Priors, Somerset, Church is Holy Trinity and not as stated on page 645.

The carillon at All Saints', Maidstone, which has been silent since 1945, is now functioning again. It can be heard at three-hourly intervals daily between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. except Sundays.

Previous to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Wednesbury on October 20th, only one peal in the method had been rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was at Walsall on November 29th, 1913. Mr. C. Wallater took part in both peals.

The Rector of Snodland, Kent, the Rev. A. E. Speers, has written some verses entitled 'The Old Church Bells' which he has dedicated to his ringers in grateful appreciation of their faithful service. The Rector is a ringer and the verses were sung at the service of the Maidstone District recently.

Eight members of the National Police Guild travelled a total distance of 840 miles to Hanbury, Worcestershire, to ring the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise for the Guild. The band would like to take this opportunity of expressing sincere thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Birch for their kind hospitality after the peal.

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# CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

## A Memorable Year Recalled

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Bars Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, October 13th. The Archdeacon of Chester presided and the chief guest of the evening was the Rev. E. V. Dawson, Vicar of Over, who kindly allowed the use of his bells for the record peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major last year. Though the attendance was not so large as last year, the assembled company, drawn from five of the seven branches of the Guild, spent a very enjoyable evening.

Dinner over and the loyal toast having been given by the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), the Archdeacon proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He recalled that he himself, in his younger days, had learned to handle a bell and to hunt the treble in 120 Doubles, but that his last effort was in celebration of the conclusion of the Boer War in 1902. He went on to say that it was one of his predecessors in office who founded the Guild—Archdeacon Barber—and who was Rector of the same parish of which the present secretary was incumbent.

In his reply, the Master thanked the Archdeacon and spoke of the prominent position the Guild now held in the Exercise, as evidenced by its recent achievements in scoring the record peal at Over and the silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Frodsham. He went on to speak of the meeting of the Central Council last May and of the appreciation expressed by delegates at the welcome accorded them at the Cathedral and the ample facilities for ringing in local towers (thanks to the efforts of Ralph Edwards). He then offered a hearty welcome to two veterans present—Sam Jones, sen., of Eccleston, and Robert Snerring, of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls. The latter, he said, had been closely associated with Archdeacon Barber. He ended by saying that the Guild must not relax its efforts to bring all towers in the diocese into union.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was entrusted to Mr. Walter Allman. In a racy and dramatic speech he explained that many ringers had dealings with bells in the tower and belles at home, and that in both cases they could be classified as heavy and light. He then proceeded to dilate on the former variety, giving concrete examples, not without some embarrassment to one or two of the ladies present.

Miss Frances Edgar replied, saying that in the Oxford University Guild the ladies had frequently found themselves in the majority and the toast was then 'The Gentlemen.' She had responded to the toast of 'The Ladies' on many occasions, but had never before responded to it when proposed in so dramatic a manner.

## QUALITIES OF A CLERGYMAN

Mr. Kenneth C. Lewis undertook the toast of 'The Clergy' and gave an interesting outline of what, in his view, the qualities of a clergyman should be. He devised a somewhat original 'text' for his discourse:—A Bench of Bishops, a Deliberation of Deans, an Argument of Archdeacons, a Conscientiousness of Canons, a Record of Rectors, a Visitation of Vicars, and a Committee of Curates.

Under each heading he had something relevant to say, with suitable personal references, and no doubt the clergy present left the hotel equipped with a deeper knowledge of the commitments of their sacred calling and a firm determination to carry them out more faithfully, and encouraged by his kindly words not to fail their fellow workers in the belfry.

The Rev. E. V. Dawson, in his reply, said but for the kindness of Walter Allman, who had just offered to take him home, he would have had to leave earlier and the toast of 'The Ladies' would have been deferred till after his departure. This would have been a major disaster as he would have missed Walter's speech, which had given him an insight into the home life

of ringers of which he, a bachelor, would never otherwise have been aware. He added that he was proud to have had the world's record peal rung in his own tower.

The Master next gave the toast of 'The Ringers of the Record Peal,' six of whom were present, to which Mr. John Worth, the conductor, suitably replied. The secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon) said a brief word of welcome to the visitors and reported apologies from the Bishops of Chester, Stockport and Liverpool, and the Dean, and read a letter of greeting from the secretary of the Lancashire Association (Mr. Fred Dunckerley), who was unfortunately unable to be present. He also expressed the pleasure of all present at having with them a veteran ringer from across the Mersey—Mr. George R. Newton, who for years had been closely associated with the Chester Guild.

The speeches were interspersed with handbells and songs. John Worth had arranged the former, and together with John E. Bibby, Ralph G. Edwards, Peter Laffin and C. Kenneth Lewis, rang courses of Grandire Caters, Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Spliced Plain and Little Bob, the last being particularly good. There was no professional entertainer this time. His place was taken by an Eccleston ringer, Harry Thomas, whose comic songs afforded much pleasure and amusement, especially 'The Village Pump,' in the chorus of which all joined heartily, some just vocally, some with appropriate action.

Before closing, the Master thanked the handbell ringers and Mr. Thomas for their contribution to the enjoyment of the evening, and the secretary for his work in organising the dinner.

## ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

St. Ambrose Ringing Guild held its first Ringers' Sunday on October 21st, and judging by comments from various people it was very much appreciated and is likely to be a regular feature in the Guild's activity.

Fifteen members and three visitors communicated at 8 a.m., which was preceded by ringing. Breakfast followed in the Parish Hall, and ringing for morning and evening services.

About 40 ringers and friends attended the evening service which included an anthem by the choir, handbell ringing (a course of Bob Major, well struck) by the Guild, and ringers' hymns. The address was given by the Rev. Vincent C. Castle, Vicar of Coalpit Heath, who is himself a ringer in the learner stage, but, judging by his sermon, the theme of which was striking, it will not be long before he becomes an accomplished ringer.

Amongst those present were Mr. W. Lansdowne, first captain of the Guild; Mr. A. T. Maggs, captain for 17 years; and the present captain, Mr. G. C. Baker; also Mr. John G. Jefferies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; and Mr. C. R. Harding, vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch, and Mrs. Harding. The offertory for the whole day, which amounted to over £6, was devoted to the Guild fund for new bellropes, etc.

F. S.

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## THE OCTOGENARIANS 'Better Luck Next Time'

A peal by octogenarian ringers has yet to be rung. The attempt on Saturday, October 20th, at St. John's Church, Deptford, failed.

The attempt created widespread interest not only in the Exercise but with the general public. Before the start, the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Lee) came into the well-appointed ringing chamber and was introduced to each ringer. He gave them a few words of encouragement, and other ringers present, who included Mr. W. H. Hewett and Mr. F. W. Richardson, wished them luck. Doors were bolted and a start was made at 4.10 p.m. for Plain Major. The first try lasted 30 minutes and the second about one hour.

The band stood as follows:—A. E. Reeves (Westminster) 1, I. Emery (Bromley) 2, F. Bennett (conductor, Brighton) 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford) 4, R. Stannard (Barking) 5, W. J. Nudds (Edgware) 6, F. Blondell (Twickenham) 7, G. H. Daynes (Greenwich) 8.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the veterans with a few friends, were entertained in the adjoining Church Hall by the churchwardens, right royally.

After justice had been done to the good things provided, the Vicar voiced his own disappointment with the veterans, and most kindly gave permission for the bells to be used at some future date, should another attempt be made.

Then the handbells came out, and touches of Grandire and Stedman were rung, everyone agreeing that St. John's handbells were a nice-toned lot. Well, all good things come to an end, and it was time to say 'Goodnight,' with better luck next time. F. W. R.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION New Subscription Carried

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held on October 20th in St. Clement's Hall, Norwich. This was preceded by ringing at St. George Colegate, and a service conducted by the general secretary (the Rev. A. G. Thurlow) in this church. Forty-six members were present from King's Lynn, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Snettisham, Norwich, Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Buxton, New Buckenham, Diss, Bunwell, Hethersett, Mulbarton, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Fornett St. Peter, Doncaster, Loughborough, Pakefield, Northrepps, Pulham, North Creak, Caston, Bergh Apton, Fakenham and Blo' Norton. After a nice tea, the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) took the chair, and the important business which had called the meeting together was discussed.

The general secretary said he had submitted the proposed new Service Book prepared by the Guildford Guild, to the Bishop of Norwich, who had approved of it.

The difficulty of producing the annual report at present prices was discussed. It was stated that it was being found possible to produce the 1950 report in 40 pages instead of 72 which should reduce the cost by about two-thirds. The Report Sub-Committee was empowered to carry on, on these lines, and to reconsider the format of the report when the financial position is known at the end of the year.

In accordance with the notice of motion at the previous general meeting, it was proposed to raise the annual subscription to 5s. (keeping to 2s. 6d. for those under 16). The North, East and South Norfolk Branches were stated to have unanimously supported this at their Branch meetings, though West Norfolk had not been unanimous. The general meeting carried this, with two dissentients. The general secretary made a fervent appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

Ringing took place afterwards at St. George Colegate and at Mancroft, whose Vicar had been made an honorary canon at Cathedral evensong that day.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE BARKUS

The death occurred on October 13th at the age of 77 years of Mr. George Barkus, for over 50 years a ringer at Slough (Bucks) Parish Church. A native of Goring, Oxon, Mr. Barkus joined the Great Western Railway and became an engine driver. He was transferred to South Wales and after a few years' service there, moved to Slough, where he spent the rest of his life, retiring just before the war.

For many years a 'tenor man,' Mr. Barkus ultimately took up change ringing and mastered the standard methods, ringing peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. He was a genial, retiring countryman, beloved by all, and when his railway duties permitted, was always present for Sunday ringing and the weekly practice. His last peal was rung on Boxing Day, 1937, at his own tower.

Although he had not rung for several months on account of dizziness when ascending the belfry stairs, he frequently visited the tower to chat with the ringers, and it was only two or three weeks before his death that he last came. He entered Upton Hospital, Slough, about a fortnight before his death.

Slough bells were rung half-muffled the following day, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on the evening of his funeral unfortunately came to grief towards the end. The wreaths included one from his fellow-ringers, among whom the following represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild at his funeral: W. W. Wolstencroft, F. G. Groombridge (Slough), E. E. Gosling (Maidenhead).

### MR. M. F. R. HIBBERT

Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey, Herts., died on October 22nd, aged 63, as a result of cerebral hæmorrhage which occurred while asleep.

He learned to ring at Bushey in 1902 and became a member of the Hertford County Association in 1903. Up to the time of writing it has not been convenient to have access to his carefully-kept records, but it is known he rang approximately 300 peals including many new and spliced methods. He was a first-class ringer, keen on good striking and at home on any number of bells, yet he was always ready to help a learner. He was a conductor of no mean order with an unrivalled memory and he delighted in all sorts of complicated peals in various methods.

Bushey bells were rung half-muffled the night before the funeral, which took place at Golders Green Crematorium on October 26th. Messrs. J. E. Rootes, H. Hodgetts, C. Evans, S. H. Hoare and A. W. Coles attended to pay tribute and last respects, representing respectively the local band, the District members and the Middlesex County Association. S. H. H.

### THE REV. D. G. SMITH

Although not himself a great method ringer, the Rev. Douglas Gerard Smith, who passed away in the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, on October 24th, after an illness of some four months, had a life-time's interest in bells and ringers.

Starting to ring as a boy at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, where his father, the late Daniel Smith, was Rector, he never lost his interest in ringing. As a curate at Ripley he rang his only peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1908, and subsequently as Rector of Yardley Hastings (1928-33) and Vicar of Heanor (1933-46), he lent active support to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Association. On his retirement he went to live at Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, in 1949, in the parish where his son, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, President of the Lancashire Association, is Vicar.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church at Heanor, on October 26th, and was followed by cremation at Wilford Hill, Nottingham.

## SUNDERLAND PARISH CHURCH

### Rededication Ceremony

In the old part of Sunderland, towards the docks, an area which has seen much slum clearance but where much old property remains, is Sunderland Parish Church. The surroundings could hardly be called attractive but these seemed to fade from the picture as one looked for the first time on Wednesday, October 17th, through the west door into that church with its lights ablaze, the plate set out on the altar and the whole building with a spick and span appearance after its repairs and redecoration.

The large congregation, including civic dignitaries, had come that evening for the service of thanksgiving and rededication for the restoration of the church and bells. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. S. Troop, and the Lord Bishop of Jarrow, the Right Rev. John A. Ramsbotham, M.A., preached and conducted the rededication.

The Bishop began his service by congratulating the parish upon the beauty of its newly-restored church and said that it might feel justly proud of the outcome of its efforts. He felt that the care of our parish churches was something that mattered a great deal in our national religious life, for if we neglected these wonderful buildings then it would not be long before we started to neglect our religion itself.

It was to the bells that he devoted the greatest part of his address. He recalled memories of church bells at various stages throughout his life. The first was associated with the bells of the parish church where he lived as a boy. The next when he lived for many years near St. Paul's Cathedral, and he recalled many State occasions in which the bells had played their part. Then he came within the sound of another famous ring, at Wells Cathedral, and he told of how the Angelus had been rung there, maintaining an unbroken tradition over centuries. Two parishes where he served after this had bells. In the first, he followed a keen ringer who had rather neglected the religious life of the parish in favour of ringing. (He understood that his predecessor's Confirmation classes were held principally in the belfry!) In the second, he recalled how the bells had unwittingly been left up during 'the ban,' and how the accumulation of foreign matter had been disgorged during the ringing after Alamein, much to the discomfiture of the ringers. Now he lived close

### MR. W. W. CHAMBERS

The death occurred recently at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, of Mr. William Wilfred Chambers, aged 76. He was a native of the Island and a ringer of 60 years standing at Carisbrooke during the early part of the century and latterly at Newport.

The funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, where members of the local band rang courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave.

### DEATH OF MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE

We regret to announce the death on Monday of Mr. Tom Groombridge, a former Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, aged 84 years.

Mr. Groombridge had been living with his son Fred at Slough. The funeral will take place at the Church of the Annunciation Chislehurst, on Friday at 2.15 p.m.

**NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.** — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence (first quarter) 1. W. J. Arnold 2. C. F. Sayer 3. R. Loft 4. G. Spencer 5. P. Coles 6. T. J. Southam (cond.) 7. F. J. Spicer 8. **SIMPSON, BUCKS.** — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Giles 1. G. Guess 2. A. Butcher 3. W. Peifer 4. M. Hooton 5. Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1, 3 and 5.

to Durham Cathedral and regularly heard its bells.

In his concluding remarks he reminded his hearers of the difficulties and dangers that beset them and the great need for Christianity in the world to-day.

The Bishop conducted the dedication from the pulpit and the service concluded with a processional hymn, the Te Deum and the Blessing.

After the service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, stationed as follows:—W. F. Sheraton treble, K. Pickering 2, Miss M. Fidell 3, R. Bell 4, J. A. Brown 5, D. A. Bayles 6, F. Ainsley 7, W. Armour tenor.

The church itself has been repaired after its war damage, principally plastering and repairing of windows, and redecorated throughout. One of the architects responsible for the work was Miss Margaret Fidell, Bachelor of Architecture, who is well known in ringing circles.

The bells and their weights, as given in the special form of service, are as follows:—

Treble	F	4 cwt.	2 qr.	10 lb.
2	E	4 cwt.	3 qr.	3 lb.
3	D	5 cwt.	2 qr.	21 lb.
4	C	6 cwt.	2 qr.	0 lb.
5	B fl	7 cwt.	0 qr.	7 lb.
6	A	8 cwt.	2 qr.	7 lb.
7	G	9 cwt.	3 qr.	21 lb.
Tenor	F	13 cwt.	2 qr.	14 lb.

The bells were cast in 1829 by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the treble and No. 2 being given by the Rev. Robert Gray, Rector of Sunderland. In 1900 the bells were quarter turned and rehung with completely new fittings and oak framework, a new floor being laid on the old beams.

The present restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The treble and No. 2 have been recast and the remaining six bells cleaned by sandblast and then retuned. New staples have been fitted and the bells rehung and provided with self-aligning ball bearings and other necessary new parts.

The total cost of the work will be about £650, towards which approximately £500 has been received to date. Donations will be gratefully received by the Rector and churchwardens.

It is hoped to arrange for an Association meeting to be held at this church in early December to give ringers an opportunity to try out the bells for themselves.

## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, 1911

### SIX HANDBELL PEALS IN SIX DAYS

#### Unique Performance at Guildford

The handbell men at Guildford have loomed large this year in the eye of the Exercise but last week they eclipsed all their previous performances by ringing six handbell peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings. They began on Monday and finished on Saturday and 'bagged' a peal every night. It was all sixes; six days, six peals, six composers, six different lengths, rung in six different places on six different sets of handbells and after, curiously enough, six false starts. On the Monday night . . . there was not a hitch. On Tuesday a bob at five crept in a course too soon and a second start had to be made. On each of the next three nights, to ensure perfectly clean peals, a second start was made with the going-off course, and the last peal of all was rung at the third attempt. The result was six excellent peals, verified by four umpires. At the conclusion the band congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling on the skilful way he conducted the week's ringing.



## RINGING TRIPS IN DEVON

There is a side to ringing which does not perhaps appeal to 'peal' ringers or tower 'snatchers,' yet it is a type of tower 'grabbing.'

During the past summer our 'family party' of about 20 ringers and friends has visited 40 towers and has rung the bells of as many village churches. We have enjoyed the countryside and we have dipped into the historic past.

We have admired such churches as Abbotsham, a gem of early English architecture, where its early English tower contains a bell (tenor) with the unusual inscription 'yemosjinary' reversed and repeated nine times, Bratton Clovelly, a relic of the artistry of the Decorated period, and Hartland, with its tallest tower in Devon (128 feet) and beautiful Perpendicular period church containing probably the noblest rood screen in the county.

On the old Taylor six we rang probably the last six-score ever on the bells, because they are now in the foundry, and we trust a noble eight will soon peal from the magnificent tower. We have admired the bells at Ilstington, the handy sixes at North Bovey, Manaton, Lustleigh and Widdecombe, all near the heart of Dartmoor. We have been to Bishopsnympton, Knowstone and Rackenford, near the foothills of Exmoor. We have rung on Pennington sixes at Atherington, Drewsteignton and Black Torrington, where we wondered at the deep note of the 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. tenor; we admired the lovely Gillett and Johnston bells at Bishopsnympton and Sandford as well as the Taylor rings at Roborough and Marystowe.

We appreciate the kindly interest shown us by the villagers wherever we met them nor shall we forget the curiosity when three of our lady members (Mrs. Miles, Miss Gilbert and Miss Boyle) stood in for Minor and rang with ease the bells which the local ladies had thought hard work for their strong men.

Round ringers understand rising and falling: they like the tenor as a big drum. So it is that good striking, raising and falling have been the order, and when Prebendary E. V. Cox, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews and Messrs. Myers are ringing, we do not disappoint the villagers. Some, even Superlative ringers, have been told off. Though touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung, Doubles and Triples were mostly in the programme. We have read in 'The Ringing World' that certain round ringers had never before heard change ringing. The answer is that all five-, six- and eight-bell towers in Devon have been visited more than once by change ringing bands. Prebendary E. V. Cox, Messrs. Myers and the writer of these notes have visited well over 200 of the 250 six-bell towers and all but a very few of the eight-bell towers. Mr. A. W. Searle has visited them all.

We hope that a fine summer will favour us next year when we hope to be able to say that most of our 'family party' have visited all the six- and eight-bells towers of our glorious county.

F. C. S.

## ARCHDEACON DEDICATES PEAL BOARD

A peal board was dedicated in the belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, on October 21st, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The board was unveiled by Mr. Eric Nobles, the captain of the tower.

The peals included one of Doubles, the first rung with a Sunday service band and contained four first peals. This performance was on March 10th, 1951.

At the dedication festival of Dallington Church, on October 14th, the ringers rang for every service, starting with half-an-hour before the 8 a.m. Holy Communion, at which the entire band communicated. Ringing was resumed at 8.35 for the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and at 10.30 for matins at 11 a.m. For evensong a quarter peal was rung and, according to custom at Dallington for all festivals, after evensong.

## MAIDSTONE DISTRICT REVIEW PAST YEAR

The company of 50 which assembled at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 13th, for the annual District meeting included ringers from 14 District towers with visitors from nine more in other parts of the county and beyond. We were especially glad to welcome among us Mr. F. M. Mitchell, our general treasurer. Ringing during the day was varied, inevitably, with younger ringers gaining experience of ten bells on a difficult ring. But encouraged, they persevered and improved. The course of Superlative preceding tea was the best effort, though Little Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal were among other methods rung capably.

Tea was served by a group of wives in the College Room, our hosts being the Vicar and ringers of All Saints'. While tables were cleared the October issue of 'The Belfry' was distributed and then business was embarked upon under the expert guidance of Canon Sampson.

After the minutes, the election of Mr. Peter Border, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows and Miss Elizabeth Roe to non-resident life membership was ratified; all members of the Oxford University Society, they had come to ring peals for the recent wedding of Miss Betty Spice, daughter of our general secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice.

The secretary then gave his report. A total membership of 180 showed little change from 1950; deaths, lapses and departures from the District being balanced by the influx of new young blood. The passing of four old and loyal members was recalled: Mr. C. H. Sone, of Linton, Mr. C. F. Good, of Charing, Mr. A. E. Gasson, of All Saints', and Mr. A. Coleman, of Hollingbourne. There was no change in tower affiliation but there were encouraging happenings now going on at Harrietsham and Lenham.

District activities during Festival year were then reviewed. Attendances at meetings had improved over 1950, and at the May, July and September meetings the public were invited by tastefully-executed posters. The District Festival peal of Maidstone Bob at Aylesford was rung for the 21st birthday of Princess Margaret.

After the presentation of a financial statement the meeting passed to the election of officers for 1952. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. A. Waddington as District Representative on the Central Committee. Mr. G. F. Cantrill did not seek re-election, however, and Mr. W. R. Manser, of Barming, was elected a representative in his place.

The programme of meetings for 1952 was then approved without modification and a new cover design for the District Magazine adopted. Finally came consideration of a suggestion that touches exceeding 700 changes rung for services should be briefly recorded in the printed annual report of the Association. It was unanimously resolved that the District representatives should put forward this proposal at the November general committee meeting.

After giving expression of their appreciation of the hospitality and welcome given them that day, the company reassembled for evensong in the choir of All Saints'. The service was beautiful throughout, handbells and special hymns and prayers stamping it with the mark of ringers. For the first time was sung some verses written for 'The Belfry' by the Rev. A. E. Speers, Rector of Snodland, and dedicated to his own ringers in gratitude of their faithful service.

So back again to the ringing chamber until 9 p.m.

E. S. J. H.

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# ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN RINGING TOUR

## Adelaide Ringers at Ballarat and Melbourne

**F**OLLOWING the example of the St. Jude's, Randwick (N.S.W.), team, which made the first inter-State ringing tour just over a year ago, a group of eight ringers from Adelaide (South Australia) visited Ballarat and Melbourne, in Victoria, over the long week-end beginning on October 6th.

At 6.40 p.m. on Friday, October 5th, the eight ringers left Adelaide in the 'Melbourne Express'. The team consisted of five members from the St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, namely, Hervey Bagot, Philip Cooper, Jonathan Eggleton, Richard Lamphree and Fred Staude; to these were added Ron Nogare (a University ringer), Fred Smeaton (formerly from Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex) and Albert Lancefield, who is at present touring Australia.

We arrived at our first destination, Ballarat, at 7 a.m. on Saturday, after nearly 12 hours' train travelling. After breakfast we were met by Mr. G. Waldron, captain of the St. Peter's Bellringers' Society, and other Ballarat ringers. As we were not due to ring until 9.30 a.m., we spent the next hour looking over the city, which is celebrating its centenary. This city was the centre of the 1850 gold rush, and many of the mines can still be seen, as well as the Eureka Stockade, where fighting took place between miners and Government troops in 1854. The party went to see Christ Church Cathedral, where Jon. Eggleton's father had been Vicar before coming to St. Andrew's, our own parish in Adelaide. After this we strolled leisurely towards the City Hall, where we were met by members of the Ballarat Bellringers' Club, who summon the city's worshippers to church every Sunday morning.

Firstly we climbed to the top of the tower up a dark, spiral staircase, which took abrupt and unexpected right-angled turns—too frequently for some of our party's liking. Eventually, however, we reached the top and saw below us the whole of Ballarat. It was a wonderful view. Learning from our experience in ascending the stairs, we went down them again with greater care, breaking our journey to see the bells themselves. These are a fine ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr 21 lb. in E flat).

By ten a.m. we were ready to raise the bells; it went well, and we tried them out with a course of Bob Triples. The tone of the bells was very good and we all felt that our intended quarter peal of Bob Triples would be a real success. At 10.30 a.m. four ringers from Melbourne arrived. They were Philip and Joan Gray, Brenda Sheppard (from Mangotsfield,

Bristol) and Mr. Alan Bennett. It was suggested that we try some Grandsire Triples, and so we did, once again the striking being fairly good. Just before we began our quarter peal we rang a course of Bob Major, and this went so well that we decided to ring this method for our quarter—and so, as our last ringing on these bells, we rang a quarter peal of Bob Major; the first for four of the Adelaide ringers. Bob Minor, Major and Royal were also rung 'in hand.'

### MAYORAL WELCOME

By this time it was just midday and the Mayor of Ballarat, who had arrived before the quarter finished, welcomed us, saying that it was the first time he had really seen ringers at work. We felt rather honoured that the Mayor remained in the tower throughout the quarter. A plentiful supply of cool drinks and sandwiches was provided for us by the Ballarat Bellringers' Club and, after thanking them for their kind hospitality, the team left the City Hall and went to St. Peter's Church, about one mile further on in the main street.

The ringers at St. Peter's have only recently begun to learn change ringing and, like most Australian towers, are so isolated that progress is very difficult. One of the main ideas behind this trip was to give these young enthusiasts as much practice in hunting as we could. The bells, also by Mears and Stainbank, are a ring of six with two lighter bells hung dead. For nearly 36 years the bells have been chimed but now change ringing is beginning. We soon found that there was far too much noise in the ringing chamber; conductors had to yell very loudly to make themselves heard. The ropes, purchased for £1 from another tower not now ringing, were rather a mixture of thick, thin, soft and coarse ropes. A quarter peal was quite out of the question and so we gave most of the time to helping the local people, whom we put on the treble while we rang Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A bit of Bob Minor was rung, and the highlight of our ringing here was a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first by an Australian band.

At 4 p.m. the Mayor appeared once more and, still showing interest in our art, thanked us for coming and said that our visit had aroused considerable interest in the city. As our train left at 4.45 p.m. for Melbourne, we soon had to say goodbye to these enthusiastic pioneers and wished them the best of luck in their future progress. It should not be long before they can ring simple Doubles methods. The Mayor somehow managed to fit the eight of us into his car and drove us to the station in time for our train.

Having been kept at our task since ten in the morning till four in the afternoon, we were feeling very tired as the train took us the extra 70 miles to Melbourne. We arrived there at 7 p.m. and soon found our lodgings, which were very near to St. Paul's Cathedral, our rendezvous for Sunday.

On the Sunday morning, we woke up, quite unintentionally, at 6 o'clock and, having nothing better to do, we decided to get washed and dressed. About 7 p.m. we began touring the city, first of all looking at the stately Cathedral of St. Paul. We went to an early Communion service at St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill, just opposite St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. After the service we went back to the Y.M.C.A. for breakfast, and then on to St. Paul's at 10 o'clock. These bells are also by Mears and Stainbank and are easily the best-toned bells in Australia. They are a ring of 13 with a 31½ cwt. tenor. After meeting the St. Paul's ringers and being welcomed by the Dean of Melbourne, we had our first experience of ringing on 12 bells, even though it was only rounds. Then followed a course of Grandsire Caters (the first for most of the Adelaide ringers), a touch of Grandsire Triples and some Doubles. This was all in

preparation for a quarter peal attempt in the evening. After the ringing the visiting team split up into various groups, some to see friends, some sight-seeing and some remained talking to the ringers at the Cathedral.

### FIRST PEAL FOR U.A. IN AUSTRALIA

In the afternoon some of us met again in the belfry for an attempt for a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' After a few false starts we eventually won through and rang the first such peal ever to be rung in Australia; it was also the first peal for the Universities Association in Australia. The peal finished about 5 p.m. and we were whisked off to Philip Gray's home for a quick tea before our quarter peal attempt.

Arriving back at the Cathedral we found the rest of the band there, and off we went for a quarter of Grandsire Triples with five of the Adelaide ringers in. It was a glorious quarter with almost perfect striking and was the best ringing in the whole trip. This finished, the ringers sat around in the large belfry and had a good chat about all sorts of things. Soon, however, the handbell enthusiasts were at it again, this time ringing Bob Major on a huge set of handbells, the tenor being at least nine inches in diameter. It was almost as strenuous as tower bell ringing.

On Monday our official programme consisted only of a visit to St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. This is a really glorious Cathedral architecturally, and it is a great pity that its eight bells cannot be referred to likewise. We reached the Cathedral about 10 a.m. and found our way into a dimly-lit ringing chamber. Never before had any of us seen such peculiar belfropes. Most of the sallies were three or four inches thick and completely unwieldy. We were almost glad that we didn't ring the bells, which were cast by Murphy, of Dublin. The bells are in a very bad state, hung anti-clockwise, and no changering is done on them, although they are rung in a desultory fashion on Sundays. The more courageous travellers ventured to climb up to the top of the spire, about 150 feet above the ground.

After this the party once more split up into small groups. Four ringers went on a bus trip to the nearby Dandenong Ranges in the afternoon, while 'the intellectuals' visited the University, the Public Library and the Art Gallery (where three original Rembrandts and a Van Eyck were seen). The musical members found their way to music shops and then on to St. Peter's Church again to 'have a go' at the organ there.

We all met again at 6 p.m. for a quick dinner and then to the railway station to catch the 7 p.m. train back to Adelaide. Another 12 hours' train travelling was before us and we were well equipped with apples, oranges, cool drinks and still the inevitable supply of humour from our men-of-the-world.

And so, for us, a great adventure had finished. For many of us it was the first time we had rung Major or Triples and this experience will urge us on to the same of our own accord.

A special vote of thanks is due to Philip Gray, whose able (and even humorous) conducting enabled so many of us to benefit greatly from the trip. We also thank the captains and steeplekeepers of the City Hall and St. Peter's Church, Ballarat, as well as those of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. To Hervey Bagot we owe our successful accommodation, and to the whole team I express my gratitude for its whole-hearted co-operation throughout the entire trip in which we covered well over 1,000 miles.

P. L. COOPER, Organiser.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sept. 23rd at the Cathedral. 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: J. Thomas 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, Miss M. J. Rowland 4, R. Freeman 5, S. T. Holt 6, R. Harris 7, P. Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9, C. Tomsett 10, T. W. Lewis 11, G. Ambler 12. Rung for ordination service.

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## BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION

The following quarter peals were rung in Worcester-shire on October 13th to mark the opening of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission:

**CLEEVE PRIOR.**—At St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (first as cond.) 1, A. Shorey 2, G. Selby (first quarter) 3, J. A. Selby (first 'inside') 4, G. Fletcher (first quarter) 5, F. Basket (first quarter) 6.

**HALESOWEN.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, H. Shilcock (cond.) 4, J. H. Cox 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett 7, A. H. Harris 8.

**HANBURY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Euchus (first quarter) 1, Miss E. R. Partridge 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, R. C. Nash 4, A. J. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash 6.

**KING'S NORTON.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Funnell 1, B. E. Strutt 2, E. Blake 3, H. Haslem 4, Molly Flynn 5, N. Goodman 6, W. Dowding (cond.) 7, J. Blake 8.

**MALVERN.**—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lewis 1, E. C. Barber 2, R. H. A. Carter 3, H. Dew 4, P. J. Farrant 5, C. J. Clarke 6, J. E. Lawrence (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8.

**MALVERN LINK.**—At St. Matthias' Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Smith 1, J. Lawrence 2, H. Chance 3, R. H. A. Carter 4, E. C. Barber 5, P. J. Farrant 6, H. Dew (cond.) 7, C. J. Clarke 8.

**OMBERSLEY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Moulle 1, W. Harrison 2, A. Wheatley (cond.) 3, J. Blount 4, S. R. Duggan 5, B. Lamb 6. First quarter peal by the local band.

**RIFFLE.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hill 1, C. Halling 2, C. Haylings 3, F. Lawrence 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6.

**SUCKLEY.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ranford 1, F. Boucher 2, W. Ranford 3, R. Lewis 4, F. Merck 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6.

**POWICK.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Lewis 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Also, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. Lewis 1, G. Morris 2, A. Morgan 3, R. Woodyatt 4, G. Prescott 5, W. Prescott 6.

**WOLLASTON.**—1,440 London Surprise Minor: Constance Davis 1, S. G. Thompson 2, Monica A. Davis 3, H. V. Cooper 4, B. R. Sutton (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. G. Handley 6.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barron 1, E. A. Jurd 2, H. Reynolds 3, G. E. Verrill 4, G. Waterman (Harwich) 5, J. Pearce 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, R. Jurd 8. A farewell to J. Pearce, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 5th, at the City Hall, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Sheppard 1, Joan Gray 2, C. H. Bagot 3, P. L. Cooper 4, J. F. Eggleton 5, F. N. Smeaton 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3, 4 and 5.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss B. Thurston (Ipswich) 1, H. Scar 2, R. Felce 3, H. Hopkins 4, J. Meager 5, W. Daniels 6, W. Scar 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

**KRISTOL.**—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on October 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cook (first quarter) 1, E. F. Hancock (first quarter) 2, F. Hansford 3, R. J. Bowden 4, F. Mogford 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, E. J. Taylor (first Triples as cond.) 7, E. F. Hancock 8. The first quarter peal on the new Ralph Morgan light eight. On Oct. 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. H. Trueman 1, J. R. Worrall 2, A. T. W. Cleaver 3, L. C. I. Watson 4, F. C. Mogford 5, W. H. Parker 6, F. Hansford 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8. The first of Major on the bells.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward 1, R. Robinson 2, J. Hayes 3, E. Usher 4, F. H. Birks 5, J. E. Usher 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, P. Roberts 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Edwin Usher.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara E. Bangs (first quarter) 1, R. Rowley 2, Mrs. T. Norris 3, P. Nash 4, T. Norris 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins (first quarter as cond.) 8.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Beverley Jones (15 years, first quarter) 1, T. P. Jones 2, Dyllis L. Hulbert 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, A. R. Price 5, G. Francis 6, D. G. Clarke (first quarter as cond.) 7, W. Dare 8.

**CAMBERWELL, LONDON.**—At St. George's, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, J. Bullock 2, Miss J. M. Weddell 3, T. H. Faffender 4, W. D. Grainger 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, C. W. Outley 8. Birthday congratulations to J. A. Hales.

**CARDIFF.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, F. Bailey 4, A. R. Price (first quarter Triples as cond.) 5, W. Dare 6, R. Coles 7, S. Barker 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Porter 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, A. Hodgson 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, C. Lightning 6. A wedding compliment to Miss D. Lightning and Mr. A. Mitchinson, also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, Miss S. Booth (first in method) 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant 7, G. Proctor 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to W. Vale, towerkeeper, and congratulations to him on his good recovery from a serious accident.

**COUND, SALOP.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Fox 1, R. F. Davies 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, K. Edwards 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. Hill 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

**DALLINGTON, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire, 300 Old Doubles), R. T. Clarke 1, J. Hadley 2, J. G. Charman 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. First quarter peal in 5 methods by all except conductor. Rung for the dedication festival.

**DAWLEY MAGNA, SALOP.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Bevan 1, Miss M. Bailey 2, A. V. Edwards 3, H. Douglas 4, S. R. Douglas (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Briscoe 6. First quarter by 3, 4 and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**DERRY.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Hobbs 1, J. Bailey 2, C. Wm. Bond 3, P. Dudley 4, W. Lancaster 5, W. Steen 6, A. Mould (cond.) 7, B. Barker 8. A welcome to Adrian Spencer, son of C. Wm. Bond, born the previous week.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Gay (first of Triples) 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham 5, A. Birch 6, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Alley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell (first quarter on working bell) 1, J. A. Ainsworth (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Lewis 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, N. H. Hewett 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8. A farewell to Miss Joyce Lewis on her return to London.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Warren 1, F. Barker 2, G. Parsons 3, P. Blake 4, A. W. Coles 5, R. Begrie 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. A birthday compliment to F. Barker.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Kingsmill-Lunn (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, H. Shutt 3, W. Langdon 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Watts 7, H. Page 8.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, E. W. Furbank 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for the annual gift day.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKS.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Bob Minor: P. Harrison 1, Miss Betty Bate 2, J. G. Brithwell 3, W. H. Taylor 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Elvin (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Barker 2, G. Moore 3, G. Elvin 4, R. Loftly 5, H. Tooke (cond.) 6, C. Moore 7, W. Clover 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints', on Oct. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Warrington 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Townsend 1, J. A. Townsend 2, J. H. Joyner 3, E. Edgington 4, J. R. Joyner (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Edgington 6. A 69th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, married that day. Rung by three fathers and three sons.

**LODDON, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Walpole 1, J. W. Forder (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Bailey 3, H. S. Fenn 4, A. E. Long 5, S. W. Copling 6, G. G. Walpole 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Canon C. C. Cox 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, N. Mallett 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, H. G. Keeley 8. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor. First quarter of London by a local band in the Salisbury Guild, in the county and on the bells.

**MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 7th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Lamohere 1, Joan Gray 2, J. F. Eggleton 3, P. L. Cooper 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, A. J. Lancefield 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, C. Williams 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Soper (first quarter) 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, Miss S. Evans 3, R. Fraser (first 'inside') 4, M. Soper 5, W. Vince 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. A birthday compliment to W. Langley, who was 70 on October 3rd.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): F. Wright 1, A. A. Livings 2, K. C. Wood (cond.) 3, C. W. Sams 4, B. G. Burton 5. Rung for harvest festival.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: J. Forder 1, S. Fenn 2, S. Copling 3, D. Chapman 4, G. Walpole 5, E. Long (cond.) 6.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Aston 1, R. Taylor (first quarter as cond.) 2, C. Rouse 3, D. Surman 4, H. Webb 5, F. Pendry 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor, conducted by their son Roy, aged 14.

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Whymark 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, F. Day (cond.) 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. J. Bernard Hall, for many years Rector.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Congratulations to Mrs. Osborne on her birthday and recovery from illness.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): E. Linwood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Allgood 3, W. J. Houghton 4, S. E. Roberts 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roberts.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Pizley 1, F. C. Price (first two-handed) 2-3, P. A. Lawrence 4, F. Blagrove 5.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury): F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, A. Armstrong (cond.) 3, C. Sharp 4, V. Adams 5. A silver wedding and birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WOOD GREEN, LONDON.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Fox 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. O. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6. First quarter by all except the conductor, and first quarter of Minor on the bells by a local band.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bicester Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Stratton Audley on October 20th. The five bells of the Parish Church were rung from 2.30 p.m. to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles.

The Branch service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Addison, the lesson read by the Guild's Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe, and the Rev. Hugh Benson (vice-president) preached an excellent sermon.

After a splendid tea, which was provided by the wives of the local ringers and served in the Rectory, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch president, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper.

It was decided to make a donation to the General Guild Funds and the appeal from 'The Ringing World' was put to the members.

Some 28 members and friends attended the meeting representing the following towers:—Shirley and Hadley Heath (Birmingham), Bicester, Launton, Piddington, Stratton Audley, Islip, Middleton Storey and Souldern.

The bells of Bicester were rung in the evening to Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

### South Oxon Branch

Fourteen new members, including seven from the historic village of Chalgrove, were elected at the meeting of the South Oxfordshire Branch on October 13th.

Capt. Poyntz, late Deputy Master, was present, and also Mr. Alan B. Pink. The latter made an appeal to the clergy to try and meet the ringers 'half-way' in respect to ringers attending divine service after ringing. He pointed out that even now comparatively few clergy were seen in the belfries, while ringers, on the other hand, generally attended divine worship now far more than a few years ago.

## THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

There was a good turnout of ringers including two young men from Swindon, at present stationed at Rosyth with the Royal Navy, at the half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association which was held on October 13th at St. John's Church, Alloa.

This ring, with a tenor of 13 cwt., is the lightest in Scotland and it is therefore a great change from the other towers ranging from one to two tons. The opportunity was taken by most ringers of trying methods unfamiliar to themselves, and because of this the striking was not always of the best. Apart from rounds, the methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob and Kent, and eventually, after much perseverance, a course of Cambridge came round.

During the afternoon the Rector, Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke, showed the ringers over the beautiful church and pointed out many of the interesting features, especially the carving in the chancel and the metal sanctuary screen by Sir Robert Lorimer.

The next meeting is to be held in Edinburgh on April 26th.

### SILENT PEALS

Sir,—No doubt others besides myself expected a letter, in last week's issue, of denial or explanation from Leicester, after the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' comment at their dinner that everyone was allowed to talk in their so-called silent peals. Personally, I cannot see the reason for claiming them as silent. In our Exercise we are free to please ourselves and if a band wish to ring a no-call peal, they are quite at liberty to do so but not to call it silent. They should say 'No Bobs called.' I sincerely hope the band will withdraw the claim as, after the Master's statement, the value of those four silent Surprise peals has gone.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## THE HESSE MEMORIAL

### WEEK-END

Ringers from several parts of the country gathered together at Wrington on October 19th and 20th for the annual week-end in commemoration of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who did so much for Wrington and its bells.

Activities commenced with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Wells on Friday evening, conducted by Mr. J. T. Dyke, and on Saturday afternoon a good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours 21 minutes on Wrington's noble ten, this being conducted by Mr. J. T. Thomas.

At the conclusion of the peal Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea at the Red Lion Hotel, when Mr. E. J. Taylor made a short speech thanking her for her hospitality, and Mrs. Hesse suitably replied. This concluded the proceedings, although several of the party stayed on at Wrington to ring for Sunday morning service.

The company included Mesdames Knight and Thomas and Messrs. E. Chivers, R. Beck, L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, S. Green, H. W. Knight, A. Reeves, H. Sanger, E. J. Taylor, J. Thomas and A. Tyler.

M. J. H.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Test Ringing at Gorran

A meeting of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Guild was held at Gorran on October 20th when about 60 members attended. The gathering was well supported by clergy, those present being Canon F. F. Gilbert (St. Stephen-in-Brannel), Branch Secretary, Canon J. M. Simcock (St. Gluvias), who preached the sermon, the Rev. J. R. Jose (Vicar of Gorran), who conducted the service, and the Revs. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan secretary), A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), R. R. Jenkin (St. Mewan) and S. J. Rust (St. Ewe).

The six bells at Gorran and St. Ewe were rung until service time, tea followed, and at approximately 6.15 p.m. the test ringing commenced. This continued during the evening, the judge being Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who should have been assisted by Mr. W. H. Southeard (Diocesan Ringing Master), but he was unavoidably absent through illness. The test ringing, which places the various bands in first, second or third class, consisted of rising and falling, ringing rounds from the set position, and certain 'touches' of call changes, and is not competitive.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

A combined meeting of the North-West District with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the Ladies' Guild (Central District), at Epsom on September 22nd, again proved a great success. Visitors arrived in glorious sunshine at Christ Church, Epsom Common, and ringing continued here until 4.45. Over 50 ringers sat down to tea at the Granada. Mr. F. E. Collins, in a few words, welcomed the visitors and Mr. P. Corby, in reply, thanked the District for the welcome and arrangements made. Ringing followed at St. Martin's.

## OUTING

### ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT

Members and friends of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild recently held their first annual outing for many years and the experiment proved so popular that the next one is eagerly anticipated.

The party crossed to Lymington by the first boat in the morning and there commenced a tour of the New Forest; ringing being enjoyed at Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Romsey, where there was a break for lunch, Ringwood, where it was time for tea, and Hordle. The ringing everywhere was of a very high standard, and, having been blessed by a lovely autumn day, the party returned, completely happy and satisfied, to the Island.

## NOTICES

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## DEATH

SMITH.—On October 24th, 1951, at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, the Rev. Douglas Gerard Smith, of 19, York Street, Crawshaw-booth, Lancs, former Vicar and Rural Dean of Heanor, Derbyshire. 9706

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## MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Wenden (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel (2s.) 4.15. 9719

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), November 3rd. 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9673

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, November 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9640



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9698

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversham, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea at Anchor Cafe. 9669

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9693

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 9683

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, November 5th, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9697

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—314th anniversary, Saturday, November 10th. Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Chairman: The Master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 13s 6d. Ringing Southwark Cathedral 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9654

**BARNLEY DISTRICT AND LADIES' GUILD** (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting at Horbury on November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d., at Carr Lodge Cafe, 4.30 p.m. All requiring this must notify, by November 7th, Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, near Wakefield.—D. Smith and E. D. Kelly. 9691

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Blunham and Great Barford on Saturday, November 10th. Blunham 3 p.m., Tea, Great Barford, 5 p.m. Ringing at 6 and during the evening. Five bells.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9716

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Sutton-on-Hull on November 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by first post Wednesday, November 7th, Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 9718

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting of the Macclesfield-Stockport Branches at Macclesfield on Saturday, November 10th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (12), 7-8.30 p.m. Service in Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, November 8th. 9714

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, November 10th. 3 p.m. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 9729

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, November 10th. Service 4.30. For tea (5) notify by November 8th, W. Cutcher, P.O., Shipbourne.—C. A. Bassett. 9717

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9721

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ford End (6), Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9703

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), November 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 9700

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), November 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by November 7th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9725

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for District officers for 1952. Names for tea, by November 7th, to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 9678

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Suckling, 2, Northview Cottages, Widford, Herts. 9687

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9720

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley, St. Mary's, Saturday, November 10th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—S. Walmsley. 9712

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, November 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail before Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough.—F. Pritchard. 9711

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 10th, at Bootle (6). Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 1s. 9d. Essential send names to C. Byard, 40, Oxford Road, Bootle.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9726

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Whitwick, Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5. Names, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street.—C. W. Hall. 9707

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 10th, Colliers Wood, 2.45. Tea 4; Clapham Common R.C. 5. Business 6. Battersea 7.30. Nominations for District officers due.—Hutchings. GERard 9351.) 9709

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Saturday, November 10th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. Evensong afterwards.—J. W. Cotton. 9723

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Catfield, Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, by November 7th, to P. C. Nicholson, Rose Villa, Limes Road, Catfield, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9670

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Cattistock, November 10th. New ring of 8 available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify by November 5th, Rev. A. V. Deane, Old Rectory, Chiffrome.—Hayne, Sec. 9634

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Berrington (8), Saturday, November 10th; Cound also available. Names for tea, before November 6th, to Hon. Sec.—G. C. Bagley, Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge, Shropshire. 9727

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts and Nottingham Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday, November 10th. Bells available 3.30. Names for tea, by November 6th, to Mr. C. Evans, 201, Huthwaite Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. No names, no tea.—H. Denman and Miss P. Lewin, Dis. Secs. 9676

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Havant, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. at White Ladies Hotel. Names by November 6th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9701

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Edensor (6), Saturday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 14th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hill-Side, Darley Dale. 9715

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Ilkeston District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, November 17th, Heanor (8). Bells available 3 p.m. All welcome. Please notify numbers for tea, not later than Wednesday, November 14th, Mr. H. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire.—J. W. Price and D. R. Carlisle (Secs.). 9722

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, November 17th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at King's Head, 5. Notifications to reach F. Tullett, Bakers Cottage, Capel, Dorking, by November 15th. 9713

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, November 17th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 15th, to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9728

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Beedon, November 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 14th, to T. Curtis, 1, World's End, Beedon, Newbury. 9705

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, November 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Frequent buses from Newark. 9710

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Merstham (6) on Saturday, November 17th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. Names for tea, by Thursday, November 15th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 33, Broadhurst Gardens, Reigate. 9704

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke and Winchester Districts.—Combined practice meeting at Preston Candover and Ellisfield November 17th. Bells: Preston (5) 2.30; Ellisfield (5) 6. Service at Preston 4.30. Tea 5. in the Vicarage. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. Names by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9708

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton-on-Trent. St. Paul's, on November 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 21st, at latest, to Mr. B. Key, 295, Dallow Street, Burton-on-Trent. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth Hon. Sec. 9702

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Dear Sir,—The list of all irregular methods contained in your leading article of October 19th is very picturesque; I almost expected to find among them Morning Exercise, London Nightingale, Evening Delight, Imperial Bob, Wild Goose Chase and A Cure for Melancholy. These methods were mentioned by H. Rhodes as being rung in London during the 17th century in his book 'The Sport of Gentlemen.'

I wonder if 'A Cure for Melancholy' was effective. I give the first lead here:—

123456

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231456

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423561

425361

423516

425316

452136

452163

451236

451263

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142563

Yours truly,

A. F. W.

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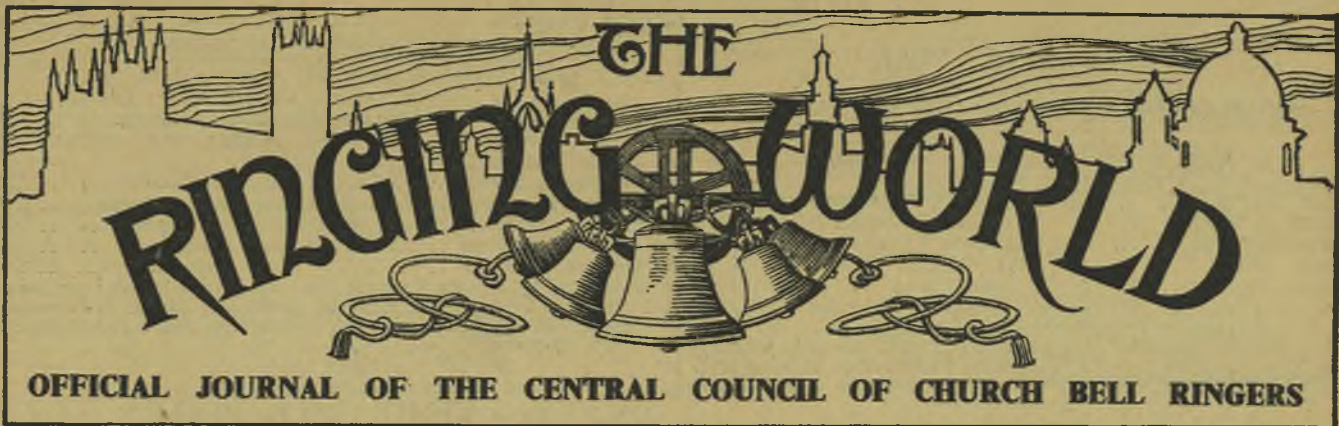
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## SPLICING OF TRIPLES METHODS

By JOHN SEGAR

THE quarter peal below of 1,260 changes has the seventh called eighteen times Before and once Wrong. There are eleven Triples methods with a bell in the hunt. These figures will take any number of methods from two to eleven, but cannot be used for one method only. Two scales are used for bobs at 5 either 532746 or 532467. Five methods (Grandsire, Double Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire) (St. Clement's and College) require the scale of 532746. These can be called the Grandsire group, which has two sub-groups bracketed. Six methods (Oxford Bob, Court) (Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, London Bob) require the scale of 532467. These can be called the Oxford group, which has two sub-groups bracketed.

Referring to the quarter peal, you will see the scale 532746 is used when 4 and 5 are in the hunt so that between 576234 and 275463 any one of the five Grandsire group methods could be rung without disturbing the bob lead 275463. Which method is it to be? This depends, of course, on how many methods you can ring and also on a rule to keep the composition true. When the changes in a course of one method are the same as the changes in the course of another method the substitution of one for the other cannot affect the truth. A peal may be headed Grandsire Triples, but it can be a peal in three methods, if there are any bobs at 5, because courses of Double Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire can be substituted. That is why they are bracketed with Grandsire above. In the Oxford group there are four interchangeable methods so that a peal of Double Oxford could have the other three methods added.

RULE.—Select a method for a hunt bell, keep to that method or one of its bracketed substitutes. Returning again to the quarter peal in its simplest form of two methods only, it could be Grandsire for hunt bells 4 and 5 and Oxford Bob for the remainder. Gradually increasing the methods, it could be St. Clement's for hunt bell 4, Grandsire hunt bell 5 and Oxford remainder. Proceeding,

it could be St. Clement's for 4 the first time and College when 4 comes in again, leaving 5 for Grandsire and its substitutes. Similarly with the Oxford group one works up to the eleven methods. There are many shorter touches which can be had by writing to me at 71, London Road, Retford, Notts. There are also many very old compositions of peals which will take any required number of methods. While these will always remain the property of the original composers, some would have a shock seeing what has been done to their compositions.

Another way of splicing touches or peals is to call a bob every lead and change methods every lead. A peal on this plan has 360 consecutive bobs and no plain leads. In one respect it has a simplicity which will appeal to those who ring non-conducted, but it is worthy of the attention of those who ring Surprise Major. Any applicants?

## AUSTRALIA CALLING

THE page we devoted in our last issue to the Australian ringing tour, in which a party of Adelaide ringers visited Ballarat and then went on to Melbourne, demonstrates the enthusiasm prevailing 'down under' for the Exercise. With Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray at Melbourne there is likely to be rapid progress on this fine twelve. An advance, however, would be far more rapid if they could be joined by a few more ringers who have received their groundwork in English ringing circles.

The friendliness which is such a characteristic of English ringing is also a prominent feature among Australian ringers, and there is an 'open sesame' to any young ringer either in Melbourne, Adelaide or Sydney. Those contemplating starting a new life in this great continent are advised to write in advance to one of the different centres for general guidance.

In New South Wales, Mr. C. Rowe has federated a number of towers into the New South Wales Ringing Association with their own monthly publication, 'Ringing Towers,' and a regular programme of activities are fostered. There is also talk of a federation of Australian ringing societies like a miniature Central Council.

Life in Australia is not easy; the secret of progress is hard work, but there are compensations, and perhaps one of the greatest is the knowledge of the individual's advancement of the progress of mankind. It is a great continent of boundless opportunity.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 2	†GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 8
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY .. 9
GEORGE SAYER .. 4	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 10
*WILLIAM LOVE .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. 11
†BRYAN S. COPE .. 6	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN F. GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, being made an honorary canon of Norwich Cathedral.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
HARRY POYNER .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. 9
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATER**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 6
EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 2	*JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
SIDNEY G. RICHES .. 3	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 5	LEONARD DERRICK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal on the bells since re-hanging and restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL**

Being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 27 changes of method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON .. .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
DOROTHY M. UDALE .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band and for the Guild.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER GRAY .. .. Treble	*CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 3	THOMAS HESKETH .. 8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 9
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. Birkett and Mr. Herber Barlow, of Oldham.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON .. 6
ALFRED ASHTON .. 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 7
ERNEST BETTS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 8
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 4	JOHN AMBLER .. 9
GORDON BENFIELD .. 5	FRED HODGSON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (136). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. J. W. Cundall, a member of the Cathedral band at Bradford and a ringer there for nearly 60 years.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 1½ lb. in F sharp.

MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING .. 5
ARTHUR WIGGINS .. 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 3	*JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. 7
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 4	†GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN F. GOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 500th peal.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
WALTER TAYLOR .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
LESLIE EVANS .. 4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. Treble	GRAHAM R. EYLES .. 5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 2	ALBERT W. J. HUNT .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
*GORDON W. E. MIFLIN .. 4	SIDNEY PRESCOT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

\* First peal. The treble ringer has now completed the circle.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL FULLER .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	*JOHN E. CANNELL .. 6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER .. 7
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

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On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY..Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
*MURIEL REAY .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Rutland.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT WALKER ..Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	WILFRID E. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

## NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's Transposition of Washbrook's. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. G. HARDING Treble	SIDNEY GRANT .. 5
CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST .. 6
*MRS. F. A. PENN .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 7
FRANK A. PENN .. 4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. P. W. G. Harding has now completed 'the circle.'

## TENTERDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS ..Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 6
ROBERT SWIFT .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. 4	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Edwards, a member of the local band.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
*JOHN E. UNDERWOOD .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major. A compliment to Mr. C. W. and Mrs. Hall on the birth of a son.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ..Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal in the method by the Association.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ELSIE LANKESTER ..Treble	*ERNEST H. KILBY .. 5
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
†C. EDWARD LANKESTER.. 3	ALICE CUTLER .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on the bells.

## BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*CECIL H. PEARSON ..Treble	†GEORGE F. BURTON .. 5
*VALERIE WILLARD .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG .. 6
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 3	†EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
†EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. The conductor's 250th peal for the Guild (180 conducted). A farewell to Miss Valerie Willard, who is shortly leaving for Melbourne, Australia.

## DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*KILBY R. HOLTON ..Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
ERIC NOBLES .. 2	WILLIAM YATES .. 6
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
†ALBERT E. HINTON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON.. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

## ENNISKILLEN, CO. FERMANAGH.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MACARTAN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*FREDK. E. DUKES ..Treble	THOMAS SMELTZER (17) .. 5
JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
†WILMA HOBY (16) .. 3	JAMES EDGAR .. 7
WILLIAM PRATT .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal in the method. A compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his 23rd birthday, also his 23rd peal. Compliment to the sister of the conductor on her wedding day. Festival of Britain peal No. 13.

## ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

SEDMAN H. STEEL ..Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON .. 5
THOMAS W. ROBBINS .. 2	DESMOND FORTH .. 6
*JOHN E. EWES .. 3	BARRY HOLLAND .. 7
CHARLES BARKER .. 4	HAROLD WALKER .. Tenor

Composed by J. PATRICK.

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

\* First peal.

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ..Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 5
CLEMENT GLENN .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK.. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. 7
*JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 4	HENRY HURST .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.



## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*H. LESLIE PASK .. .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 2	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 6
FREDK. W. STOKES .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 75th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

## MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
IVOR DAVIES .. .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 5
THOMAS YEOMANS .. 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM .. 6
REV. R. A. SLUMAN .. 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH .. 7
REV. F. A. OSWELL .. 4	*ERIC BUNDY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

\* First peal. Rung in connection with the Monmouth Diocesan Mission.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

JOHN STERRY .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 6
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.  
Rung for the harvest festival.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat. Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

JANE M. HOOKE .. .. Treble	*PHILIP COOTE .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	LAURENCE GREENHOW .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

## SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REGINALD C. BEALE .. Treble	*HARRY S. GAYLARD .. 5
REGINALD BEALE .. 2	†JACK W. DREW .. 6
MRS. E. S. POWELL .. 3	FREDERICK WELCH .. 7
DENNIS R. BEST .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together.

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
*MAX P. PAGE .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Barbara Steward, daughter of the treble ringer.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DESMOND G. MAYELL .. Treble	†LAWRENCE H. TURNER .. 5
*MRS. G. D. MAYELL .. 2	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
JOAN E. HILLS .. 3	JOHN STITCH .. .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON .. 4	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. Mrs. D. G. Mayell has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

## DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL .. Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 5
WILLIAM RIMMER .. 2	*ERIC COOK .. .. 6
*JEAN MARSHALL .. 3	†ARTHUR RIGBY .. 7
PETER COXALL .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 76th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAGE .. 4
PATRICIA CLARKE (14) .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 5
MAX P. PAGE .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

25th peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. E. G. Ellenger, wife of the secretary of the Ipswich District, who was interred the same day.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JEAN HAYNES .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
†ERNEST PRESTON .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
†JOAN SMITH .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Smith.

## BURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAX P. PAGE .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS COLLINS .. 4
*GEOFFREY PAGE .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 5
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. William J. Button.

## ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*TERENCE J. ASQUITH .. Treble	J. IVOR SMITH .. 4
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	W. ROBERT PARKER .. 5
G. ANGUS DIXON .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. R. Ketteringham.



## CHINNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 11 cwt.
ROBERT ARNOTT .. .. Treble	VICTOR HOLLOWAY .. .. 4	
AUBREY SEYMOUR .. .. 2	HARRY JONES .. .. 5	
ARTHUR POULTON .. .. 3	SAMUEL ARNOTT .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY JONES.

## DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Single Court Bob, 2,160 Single Oxford Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.
EDWARD COX .. .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4	
CECIL MATTHEWS .. .. 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 5	
GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

## GARSINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 240 Grandsire, Morris's, and four 120's each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kensington, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Cullum, and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

*CHRISTINE HALL .. .. Tenor	†THOMAS BOWLES .. .. 4
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 2	†WALTER FENN .. .. 5
DAVID WOODLEY .. .. 3	*MICHAEL HARDING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ADAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal in eleven methods. Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Godfery, ringer and member of this church, and Mrs. Godfery.

## HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (4) College Bob IV., Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

JOAN SMITH .. .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4
ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

The first peal in twenty methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

## TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being six extents each of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel, and one extent each of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford.

ANNE WORTH .. .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 4
STEPHEN PENNEY .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

## WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 12 cwt.
THOMAS HILL .. .. Treble	CHARLES HAYLINGS .. .. 4	
FRANK LAWRENCE .. .. 2	JACK ROBERTS .. .. 5	
EDWARD MAUND .. .. 3	LEONARD DOVEY .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES HAYLINGS.

Rung for the Bishop of Worcester's Mission, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.



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**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
JOHN H. DAVENPORT .. Treble | HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4  
\*CECIL RADDON .. 2 | WALTER ALLMAN .. 5  
HAROLD WORRALL .. 3 | \*HENRY PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

\* 50th peal together. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to J. H. Davenport.

**WROXHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
ERNEST BENTON .. Treble | \*HORACE LUBBOCK .. 4  
\*DENNIS CHAPMAN .. 2 | FREDERICK BOYCE .. 5  
HERBERT READ .. 3 | GEORGE BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

**BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
DONALD H. METTAM .. Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4  
EVELYN M. WRIGHT .. 2 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3 | W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

The ring of the 4th has now circled the above tower.

**IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 1,440 Single Court, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,160 Oxford Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*JOAN BOTT .. Treble | A. RAYMOND TONKS .. 4  
†IVY JORDAN .. 2 | WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 5  
\*BETTY MORRIS .. 3 | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' To celebrate the 21st birthdays of the three lady ringers, who are all members of the local band.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble | \*†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 4  
\*PATRICIA CLARKE .. 2 | MAX P. PAGE .. 5  
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 3 | †GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal in two methods. † Completed Minor from one to seven methods. ‡ Conducted peals from one to seven methods. Rung in memoriam of Mrs. Alice Mee, widow of the late Charles Mee, of Sproughton.

**DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being eighteen 120's of Bob Doubles, twelve 120's of St. Simon's and six 120's each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Reversed. Tenor 8 cwt.  
MICHAEL PARKINSON .. Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | W. ROBERT PARKER .. 4

\*LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of Doubles.

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
ROBERT J. STOKES .. Treble | †FRANK D. MACK .. 4  
\*HEATHER J. TESSON .. 2 | LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 5  
†JEANETTE A. ROSE .. 3 | JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

**DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*MICHAEL PARKINSON .. Treble | DENIS A. FRITH .. 4  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | W. ROBERT PARKER .. 5  
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Minor.

**LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**

**THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEILO,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. Treble | P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE .. 4  
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE .. 2 | \*ALFRED REYNOLDS .. 5  
ARTHUR HOARE .. 3 | \*MELVILLE O. ALCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the local captain, Mr. Ralph E. Scudamore.

**LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and thirty Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.  
SIDNEY H. JONES .. Treble | JOSEPH H. BRITTAN .. 4  
MRS. S. H. JONES .. 2 | W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 5  
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3 | ARTHUR YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by W. GEOFFREY HAIR.

First peal in two methods as conductor.

**NORTHENDEN, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.  
RONALD BARLOW .. Treble | SYDNEY SAGE .. 4  
DOROTHY KIDD .. 2 | EDWARD HOULDSWORTH .. 5  
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal in four methods on the bells.

**PRESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's. Tenor 6 cwt.  
\*GILBERT BURGE .. Treble | †ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 3  
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 2 | JOYCE MORSE .. 4  
†RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

\* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

**SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE T.B. MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.  
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Treble | GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4  
HAROLD DENMAN .. 2 | FRANK BRADLEY .. 5  
JOAN SMITH .. 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

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



## WOOLWICH, LONDON, S.E.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one twelve-score of Morris's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALFRED GROVE, JUN. .. Treble	THOMAS CULVER .. .. 4
ALFRED GROVE, SEN. .. 2	BERTIE ALDRIDGE .. .. 5
ROBERT JOHNSON .. .. 3	CHARLES DANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERTIE ALDRIDGE.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. Rung to commemorate the Woolwich Festival Week.

## SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 4
MAX PAGE .. .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. Mee, widow of Charles Mee, captain of the local band for about 50 years.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 1-2	*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Ambrose Guild.)

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At, 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC STUTTON .. .. 1-2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung for the St. Ambrose Ringers' Sunday.

## HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

EDGAR VALLANCE .. .. 1-2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3-4	WALTER J. CLOUGH .. .. 7-8

Parker's Twelve-part.

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

A birthday compliment to Pamela Riddington.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

At SALTLEY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings.

Tenor size 10 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3-4
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\*BRIAN R. SUTTON .. .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOC.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At the HUMPHREY PERKINS GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 13 in E.

*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3-4
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†JOHN CHAMBERS .. .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

\* First peal on a working pair. † First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal for the Society.

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## JUST BALANCING

When the Government increased, last June, the postage on 'The Ringing World,' we appealed to postal subscribers to forward the extra 1s. 5d. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. So far, 519 subscribers have responded to this request, but there are 519 who have not. There is still time to be regarded as a member of the better half.

Liverpool Cathedral bells will be opened on November 17th about 10.30 a.m. when they will be rung as a welcome to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip upon their return from Canada. They will be rededicated at a special service later in the day.

Mr. Ronald W. Steward has 'completed the circle' at Sproughton, Suffolk.

At his first attempt to ring Bob Major, Ivan Saunders (13), of Danbury, Essex, rang a quarter peal from the treble.

The advantage of ten-bell ringing is that it 'Caters' for everybody.—A Leicestershire punster.

With his peal of Enniskillen on October 27th, Mr John T. Dunwoody has rung a peal in every tower in Northern Ireland available for peal ringing.

With the peal of Caters on the restored ten at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's, Bristol, on October 24th, Mr. Jack R. Worrall has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville has been getting a little handbell practice in at the well-known Bournemouth centre. The peal he rang on October 19th was his first 'in hand' since 1948.

In the Ely Diocesan Association things are looking up. At the ringing meeting held at Longstanton, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise were rung—a record?

Will the conductor of the peal of Doubles at Willey, Shropshire, on October 20th, please forward his name in order that the peal can be published? We would repeat that all peals must be accompanied by the name and address of sender in order that queries can be answered.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Elliott family have been ringers at the Kelvedon (Essex) Parish Church for 150 years without a break and during the whole of that period an Elliott has been captain of the band. At present there are five Elliotts connected with the ringing at this church and the present captain, Mr. J. Elliott, hopes some day to have a peal with all Elliotts in it. 'I think this must be about a record,' writes 'Interested.'

In connection with the Major J. H. B. Hesse memorial gathering, published on page 702, the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at Mells, not Wells, as published.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, writing from Australia, state: 'We shall shortly be moving into a one-room hut that we have built ourselves and shall live there until we can get a proper house put up. The house has been started so the next 12 months should see us really settled.'

Mr. F. E. Dukes is the first to ring 100 peals for the Irish Association. To do so he travelled 15,800 miles, an average of 158 miles per peal. On one occasion he cycled 110 miles to call a peal at Arklow and on another occasion returned home by a cattle special train arriving at 3 a.m.. His first peal was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on August 1st, 1938, and his 100th on October 27th, 1951, at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen. He is the first to ring 100 peals in Ireland.

A memoir of Mr. Tom Groombridge, whose death was reported in our last issue, will be published next week. There was a representative gathering of ringers at the funeral service last Friday at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and after the service four courses of Stedman Triples were rung by J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, E. Barnett 3, A. A. Hughes 4, I. Emery 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, A. B. Peck 7, A. C. Hazelden 8.

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**LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS****Television Prospect**

Dear Sir,—Mr. L. J. Malings and others may like to know that an approach will be made—possibly it may already have been made—to the authorities for permission to televise Liverpool Cathedral bells.

By a coincidence the tragedy at Daybrook, which was the second point made by the editor at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner, was the factor which led to the suggestion.

Some weeks ago the bells at Leeds Parish Church were filmed by the B.B.C. television unit for use before the televised service on October 14th. After taking the film the engineers were in a hurry to remove their lamps which had been hung above the bells and one of the technicians climbed across the top bracings of the 'H' frame, rather like a tight-rope walker, while all the bells were 'up.' After he had regained the safety of the platform above the bells, I forbade him to attempt the same feat again on the other side of the tower until sufficient bells had been lowered for him to clamber over them in safety. I felt that he did not appreciate the danger so that when the television staff visited the church some weeks later for the 'live' broadcast, I took the opportunity to show them the report in 'The Ringing World' of the Daybrook tragedy. The same issue contained the plan of the Liverpool bell frame and interested the producer who announced his intention to approach the Cathedral authorities. Representations by the Central Council may therefore be unnecessary.

There has been much criticism in the past of the treatment of bells before broadcast services by the B.B.C. This does not, however, apply to the Television Department which gave the bells—and the ringers—at Leeds Parish Church the utmost care, which augurs well for any further televised services from churches where there are bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting**

On October 20th members and friends of the University of London Society met at Feltham and Sunbury for ringing and the ensuing annual general meeting. Most members enjoyed a ring at St. Catherine's, Feltham, and proceeded to St. Mary's, Sunbury, by the Society's traditional mobile methods. After varied ringing and exciting adventures on the wooden staircase, a short service was conducted by the Rev. B. Kirk.

The somewhat enlarged gathering dispersed and sought the Keystone Cafe independently and it is believed that everyone arrived who wished to do so. An excellent tea awaited us, and the annual general meeting was held in the adjoining sitting room, where members sat around the fire in true collegiate fashion.

The Master's report and the secretary and treasurer's reports were accepted, and eleven new members were ratified, bringing the Society's membership to 86. The following officers were appointed for the coming session:—President, James C. E. Simpson; Master, Denis N. Layton; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mary Martin; hon. auditor, Peter R. Layton.

Various arrangements were made for the coming session, including the Whitsun and summer tours, and the annual dinner on February 23rd. A vote of thanks was accorded to our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ingham, for a most comfortable evening; to the Rev. B. Kirk for conducting the service; and to all those who had made the arrangements for the ringing and meeting. The remainder of the evening proceeded and concluded in the usual style of the Society. M. M.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION****The Hillingdon Social**

A very pleasant, sunny day was chosen for the annual joint meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex Association at Denham and Hillingdon on October 20th. It was almost as much a pleasure to walk through the lovely village as to ring on the bells at Denham. The trees in all their autumn finery blended beautifully with ancient and half-timbered houses as one approached the church.

The main, west door was wide open, showing the ringers in action on the ground floor. It was a pity that more ringers could not get there to do justice to the heavyish ring of eight, but, supposedly, many thought it was off the beaten track. Of those who did manage it, many beginners found they had very useful practice. At 3.45 p.m., ringing here stopped and the ringers found their way to Hillingdon.

It appeared that a stronger team had been active at Hillingdon during the afternoon, and it was a pity that three leads of Kent Royal were not more successful for the service. We could not have asked for a better service, with a full choir and an excellent sermon by the Vicar. After a fine tea and appropriate speeches in the Church Hall, more ringing took place on the ten, until 7.30 p.m., 'rounds on ten' being quite well rung by an all-ladies team.

Then followed the well-known and popular social which has become such a feature of these meetings held in the Church Hall. At least 70 ringers were present and many games, dances and musical items were enjoyed. After some very good violin playing, the mood was rapidly changed by the Vicar, who entertained us with a memorable song entitled 'My hat, it has three corners'! The real highlight of the evening came when the well-known team of handbell ringers from Bushey gave an exhibition touch of thirteen Spiced Surprise Major! The team in this remarkable performance was C. W. Woolley 1-2, E. C. S. Turner 3-4, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 5-6, F. W. Brinklow 7-8, and the methods rung, lead by lead, were Eastbury, Superlative, London, Ashtead, Radlett and Berkshire; Ealing, Yorkshire, Rutland and Bristol; Wembley, Cambridge, Watford and Bristol. They could have added Pudsey but for the fact that a longer touch would have been required.

The splendid organisation of the social was due to the Hillingdon team and especially to Fred Goodfellow. All those who enjoyed it this year are certain not to miss next year's meeting.

G. D.

**WHAT IS YOUR TARGET?**

An Association secretary writes that, as 1,000 new postal subscribers are required, each of the approximately 50 Associations should set itself a target of 25 postal subscribers by the end of the year.

We shall be pleased to hear of Guilds and Associations who have definite objectives in this direction.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Tonbridge District**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tunbridge Wells on October 6th, as Tonbridge bells are under repair. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and a number of enjoyable touches were rung.

At the business meeting, the existing officers were re-elected as follows:—Secretary, Mr. R. A. Whitehead; District representatives, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. E. J. Ladd; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins.

New members elected were Miss L. Rose and Messrs. V. Rose, A. Skinner and J. Harden, all of Hadlow, and Miss M. Ladd and Miss V. Ross, of Tunbridge Wells.

Visitors were entertained to tea by the local band and friends.

**WEDDINGS****MR. G. B. ANDREWS—MISS PAMELA PECK**

Two well-known members of the Essex Association, Mr. Geoffrey B. Andrews, of Thorington, and Miss Pamela Mary Agnes Peck, of Harwich, were married at St. Nicholas', Harwich, on October 20th. The Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Hole) officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white taffeta, with veil and headdress of orange blossom. She was attended by three bridesmaids, the Misses Rita and Margaret Andrews (sisters of the bridegroom) and Miss Jean Constance (a friend of the bride).

The bride and bridegroom left the church under an archway of handbells. Before the service, and afterwards, the bells were rung. Handbell ringing, in which the bride and bridegroom participated, took place at the reception. A farewell touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the railway station as they left for their honeymoon in London. The bride and bridegroom are making their home in Chelmsford and hope to join the Cathedral band.

**MR. F. H. HICKS—MISS E. M. CAPON**

Mr. Frank H. Hicks, the well-known Sussex ringers who has 336 peals to his credit, and Miss Evelyn M. Capon, who was taught by him to ring, and has four tower-bell peals and two handbell peals to her credit, were married at SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly, Sussex, on October 27th.

It was a true ringers' wedding; the six bells rang out as the bride arrived and also as the happy couple left through an archway of handbells.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Shaw, was fully choral. The bride wore a dress of white taffeta and her veil was trimmed with orange blossom. Her two young bridesmaids wore green silk, and Mr. Norman V. Harding was the best man.

The reception, attended by 120 guests and friends, was held in the Village Hall; the bride, bridegroom and best man rang a 120 of Bob Doubles on handbells and later, with the help of other ringers, rang courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, much to the delight of those present.

In a short speech, the Rev. R. W. Shaw remarked that he was sure their offspring would cut their teeth on a set of handbells. Later in the evening the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Lelant, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, and they paused a moment before getting into the car to listen to a peal which was in progress at the local church in their honour, which was being conducted by the best man.

When they return they will make their home at East Grinstead, Sussex, and the band of St. Swithin's will be lucky to have the help of two such experienced ringers.

**LLANDILO RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING**

On October 27th ringers from various towers in the West assembled in the 12th century tower of St. Teilo's Parish Church, Llandilo, to attempt a peal on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the local captain, Mr. Ralph E. Scudamore.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells, proved to be successful and home was reached after 3 hours and 4 minutes. Mr. Scudamore has been a ringer at this tower for 28 years and for many years, in the office of captain, has devoted much of his time to the instruction of learners in the art of change ringing.

Later the ringers accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Scudamore to tea, when the congratulations of all present were extended to them with wishes for health and happiness in the coming years. W. F. S.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DECISIONS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—The publication in your issue of October 26th of the Council's Decisions, and the interesting article by 'C. K. L.' in your number of October 19th, prompt me to write on the subject of the Decisions, particularly those relating to peals of Doubles and Minor.

The article of October 19th warns us that certain methods are irregular and cannot be admitted by the Council to its peal records. The Decisions printed on October 26th, however, do not seem to prohibit any particular method, stating merely that peals of Minor shall consist of true 720's, the few added conditions making no mention of irregular lead ends.

The rules for Doubles contain (unless I am mistaken) a new provision, namely that touches of less than 120 may not be added to a 5,040 in order to provide some special length. If this is so may we take it that the summary printed on October 26th is the first official intimation of the new ruling, and that irregular lengths rung before this date may still be recorded by the Council? I raise this point, not for the sake of quibbling, but because although 'The Ringing World' quoted a wrong version of the ruling (June 1st), and was corrected by Mr. C. K. Lewis a week or two later, it was nevertheless stated that the Decisions would be published later; and from this one might reasonably infer that the new ruling was not yet in force.

This leads me to add a comment or two on the rulings, for I feel that all the time we are working to improve ringing we must beware of becoming too pedantic. No man had a greater desire to raise the standard of ringing and to 'tidy up' as it were, the laws governing composition and method construction than Arthur Heywood, the founder of the Central Council; and yet he himself was careful to point out that much discretion must be used, and confessed himself 'patiently amused at the efforts being made to shackle composition into conformity with arbitrary and wholly questionably axiomatic rules.' This mild protest offered by Heywood to the clever, enthusiastic, and perhaps somewhat hot-headed reformers of his day need not, I hasten to say, be presented to our present leaders in theoretical or practical policy, but it can do us no harm to reflect on it whenever we suspect ourselves of becoming a little too exacting.

There can surely be no fear of irregular methods being rung often enough to endanger the standards we have set up. Five years ago Mr. George Symonds called a peal of Bob Caters and told us how much it was enjoyed by all who rang in it. Not so long ago (unless my memory deceives me) the same distinguished veteran called a peal of Plain Bob Cinques. Surely we cannot decry these performances; and yet, by not admitting them to our records, we do, in some measure, cast a slur on them. Of recent years we have rung on handbells at Solihull, peals of Reverse Canterbury Minor and Grandsire Minor. The latter was good fun and provided excellent practice. These peals were not rung in order to defy any regulations or wilfully to depart from any ethical standards, but merely because we wanted to ring them and because we thought that the experience would do us good.

Again, there is a certain unorthodoxy, surely, in the clever and wholly admirable six-scores of Erin Doubles produced for us a few years ago by the ingenuity of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis and Mr. T. B. Worsley. The latter, indeed, were admired by no less an authority than the late Rev. E. S. Powell. Far from wishing to rule these out, I should like very much to see a 5,040 of these Erin Doubles rung on handbells. It would be a very fine feat.

In conclusion I return to the matter of peals of Doubles. No reasons seem to have been given for the Decision on 'added lengths,' and there must be many who would like to know

the line of argument leading to a ruling that appears on the face of it to be purely arbitrary. Either as members of the Council or as supporters of the Council we must abide by its Decisions, but we are not thereby committed to agreeing with them all, nor are we bound to refrain from trying to get them amended.—Yours sincerely,

Solihull.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

## UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Your leading article on unorthodox performances states that Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse College are irregular methods. Why, then, hasn't some member of the Methods Committee written up about the peals published some weeks ago containing these methods, as several have been rung since those containing Woodbine Treble Bob were denounced? It seems to me that the Central Council take a very illogical view on these matters.

Reverse Canterbury is usually rung to make up a seventh method in a peal, as its slight variation from Plain Bob makes it easy to ring. The fact that the coursing order is different from Plain Bob never seems to have made it difficult for the bands or for the conductors with whom I have rung it. Similarly with Woodbine. If a different coursing order every lead makes it more difficult for the conductor, maybe we will see some day noted conductors calling peals in some of these irregular methods rather than in all these different Surprise methods. The word 'surprise,' however, appears to be a password which seems to draw ringers on and on with little or no thought for the dozens of good plain methods. Still, that is 'progress' I expect.

I must also agree with Mr. Birmingham in his denunciation of Little methods. We might as well have methods with the treble going to fourths and back to lead, and the tenor going to fifths and then behind again. I expect no one has thought of those yet though.

Another illogical point of view is the one taken over the bobs in Kent Treble Bob. Why should a bell in this method be allowed to make four blows in one place while if this occurred in the interior of the lead it would be deemed irregular? Maybe Kent is too widely practised for the Central Council to stamp it out.

To save people the trouble of writing and telling me, may I say in conclusion that I know that I can ring what I like, no matter what the Central Council decides, and I shall certainly do so in any case.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor.

W. BUTLER.

## THE CARTER MACHINE

Dear Sir.—In expressing my appreciation of the kind way in which Mr. Frank Smallwood acknowledges the work I have been privileged to carry out on the Carter machine, may I mention that but for the assistance of Mr. Brian Price, my task would have been very much greater.

Mr. Price was first on the scene and diagnosed many of the faults before I arrived, and although his temporary residence in Breconshire precluded him from much of the active work, his guidance and counsel over many of the intricate problems have been invaluable.

Readers who have not had the good fortune to see the machine, but followed his excellent description of it in these pages, will have gathered that the combination of ingenuity and craftsmanship of the highest order brands John Carter as a genius, and I deem it an honour to have been partly responsible for restoring his machine to its former condition.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HUGHES.

Hayes.

Bromley, Kent.

## PEALS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—It is now common knowledge that the financial position of 'The Ringing World' is in a very precarious state. It is certain that the loss of this publication would deal a fatal blow to the Exercise, and it therefore becomes imperative for all possible avenues of increased revenue to be examined without delay.

While I am not in a position to quote actual figures, I would hazard a guess that more than 50 per cent. of the costs of publication are on account of peal reports, peal compositions and letters and articles concerning the ringing of peals. All these, of course, are of great interest to peal-ringers and others, and it would be false economy to attempt to curtail or restrict them in any way. At the same time, it is hardly fair that this considerable financial burden should be borne equally by both peal ringers and non-peal ringers.

I would therefore suggest that a fixed charge of, say, 1s. be made for the publication of all peal reports.

This, of course, is not a new idea. Several Associations already levy a peal-booking fee to help to cover the cost of their annual reports, and I would suggest that the payments to the 'Ringing World' account be made from the various Associations in total at the end of each year.

The Lancashire Association, for example, levies a fee of sixpence per ringer for every peal rung, and this is paid to the Association at the same time as the peal report is sent in. If at the end of the year, when the Peals Analysis Committee have done their work, it is found that, say, 120 peals have been rung for the Lancashire Association—then they would transfer 120 shillings to 'The Ringing World.'

I am aware, of course, that it costs much more than one shilling to print the report of a peal, but I am not suggesting this as a scheme whereby all peal reports are fully paid for by the peal ringers—that would lead to all sorts of undesirable difficulties and arguments. All that my suggestion amounts to is that additional revenue would be forthcoming—not from the readers as a whole, but from that section of the readers who are helping to fill its pages.

If such a scheme had been in operation in 1950, 'The Ringing World' would have received an additional income of £136 4s.!

Such a scheme would have to be discussed by the Central Council and by each constituent Association before it could be adopted, but I cannot for one moment imagine a rank and file peal ringer such as myself raising any objection to paying, say 14d., to see his name included in some peal report of Major or Triples.

As far as the individual Associations are concerned they would have a choice of one of two courses. They could either meet the charge out of their existing incomes, or else they could institute a peal booking fee—or increase an existing fee—to cover their increased liability.—Yours faithfully,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

NOTE.—Whilst 'The Ringing World' Committee were given full powers, when they were elected, they do not feel empowered to impose a levy on peals rung. That would be a matter for decision by the whole Council. There is, however, nothing to prevent peal ringers from putting a voluntary levy on themselves, and any financial help will be most acceptable.—Ed.

## MINIMUM CALLS

Dear Sir.—B. D. P.'s statement on October 27th, that a well-known 720 of Plain Bob Minor contains the minimum number of calls, needs qualification. Fifteen calls are the fewest on the three-part plan, but an equally well-known two-part 720 employs only 14 calls, which are presumably the fewest possible in any extent in the method. The calling is S B S B at W, B S B at H.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Middlesex.



## PERMISSIVE

Dear Sir.—There is at least one error in the list of 'Decisions' published in your issue of October 26th. At Chester, Mr. F. W. Perrens, on behalf of the sub-committee, accepted an amendment of mine to substitute 'may' for 'should' in the clause relating to bobs and singles under the heading 'Calls,' so that it reads: 'Only one type of bob and single may be used in any one composition.'

It will be appreciated that the effect of this is to prohibit the use of more than one type. Merely to say people ought not to use more is quite useless. I believe I made a similar point with regard to singles in Treble Bob methods, but have not kept my notes as I assumed the sub-committee would know what they had agreed to.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## ORIGIN WANTED

Dear Sir.—Could any reader help me to find the origin of a verse I found in an old diary of mine. I can remember copying it down in a belfry somewhere but I cannot remember which church it was. It may be in Nottinghamshire somewhere as, when I was young, most of my holidays were spent in that county, or it may even be written up in a lot of belfries, as it seems to be a kind of bellringer's prayer:—

May good ringers flourish,  
May bad ringers mend;  
May change ringing last  
Till the world's at an end.  
When we meet, may we meet  
In brotherly love;  
And when we depart hence,  
May we all meet in the Tower above.

Yours truly,

(MRS.) C. M. WATERSON.

Brandeston, Suffolk.

## A HOLIDAY IN CANADA

Dear Sir.—Having just returned from a very pleasant five months in Canada, where my wife and I visited 56 relatives, I was delighted to see Vancouver twice mentioned in 'The Ringing World' of October 12th.

I made several enquiries at the Roman Catholic Church about the bells and ringers but was not successful in finding any, although I was told that the bells were usually rung at Christmas time.

Like Mr. Malcolm Neville, I received a very warm welcome from Mr. E. W. Izard and his band at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., on July 8th. Had he known I was coming, Mr. Izard said he would have 'whipped' up more ringers. We rang some good Bob Minor with tenors behind.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—In memoriam, John Robert Meredith Matson. Cantate Domine. 6 cwt. 33 lb.

2nd.—In memoriam, John Robert Meredith Matson. Jubilate Deo. 6 cwt. 41 lb.

3rd.—Our Lady St. Mary. Glory to God in the Highest. The Mothers' Union Bell 7 cwt. 46 lb.

4th.—Paul of London, England. Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel. 9 cwt. 48 lb.

5th.—Edward of Westminster. Praise the Almighty Father with the Sounding Bells. 12 cwt. 39 lb.

6th.—Charles Raymond. To the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Charles Raymond Nutt, late Captain, R.F.A., died 12th June, 1914. Buried at Somenos, Vancouver Island. I summon all to pray. 15 cwt. 65 lb.

7th.—H. M. Queen Mary. God bless Queen Mary. I hail the Festal Day. 20 cwt. 102 lb.

Tenor.—H.M. King George V. God Save the King. Christ, Heaven's King, be pleased with our ring. 29 cwt. 47 lb.

Mears and Stainbank. 27th April. 1936.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

## THE USE OF BELLS

Dear Sir.—In making a few remarks on S. H. G.'s letter in this week's 'Ringing World,' I feel, like him, I may become unpopular and raise a hornets' nest about my ears. He mentions making a small charge to visiting ringers for the use of the bells of churches for peal-ringing—and why not?

The clergy are generally most obliging to ringers when an application is made for the use of the bells. We pay 1s. 6d. to visit a first-class football match which lasts 90 minutes, or visit the picture house for a sum near about the same. Usually a peal, if scored, will last in the neighbourhood of three hours. But what do we pay for it? It is a pleasure, as peals are not really necessary, although they do advance the art of bellringing I believe.

There is yet another point which is overlooked probably through thoughtlessness: that is the wear and tear of the ropes, and there are occasions when the bells need 'looking over.' The ringers are never asked to meet the cost when any repairs are carried out, although I know the majority of ringers will gladly assist in any way they can. We get proof of that by occasional grants from Association funds for bell restorations. I am afraid we ringers are at times inclined to take things for granted, which really is not all to the good.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Finsbury Park, N.4.

## THE LATE MR. MARSHALL

Dear Sir.—Re the obituary notice of the late Mr. Marshall, of Lamberhurst.

In the notice I sent to you I said: 'He was one of the band that rang in the first peal of Major on Tenterden bells by one set of men.' As the last five words were omitted from the published report I was not surprised to see the paragraph in this week's Belfry Gossip.

I knew that James Barham had rung a peal there: I had the Kent report in front of me as I had to look up the year the peal was rung.

Mr. Marshall often told us that two peals were arranged for the day they went to Tenterden, but the late Mr. Philip Hodgkin was so pleased at being the first man to ring Tenterden tenor to a peal of Major that he would not go for the other peal.

I think there is a peal board in the belfry saying it was the first peal of Major on the bells by eight men.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

## OMISSIONS

Dear Sir.—Why are methods with adjacent places wrong in 5-6 at the treble's full lead omitted from the Minor Collection? There are three of these among the plain methods and presumably a group of others in Treble Bob methods. The three plain methods are:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (W)
(1)	5-6	4		3		3	(K)
(2)	5-6	4		3	1-4	5	(G)
(3)	5-6	4		3	1-2	3	(K)

Yours sincerely,

PHILIP R. CARTER.

Manchester 14.

## TWO GREAT FIRSTS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Duncombe's performance in ringing for his first peal of London a length of over 10,000 changes recalls two remarkable achievements by the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. His first peal of Stedman Cinques was the then record, 11,111, at Birmingham in 1901, and his first of Cambridge Maximus the 15,312 at Ash-ton-under-Lyne in 1929. The latter might well be classed as the greatest 'first ever,' as Mr. Lindoff, although no stranger to record lengths, had at the time been resident in Dublin for over 30 years, and had no opportunity for practising other than the simplest methods (no disrespect to our Irish friends, of course).—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of November 10th, 1911

## THE FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL

## CENTENARY CELEBRATED AT SHEFFIELD

'On Wednesday Evening, October 30th, 1811, was rung a peal of eight hand bells at the house of M. William Booth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield. A complete peal of Oxford treble bob major. 5,088 changes, 2 hours and 34 minutes, by the four following Artists, viz.—Treble and 2 Mr. William Hudson, 3 and 4 Mr. William Booth, 5 and 6 Mr. Henry Grayson, 7 and tenor Mr. George Hudson. The conductor of this peal Mr. George Hudson.'

(The spelling is in the original.)

The above is copied from an old manuscript book originally the property of Mr. William Booth, and now in possession of his grandson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. This was the first handbell peal ever rung with bells retained 'in hand.' In order to carry out the similitude of the original performance as far as possible, enquiries were made with a view to the centenary peal being attempted within the same four walls, but . . . this was found to be impracticable. Mr. C. H. Hattersley therefore invited the band to ring at his residence, and it may be interesting to note that the grandfather clock which timed the original peal is in Mr. Hattersley's possession, and was utilised for the same purpose on the present occasion.

[The centenary peal, also a 5,088 of Oxford, was rung in 2 hours 28 minutes by John Thorpe 1-2, Clement Glenn (conductor) 3-4, George Lewis 5-6, Sidney F. Palmer 7-8. It was the first handbell peal in the method by all, and the first of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells in Sheffield since the original performance.]

## A TRIP TO SEDBERGH, YORKS

Come with me on an imaginary trip to Sedburgh. Why such an isolated spot and what are its claims to our attention? There is a public school there and the village is now known to hundreds of trippers as a stopping-place for the Newcastle—Blackpool coaches. This will not interest ringers, but what is of interest is that it is the home of one of the Exercise's greatest mechanical geniuses, viz., Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, M.A. To have a look round his 'den' at Highfield is in itself a great experience. It is a miniature engineering shop with all kinds of tools necessary for his bobby. Grandfather clocks with home-made dials tick away the hours.

His latest ringing machine, along with earlier models, are there for your inspection. Will this machine ring what you want? It will ring a course in five different methods without any stopping, so that should satisfy you. It will also give you a blue-line diagram of the methods rung.

What of the man; will he welcome us? He will be delighted, and doubly so if you have enough for handbell ringing. This modest and cheerful ex-science master is 75 and still in possession of all his faculties except for deafness. It is to be hoped that some of the younger members of the Central Council have their eyes on these machines. They are a lasting monument to skill and patience and their safe custody for the rising generation should be duly noted.

Well, now to quit imagination and turn to reality. We are going to get out the old bus and head North. We are going to have a good peep at these machines and ask innumerable questions. Notification as to arrival is necessary and full postal address is given above. A cafe and hotel are in the village to meet the inner man's requirements, so here's wishing you a good trip.

M. P.



## OBITUARY

### MR. J. W. T. HOLGATE

His many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, at Hunmanby Gap, near Scarborough, on October 15th, in his 91st year.

For many years Mr. Holgate was a member of the St. Peter's, Bramley, band. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1890 and was past general secretary of the Association. He had also held the secretaryship of the Leeds and District Society. At one time Mr. Holgate was a member of the Leeds City Council. Of his 64 peals for the Yorkshire Association, one was particularly meritorious, consisting of a peal of 5,040 Minor in 20 methods, long before the days of spliced ringing.

The funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard, Bramley, on October 17th. Mr. P. J. Johnson represented the Yorkshire Association in the unavoidable absence of the president. Several other ringing friends also attended with representatives of other bodies with which Mr. Holgate had formerly been associated, to pay their last respects to an old and honoured friend.

P. J. J.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Eastern District at Sherburn-in-Elmet

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on October 20th and was attended by about 25 members representing 15 towers, when the ring of eight was made good use of from 2.30 till 8.15 p.m.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was served in the Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting presided over by the newly-elected vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who was welcomed to his position by the secretary. In his reply, Mr. Sellers said how pleased he was to be able to serve the Association in his new position.

A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. H. Fox, the former vice-president. Miss P. Reeves of the York Minster Company, was elected a new member.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Beverley was accepted and it was hoped it would be a combined one with the Beverley and District Society. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Bridlington next summer.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of condolence to Mr. E. Braithwaite, of Beverley on the death of his wife. Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessele, received the congratulations of the meeting on having celebrated his golden wedding.

The chairman appealed strongly to the members to support 'The Ringing World' by taking the paper regularly each week. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 14s.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Branch Meeting at Harburton

The Mid-Devon Branch held a successful quarterly meeting at Harburton, near Totnes, on October 27th when visitors attended from Broadclyst, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Dartington, Paignton, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and a service was later held in church conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Newton Abbot, a member of the Branch, who was assisted by the Rev. C. W. Bennett (priest-in-charge), and the Rev. L. G. Ketchley, Rector of Dartington, who gave a short address.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and Mr. F. Turner, of Ashburton. A letter was read from the editor of 'The Ringing World' inviting more subscribers to that newspaper, and after a discussion it was resolved to send a donation of 10s. 6d. from the Branch to 'The Ringing World' funds. It was also resolved to forward a suggestion to the general committee with a view to it being passed on to the Central Council.

A full performing membership certificate was presented by the chairman to Mr. G. Uglow, of Totnes.

The following programme for 1952 was adopted, subject to the necessary permission being obtained:—January 19th, annual meeting at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth; April 19th, quarterly meeting at Dittisham with Cornworthy; June 28th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Berry Pomeroy and Totnes; July 26th, quarterly meeting at Dawlish; August 23rd, Branch outing; October 18th, quarterly meeting at Stoke Gabriel; November 22nd, extra meeting at Brixham.

Votes of thanks were passed to those who contributed to the success of the meeting, and the visitors later returned to the tower for further ringing, and subsequently on to Rattery Parish Church. The ringing throughout the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's October meeting was held at Burley on October 27th. This light ring of eight bells was soon raised and kept in continuous use until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Church Institute for tea.

The business meeting was held in the same room. Mr. J. W. Benton (president), recently recovered from a broken wrist, presided, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster and Thorner.

The president referred to the death of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, for many years a stalwart member and officer of the Association, the members standing in silence as a tribute to his memory.

Two new members, the Misses Ann McKerrchar and Mildred Carr, of the Burley Company, were elected.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Burley, also the local company and ladies for serving the tea, was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Miss M. Rhodes. Mr. Slack acknowledged the thanks and promised to pass on thanks to the Vicar.

The president, referring to the absence of Mr. Hutchinson owing to illness, said he was missed because of his most excellent record of attendances at District meetings and his ever-ready help to learners. The secretary was asked to send a letter of good wishes and hopes for an early recovery.

Mr. Strangeway said he hoped the Rothwell bells would be rededicated on December 8th.

The secretary read an appeal for more postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

## REDEDICATION

### BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE

The rededication of the six bells of Bodenham, Herefordshire, was arranged to coincide with the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service on Friday, October 26th. The ceremony was performed by Canon H. A. V. Moreton, Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Thursby-Pelham.

The spacious and magnificent church was packed with parishioners and visiting ringers, including Messrs. A. W. Davis, A. T. Wingate, W. H. Symonds (Hereford), L. Evans (Pembroke) and K. Holtom (Byfield, Northants). The rounds during the service were rung by the local band under the leadership of Mr. Rush-ton, and afterwards the visitors were able to join in with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob Minor, and finishing with a good course of Cambridge Minor.

The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and everyone expressed the opinion that a very fine job had been made of the installation, both tone and 'go' being excellent. The firm was represented by Mr. Michael Howard (director) and Mr. A. P. Cannon.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble	(1897)	5 cwt.	0 qr.	1 lb.
Second	(1729)	5 cwt.	1 qr.	4 lb.
Third	(1665)	6 cwt.	1 qr.	1 lb.
Fourth	(1665)	7 cwt.	0 qr.	13 lb.
Fifth	(1665)	9 cwt.	2 qr.	4 lb.
Tenor	(1863)	12 cwt.	1 qr.	20 lb.

All recast and rehung in 1951, in new iron frame with ball bearings.

## HORNCHURCH PEAL BOOK

At evensong on October 14th the Peal Book, presented to the St. Andrew's Guild, Hornchurch, Essex, by the relatives of the late Arthur Rolph, was dedicated by the Vicar, Canon A. Courthope. There was a large congregation including many ringers from neighbouring towers.

The book is a handsome volume bound in Moroccan hide, and the big task of writing up the peals in illuminated style was undertaken by Mr. D. C. MacAlister, of Ilford. An excellent job has been accomplished.

In all ways the service was very much a ringers' evensong, concluding with a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

To mark the occasion, a quarter peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston Variation) had been rung at matins by D. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Meadows 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (conductor) 8.

The local band wish to thank all those who replied to the invitation to send in particulars of peals rung at Hornchurch. The book is a fitting tribute and memorial to Arthur Rolph, whose health forced him to give up ringing but who maintained interest to the end.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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# QUARTER PEALS

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Hough 1, Miss B. Colver 2, Miss V. Watts 3, A. H. Hough 4, T. K. Deacon 5, W. Newton 6, G. A. Newton (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. R. Belton, wife and mother of three Barwell ringers, who was interred during the day. Also on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. L. Hough 3, C. R. Belton 4, A. A. Lucas 5, G. P. Garner 6, T. K. Deacon (cond.) 7, A. H. Hough 8. A birthday complime to Mrs. P. Staniforth, Mr. J. Hill and Lord Barnard.

**BRISTOL.**—St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: E. F. Hancock (first in method) 1, F. Leaker 2, F. Hansford 3, Miss J. McDowall 4, F. C. Mogford 5, E. Taylor 6, A. A. Hillier 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer.

**CHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,269 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward 1, J. W. Best 2, J. W. Griffiths 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, B. Harris 5, F. G. Beddow 6, W. A. Farmer (first as cond.) 7, R. G. Corby 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Lewis (first in the method) 1, F. A. Barker 2, H. J. Eldred 3, G. A. Spencer 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, A. W. Coles 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, D. C. Bowen 8.

**COWFOLD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cherriman (first quarter) 1, R. Boxall 2, R. Parsons 3, B. G. Moore 4, F. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Symmonds 6. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boxall 1, E. King 2, E. Stoner 3, F. Ford 4, F. Roberts 5, B. G. Moore (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3, and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): R. T. Clarke 1, E. Nobles (cond.) 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. L. M. Crockett.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss K. I. Tivey 1, S. Walklate 2, P. H. Whitaker 3, A. E. Thompson 4, F. R. Lowe 5, M. J. Barker 6, J. F. Wilkinson 7, H. Taylor (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First quarter of Bristol Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. The first quarter of Bristol Surprise Major ever rung in Derby by an all-resident band.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Rollison 1, E. Gower 2, F. H. Dallaway 3, L. J. Baldock (first quarter) 4, R. H. Rollison 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, R. W. Pankhurst (first as cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. Also at Christ Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich: R. Oliver 1, F. Waymark 2, G. Beeny 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, E. Gower 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, R. W. Percy 7, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 7. Both for Eastbourne Mission Week.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. J. Gay 1, Miss R. Lund 2, A. R. Gale 3, W. Henley 4, A. Birch 5, Miss R. Tabraham 6, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 7, A. Hudson 8. First in method for 1, 5 and 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alley, of Farnham Royal.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: Ivan Saunders (first quarter, aged 13) 1, G. Green 2, J. Roast 3, P. Green (cond.) 4, Peter Came (first quarter of Major) 5, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 6, E. W. Furbank 7, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sheffield (first quarter) 1, D. Harris 2, L. Larner 3, W. Cross 4, B. Morley 5, L. Clifton 6, R. Taplin (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

**HATHFROP, GLOS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Myles 1, Miss E. Morse 2, G. Burge (first 'inside') 3, R. Wenban (first of Grandsire Doubles as cond.) 4, Miss J. Morse 5, W. Godwin 6. A 15th birthday compliment to B. Myles.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. H. Dunnington 6. Rung to mark the restoration of the spire.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Houghton 1, Pamela Collis 2, F. J. Dodson 3, J. King 4, Mary Cowley 5, H. Colcombe 6, W. Symmonds (cond.) 7, Pat MacFarlain 8.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Blackledge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Mansley (first quarter) 2, J. B. Clarke 3, J. R. Jenkinson (first 'inside') 4, J. E. Bees 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung as a mark of esteem to Mr. T. Sheane on completion of 25 years' service as hon. organist and choirmaster.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, W. A. Prockson 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. Charge 6, A. W. Butler 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

**IFFLEY, OXON.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Woodley 1, Miss C. M. Hall (first 'inside') 2, D. Woodley (cond.) 3, T. S. Bowles 4, W. H. Fern 5, M. Harding 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: D. J. Charnley 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, V. Grimwade 5, T. E. Davies 6, A. L. Pearson 7, G. Dodds 8, C. H. Whitton 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter of Surprise Royal for 5 and 9.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Phillips (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Richardson (first 'inside') 2, L. Weller 3, E. Rathborne (first 'inside') 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rector.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. E. Bailey 1, G. Berry 2, L. P. Bailey 3, J. Empson 4, J. N. Bailey 5, E. Pizzev 6, J. Preastner (cond.) 7, J. Geater 8. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the peal by the eight brothers Bailey. Three of the brothers took part in the peal.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Dr. E. Taylor 2, N. Mallett 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, R. Keeley 7, H. G. Keeley 8. In memoriam Edwin Egton, for twenty year parish clerk and vergor and a lifelong devoted churchman.

**LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss E. W. Keys 3, N. J. Smith 4, E. Treagus 5, F. W. Burnett 6. First quarter in method for 2 and 3. Rung for Trafalgar Day.

**NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Milward 1, J. Mawdesley 2, K. Edwards 3, R. Phillips 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, G. Halls 6. First in method for 1, 3 and 4.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Oct. 21st, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Burman 1, Miss E. Despond 2, Miss R. Parker 3, W. Ashby 4, F. Burgess (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. Rung for the coming of age of Miss R. Parker.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Ickeringill (first quarter) 1, G. J. Butcher 2, R. A. Constant 3, W. L. Rayner 4, Miss P. L. Gilbert 5, L. T. Stacey 6, T. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, V. C. Duck 8.

**NORTHWIRAM, YORKs.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hancock 1, G. Turner 2, W. Noble 3, J. Turner 4, J. Greenwood 5, L. Healey 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, W. G. Turner 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. M. S. Walker, M.A. (curate), about to take an appointment at Castleford.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Dixon (first of Treble Bob) 1, T. Putwain 2, E. Buck 3, M. Collings 4, J. Collings (first 'inside' to Kent) 5, J. Dear 6, B. Collings 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Down 1, J. Arbury 2, Preb. E. V. Cox 3, L. Hine 4, E. Marks 5, Chas. Turner 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. Rung for Evensong and the anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Oct. 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Leale (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, J. D. Harris 3, F. W. Burnett 4, J. W. Meade 5, S. E. Cook 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. Rung for the Masonic service.

**POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCs.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. W. Barrett 1, R. Taylor 2, B. H. Hall 3, J. Nevill 4, W. R. Cowell 5, J. W. Metcalfe 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, C. S. Shaw 8. To mark the retirement of Mr. W. Lawrenson as vergor. He was a former captain of ringers and also churchwarden.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. P. B. Walker 1, B. P. Edwards 2, G. A. Naylor 3, F. J. Cheal 4, J. Hale 5, W. J. Walker 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. C. Barton (first quarter) 8.

**RATTLEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, F. Hunt 3, W. Shorter 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks 6. Rung for the dedication of an altar cross and two candlesticks in memory of the late Canon Hodgson, Rector for 23 years.

**RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dean 1, J. P. Griffiths 2, G. Wilson 3, J. Bagley 4, L. S. Griffiths 5, L. J. Evans (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor on the bells.

**RYDE, I.O.W.**—On Oct. 28th, at All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Jackson (first quarter of Stedman) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, L. Bailey 3, F. S. Taylor 4, W. Upton 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. F. Jackson 8.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—At St. Chad's, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal (Tittums position): W. A. Farmer (cond.) 1, Miss B. Carter 2, W. Brookes 3, R. B. Meadows 4, C. Lee 5, W. G. Jones 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, F. G. Beddow 8, J. N. Lindon 9, F. H. Renett 10. Rung for the harvest festival.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Donald J. Crouchman 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, F. R. Goddard 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. W. James 6. Rung for United Nations Sunday.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Antelope, Norfolk, Old and Plain): Rev. Lloyd 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5. First quarter on bells by a local band.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, R. F. Baker 5, A. Clements 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. A birthday compliment to Miss G. I. Rusby.

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Griffiths 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Corbett (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Brettell (first quarter) 4, T. Abbotts 5, J. H. Jones 6. To mark the safe return home of Albert E. Hughes (local ringer) after a serious operation.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At All Saints', on October 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clarke 1, W. D. Peart 2, R. Ellis 3, E. F. Pickering 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. A. Partridge 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. C. Reynolds 8.

**WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Orchard (first quarter Minor) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, M. Cook 4, O. Warren 5, V. Adams (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

**WHAPLODE, LINCs.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sisson 1, Mrs. D. C. Everitt 2, F. G. Lightning 3, H. Oliver (first quarter) 4, P. C. Holmes 5, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to P. C. Holmes and G. Sisson, who are leaving the district.

**WROTHAM, KENT.**—On October 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Rose 1, M. E. Roe 2, S. M. Brown 3, G. A. Smith 4, R. D. Edge 5, G. R. Guy 6, J. B. Guy 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

**YATE, GLOS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's and 300 of Bob Doubles): Miss O. Nelson 1, Miss J. Shellard 2, G. Virgo 3, M. Wiltshire 4, J. Cox (cond.) 5, H. Shellard 6.

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# FREEWHEELERS' RINGING SOCIETY

## First Eight-Day Tour

**A**FTER holding several successful outings, each lasting one day, at intervals throughout the year, the members of the above Society decided to launch out into the real thing and cut themselves loose from civilisation for eight days, starting on August 25th.

As usual, the mode of transport was to be cycles, and accommodation at Youth Hostels, and after much hard work, for which thanks are due mainly to the Misses Fleetwood and Messrs. Fleetwood and Armstrong, everything was booked. Owing to the unavoidable absence of two members, the party which assembled at Woolwich Ferry numbered only twelve, but we made the crossing without mishap and, landing in Kent, set off towards St. Mary Cray.

On arrival we were met by the Vicar, and proceeded to raise the bells only to find that the third had no stay, which necessitated nominating one stalwart to hold her on the balance. However, the ringing did not suffer by this misfortune. After lunch we found Cudham at the top of the hill and we were joined by two friends who happened to be in the neighbourhood, and some fair ringing was had on this light ten, although the tone was very disappointing. During the ringing, a young lady from St. Luke's, Chelsea, joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples. On leaving the village, some unfortunate map-reading resulted in two of the ladies being separated from the main party, but even so they arrived at Chaldon Youth Hostel before the others, whose map-reading proved to be even more unfortunate!

On Sunday morning we paid a short visit to Bletchingley where the fine eight were worthy of more time than we could give, but we produced some good striking for morning service. We found much cause for regret a few minutes later when the heavens opened above us and we had to cycle through rain until the afternoon, but good humour prevailed and we arrived at Bolney in high spirits to join the home band for service ringing. After a very enjoyable pull on the easy-going bells we finished the day with a very pleasant ride to Patcham, and a quick visit to Brighton in the evening.

## PRESS INTERVIEWS

Monday brought a strong S.W. wind which made cycling very difficult, but we reached New Shoreham on time and after the long climb up the tower, we regained our breath while admiring the palatial ringing chamber. Here the first two touches were poorly struck, but the rest of the ringing was good and was brought to a close by three leads of Kent which did justice to the fine tone of the bells. On leaving the tower we were met by a local newspaper reporter, who was very interested to hear our plans for the week, and took copious notes some of which we afterwards learned found their way into the London 'Evening News.' After lunch we went on to Chichester, arriving in the late afternoon. Here we were joined by a member of the local band who showed us over the campanile and gave us an interesting account of its history. The ringing here was disappointing for reasons which still remain a mystery, but we consoled ourselves by inspecting the beautiful Cathedral. The night was spent at Stockheath Youth Hostel and we would advise any visitors to the neighbourhood to think twice about staying there.

Tuesday was to be a quiet day with only one tower: which was just as well, for a road marked on the map degenerated into a muddy cart track, which necessitated wheeling the cycles across very wet but not so muddy fields. Photographic evidence of this episode remains. This resulted in our reaching Hambledon ten minutes late, and this was the only occasion during the week on which we failed to arrive

on time. A lady member of the home band was there to meet us and some good striking was produced on this delightful six in methods up to Cambridge Minor. On leaving the tower, some complimentary remarks regarding the ringing were addressed to our hostess and we modestly felt that we had earned our lunch. By easy cycling through lovely country we reached Winchester. The Youth Hostel proved to be a lovely old water mill where great fun was had by all, and great interest shown in the handbell ringing, both tunes and methods, which we produced.

Especially interested was a party of German Scouts, whose final request was met by the fastest and most perfect course of Grandsire Triples which the writer has ever had the pleasure of ringing, while the rest of the party stood by with fingers crossed in case a mistake—fatal at that speed—was made.

The first tower on Wednesday was to be St. Mary's, Andover, and as we arrived with 15 minutes to spare we were able to have a good look at the church. The approach to the ringing chamber proved to be far less terrifying than we had been led to believe and soon the bells were going well to the standard methods, the rather awkward position of the seventh rope proving the only difficulty.

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

After lunch we set off for Collingbourne Ducis and noticed the preponderance of thatched roofs on the way, all too rare a sight in our home district. The bells were a light six and there were no tucks in the tail ends of the ropes. Having due regard to our hands we 'tucked-up' where we could before starting and spent a delightful hour on these easy-going bells. Before leaving, the Vicar presented us with an enormous bag of apples. The hostel at which we were to spend the night was just outside Marlborough and on the way through the town we located St. Mary's Church, where we were to ring that evening. After supper we returned to the town and were greeted by one of the home band, who gave us all the necessary information and left us to it. We agreed that the ring was well worth the visit. The heavy six go like tops and have a fine melodious tone, which perhaps inspired us to greater things for the striking was of the highest order and we rounded the evening off with a course of Cambridge Minor.

## A WET DAY

Thursday produced the worst weather of the week and the rain continued throughout the day, stopping just before we reached Inglesham Hostel in the evening. In the morning, at Broad Hinton, we were welcomed by the Vicar, and after wringing ourselves out, managed some respectable striking in the standard methods on this light six.

We intended to have lunch at Wootton Bassett, only to find that it was early-closing day, with the result that we made a meal of cold meat pies, bread and cheese and biscuits before repairing to the church, where we were met by the Master of the local band, who made us very welcome. The bells went very well but were inclined to be a little odd-struck so we did not become adventurous in the way of methods. After ringing for an hour we pressed on to the hostel, where we were able to dry out.

The weather improved on Friday and we cycled via Burford to Charlbury, where we had a quick pull before three of the party left for home (by courtesy of British Railways) while the remainder carried on to Oxford, where we spent the night.

Saturday morning saw us away smartly to reach St. Ebbe's, in Oxford, which we approached with mixed feelings, wondering just

how flighty a ring with a four cwt. tenor could be. We need not have worried as the bells were delightfully easy to control. After lunch at a roadside cafe, we reached Thame. The ringing chamber here is very large and the bells go very well, so that we had little difficulty in striking the standard methods. We then made for High Wycombe, choosing the road with the smallest hills, and, after tea, turned off to West Wycombe, where we toiled up to the church in pouring rain. The unique building took our minds off the weather and we spent all too short an hour in the ringing chamber with three members of the home band, who afterwards directed us to Jordan's Youth Hostel. The hostel is surrounded by woods, delightful in the daylight but not quite so inspiring on a wet dark night when you are not sure of the road.

Sunday was our last day, with service ringing at Chalfont St. Peter, with its light six. Here we were met by one of the home band, and a member of the Chalfont St. Giles band, who afterwards invited us to ring at his home tower, so we split up enough for a quarter of Doubles and went to St. Giles' where, unfortunately, the treble was out of action. This attempt was unsuccessful. This brought our holiday to an end and we headed straight for home through London, chasing the lights along Oxford Street on the way.

Looking back, it all adds up to a lot of fun. We did not cram an enormous amount of ringing into the week, but we had more time to enjoy what we did. We did not try any new methods, believing that practices should be reserved for home towers and not other people's. We make no claim for originality; as far as we can see, people have been cycling to their ringing since cycles were first invented, and we number no octogenarians or nonagenarians among our members. We did, however, see other places and meet other people, and to all those who made our tour possible—the incumbents who gave permission, the steeplekeepers and members of the local bands who got the bells ready and met us—we offer our sincere thanks.

C. E. W.

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Major.—Plain Bob 11; Kent Treble Bob 7; Oxford Treble Bob 1; Little Bob 1; Duffield 1; Kent and Oxford 1; Double Norwich 22.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2; Kent Treble Bob 2; Little Bob 2.

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Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 3.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting of the Macclesfield-Stockport Branches at Macclesfield on Saturday, November 10th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (12), 7-8.30 p.m. Service in Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5 p.m. 9714

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, November 10th, 3 p.m. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 9729

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, November 10th. Service 4.30. For tea (5) notify W. Cutcher, P.O., Shipbourne.—C. A. Bassett. 9717

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9721

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for District officers for 1952.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 9678

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 10th, Colliers Wood, 2.45. Tea 4; Clapham Common R.C. 5. Business 6. Battersea 7.30. Nominations for District officers due.—Hutchings. GERard 9351.) 9709

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, November 10th, 3 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 9740

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Saturday, November 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. Evensong afterwards.—J. W. Cotton. 9723

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Berrington (8), Saturday, November 10th. Count also available. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge, Shropshire. 9753

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Havant, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. at White Ladies Hotel.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9701

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, November 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9743

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise: November 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis. 9735

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, November 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those whose names arrive before 14th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9750

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 9751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, 3 p.m. on November 17th. Cups of tea. Frequent buses from King Street, West. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9752

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LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, November 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names, by November 15th, to Mr. Geo. James, 12, School Lane, Barkby.—W. S. Swan. 9741

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday, November 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by 13th, to W. Eagling, White Hart Street, East Harling, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison. Hon. Sec. 9737

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Beedon, November 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 14th, to T. Curtis, 1, World's End, Beedon, Newbury. 9705

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 17th. St. Mary's bells (6) 2.30.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 9742

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Frequent buses from Newark. 9710

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Merstham (6) on Saturday, November 17th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. Names for tea, by Thursday, November 15th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 33, Broadhurst Gardens, Reigate. 9704

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Chichester, November 17th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9746

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke and Winchester Districts.—Combined practice meeting at Preston Candover and Ellisfield, November 17th. Bells: Preston (5) 2.30; Ellisfield (5) 6. Service at Preston 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Vicarage. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. Names by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9708

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Practice meeting, North Stoneham, November 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by November 13th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9748

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly, Saturday, November 17th, at Sopley (5) and Ringwood (8). Ringing, Sopley, afternoon. Tea and meeting Ringwood 5.15 p.m. Ringing afterwards at Ringwood.—Davis. 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9756

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall for those who notify, by November 21st, Geo. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec. 9734



**BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY****Visit to Kirk Ella**

Some 35 members attended the meeting at Kirk Ella on October 13th with a visitor from Rothwell, Yorks. The six bells (tenor 19½ cwt.) are a heavy-going ring and took a lot of handling, the ringing being consequently below standard.

The service was held in the ancient Church of St. Andrew, with its beautiful arcade of Early English windows in the south side of the chancel, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Foord. In his sermon the Vicar spoke of the use of leisure in present and recreation of past generations. In olden times all activities were centred round the church; ringing was one of the few that remained that gave an opportunity to ringers to attract young people to the ringing chamber and do a service to the community as well as the church. Ringing was a healthy and intelligent way of using time, hands and mind.

The meeting followed the excellent tea in the Memorial Hall when congratulations were offered to the Society's vice-president on his 50th wedding anniversary. A good reception was given to members of the newly-formed band from Rise on joining the Society. The meeting closed with thanks to the Vicar and local ringers for the efficient arrangements for the meeting, which had included a lot of chair-moving and floor sweeping the previous night.

The Vicar expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers again and said that he would like to have the handbells introduced into a service to let his congregation see the ringers in action in a manner similar to the way they were used in the ringers' service.

Long distance travellers left early to get home before the heavy fog settled down for the night, the remainder went back to the tower to keep the bells going in standard methods and Cambridge.

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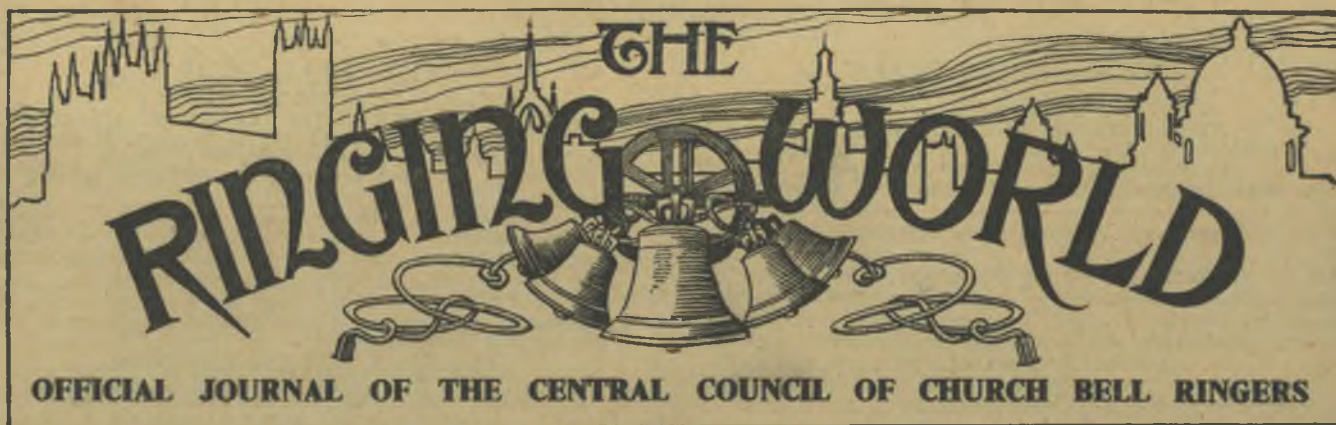
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## INSTRUCTION

ONE of the commonest sights in the quieter streets of industrial towns and on country roads fifty years ago was a person learning to ride a bicycle. The instructor's job was to hang on to the back of the machine, and by main force keep it reasonably upright, until the learner found out for himself how to preserve the balance. The teacher very often could not ride a bicycle himself. Nor had he need to be able to do. But there is a very different tale to tell in regard to the teaching of ringing. Most ringers are willing to impart their knowledge to anyone who wants it, but in ringing, more than in anything else, does the veriest tyro take upon himself to teach others, and as one moves about the country one can see the results of it. One district may have fine rope handlers and strikers, although only a few miles away the ringing is sloppy and the striking bad. Probably those responsible for these two differing states of affairs are long since dead, but their work remains, good and bad. In the first case, the teacher was probably one who was a stickler for belfry discipline and the honouring of belfry usages. He may have been a bit of a martinet; he may have driven someone from the tower by his insistence on proper behaviour, keenness and wholehearted allegiance. The legacy he left behind was worth it all. The second instance very likely arose through a man of forceful personality, who resented criticism, and by his personality, aided perhaps by a little sharp practice, kept himself at the head of affairs in his district, so that his standard, however mediocre it might have been, was the standard of the district. Instead of doing his best for learners, and hoping that the pupil would surpass the master, he took very good care that nobody did surpass him. Fortunately, this sort of thing is dying out, but it does crop up from time to time.

So, then, it follows that learners should have the best instruction that is available. It is only fair to them. The teacher should not only know his job properly, but he should know the appropriate moment to make a forward step in the teaching. All good ringers know, and heartily dislike, those ringers who, in spite of well-meant advice, are always striving after something which is just a little beyond them. They are always 'passengers' in what they

ring, and because they have to pay so much attention to the method, the striking suffers. Good striking is automatic, and is generally brought about by proper insistence on the striking of simple methods. There can be no such thing as perfect striking, but it can become so nearly perfect that few humans can detect the infinitely small variations in the intervals between individual notes. There are people who admit that they cannot hear their own bell once it is launched into changes. Some, indeed, apparently cannot hear it in rounds. It is a pity that they take up ringing. Cases of this sort are not hopeless, however, and it would be a grave mistake to do anything to drive such individuals from the tower. It needs a really skilled teacher to effect any improvement here, although it can be done.

Different teachers have different methods, although successful teachers find that their basic methods are alike or very similar. The instructor who 'stands behind' his pupil is usually doing him a disservice. First of all, there are comparatively very few people who CAN stand behind effectively. It is an art in itself to issue instructions the right amount of time before the pupil has to do the work. A mere simultaneous instruction is worse than no instruction at all, and merely serves to distract the attention of the learner from what he should be doing for himself. After the principle of hunting is grasped, there should be no need for 'standing behind.' If a pupil has been taught the right way, and has been allowed to proceed only at the rate which his natural aptitude will allow, he should with confidence be able to stand in for a method entirely new in practice to him, and know quite well before he starts that he can make a good job of it. Such confidence comes of right teaching and of, what is more important, right learning.

That great little man, Louis Wilson, asserted in these pages that in fifty years' teaching no pupil of his broke a stay. It doesn't sound much, but it argues a high standard of teaching, one that was born of sheer commonsense. Years ago, men learnt to ring their bells without stays. Might it not be a good idea, where practicable, to remove the slider before teaching a beginner? Probably, a few journeys up to the bell chamber to replace the rope would have more effect than many words. At any rate, it would prevent that nasty jar which is given to the bell and its fittings when a stay is broken, due to unskilful teaching.

J. T. D.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. . 7
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5	ALAN JACQUES .. 11
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on 12 tower bells. † 50th peal on 12 bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Stanforth.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 9
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 4	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 10
GEOFFREY HEMMING .. 5	CYRIL TANSELL .. 11
JOHN THOMAS .. 6	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of twelve bells. Rung for the patronal festival.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

#### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSON .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDALE .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 9
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Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

### LONDON, W.C.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL .. Treble	*ARTHUR W. BUTLER .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 2	†CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 8
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 3	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 4	*FRANK MATTHEWS .. 10
*MARJORIE JACKSON .. 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 11
A. RONALD LING .. 6	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method and on twelve bells. † 50th peal of Cinques. ‡ 50th peal of Stedman on tower bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*FREDERICK NEWTON .. 7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 9
H. JAMES TURNER .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 11
ALBERT WALKER .. 6	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 HARBORNE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

The first peal in the method.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 27 changes of method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	*E. ALAN JACQUES .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*J. FREDK. MILNER .. 8
*ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	*G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 9
JOHN HILL .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20½ cwt.

J. NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
ERNEST STITCH .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Royal.

### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 6
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER .. 7
*MAX PAGE .. 3	PETER C. WRIGHT .. 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 4	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 9
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor, age 11.

### TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING .. 2	WILLIAM H. COLES .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. 3	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 8
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 9
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 5	TONY PRICE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung for the patronal festival.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### OXFORD.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge,  
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Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

ALAN R. PINK .. Treble	MRS. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 6
MARGARET L. TUTT .. 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.



**BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE .. .. Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 7
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH .. 4	CECIL CORDEROY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Fri., Oct. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 5
†DIANA PANTING .. .. 2	JOHN B. GUY .. .. 6
†SUSAN M. BROWN .. .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 7
†PATRICK PRESTON .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

**HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 16 cwt.

Taylor's Six-part.	
DOUGLAS JORDAN .. .. Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. .. 5
JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. .. 7
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH .. 4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

**MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

VERNON SYKES .. .. Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. .. 5
IVAN KAY .. .. 2	SELYWN H. DEARDEN .. .. 6
HERBERT BARLOW .. .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 7
FRED PRITCHARD .. .. 4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9).

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

Rung in honour of H. Barlow's 74th birthday.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

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

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	†JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
†MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	*JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 50th peal during 1951. † First peal in the method.

**BOWDON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. BROWN .. .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 5
*FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. .. 2	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 6
NEVILLE A. BROWN .. .. 3	DAVID VINCENT .. .. 7
ROY BROOM .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

**CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

*On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	T. COLIN RYDER .. .. 5
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON .. .. 2	*PHILIP COOTE .. .. 6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 7
ARTHUR FIRTH .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 21 cwt.

Bructon's.	
HAROLD R. C. VINES .. Treble	*FREDERICK PRECEY .. .. 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. .. 2	HENRY R. PINK .. .. 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 3	RICHARD H. DUKE .. .. 7
HENRY J. STEED .. .. 4	JACK W. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate Canon A. W. Markby's 50 years in the ministry, and 21 years as Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Dorchester.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL .. .. Treble	*RUSSELL PARKER .. .. 5
WALLER W. MILLER .. .. 2	*WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING .. .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 1). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERIC NIXON .. .. Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. .. 2	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 6
JEAN BROWN .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 4	JACK CLEGG .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 21½ cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. Treble	*W. H. NOEL DEVONSHIRE .. 5
HARRY WINGROVE .. .. 2	JESSE HARRISON .. .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	†ALBERT C. BRIDGES .. .. 7
*RALPH H. WINSER .. .. 4	*STANLEY W. HATFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival by an entirely local band.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.			
THOMAS J. FOWLER .. .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. .. 5		
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 2	*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 6		
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 7		
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for All Saints' Day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19½ cwt.			
BERTRAM C. HINES .. Treble	*ALBERT PRYKE .. .. 5		
*MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. .. 6		
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 7		
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	JOHN SITCH .. .. Tenor		

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the festival of All Saints.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.			
*JEAN POWELL .. .. Treble	A. DYAN PRICE .. .. 5		
*MRS. A. R. PRICE .. .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 6		
*DILLYS HULBERT .. .. 3	THOMAS YEOMAN .. .. 7		
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 4	WILLIAM DARE .. .. Tenor		

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal. Believed to be the first peal with four ladies standing in for the Association.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.			
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5		
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 6		
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 7		
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor		

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt.			
ALBERT E. LOCK .. Treble	†JOHN SEYMOUR .. .. 5		
*MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 2	HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 6		
MRS. A. E. LOCK .. .. 3	*JACK BERRY .. .. 7		
*JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 4	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. Tenor		

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.			
ALFRED H. WINCH .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. .. 5		
*ALAN SMITH .. .. 2	ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 6		
ALBERT ADAMS .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. COLLINS .. .. 7		
†GORDON PETERS .. .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. Tenor		

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.			
*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. Treble	†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. .. 5		
†EILEEN M. BURTON .. 2	SIDNEY HARRISON .. .. 6		
*GEORGE HEBBORN .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7		
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	†MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal in method 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the spire was demolished. A 21st birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.			
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5		
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 2	*WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 6		
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7		
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 4	†FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Tenor		

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal in the method and 50th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.			
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5		
*WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6		
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 7		
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor		

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt.			
*A. D. R. KER (Clare) .. Treble	A. R. GUY (Jesus) .. .. 5		
M. N. BLAND (Christ's) .. 2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 6		
REV. A. C. BLYTH (Sel.) .. 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 7		
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens) .. 4	P. A. F. CLARK (Selwyn) .. Tenor		

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

\* First peal of Major.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.			
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. .. 5		
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6		
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. 7		
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung for the patronal festival.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.			
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 5		
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6		
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7		
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor		

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

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



**SIX BELL PEALS**

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE .. .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
ANNE WORTH .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
DOROTHY KIDD .. .. 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Noel J. Moores.

WINSHILL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 15 callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE L. RODEN .. .. Treble	HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4
*NOREEN BRAIN .. .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 3	EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Doubles in the method.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 102 lb. in G.

*PATRICIA CLARKE .. .. Treble	*MAX P. PAGE .. .. 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	*†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
††GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3	†RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. First peal of Oxford Minor as conductor and 100th peal for Suffolk Guild. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Pryke, of Otley, and to mark Trafalgar Day. Robert E. Lester has now completed peals of Minor from one to seven methods.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of (1) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .. 4
ROBERT PIRON .. .. 2	FREDK. J. PLUMMER .. .. 5
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal. First peal in ten methods by all the band. First peal as conductor.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Pitman's Composition. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLIN .. .. Treble	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. 4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. .. 2	HERBERT G. GODDARD .. 5
FREDK. J. WOOD .. .. 3	FREDK. W. JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) College Bob and Single Court, (4) London Bob and Double Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Plain and Double Bob, and (7) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, 115 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in a flat.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	*BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in 14 methods and on the bells.



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## CORBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	BERNARD S. PAYNE .. . 4	Tenor 13 cwt.
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. . 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5	
F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. . 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

## NORWICH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 cwt.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TONY OWEN .. .. Treble	ERNEST SHORTING .. . 4
*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. . 2	*RALPH SETCH .. . 5
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. . 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. . Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal in five methods.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*MARION HARRY .. .. Treble	DENNIS BOUNDS .. . 4
BERYL J. STRANGE .. . 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5
THOMAS I. HOLBOROW .. . 3	BERNICE M. STRANGE .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fricker on their diamond wedding, and to Peter Henderson on his 21st birthday. Miss B. M. Strange has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

## HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford Bob Minor, St. Clement's Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Plain Bob Minor, St. Simon's Doubles, St. Oxford Bob Minor, St. Peterburv Doubles, Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles, Reverse Canons, and Grand sire Doubles.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN ELLWOOD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
JOYCE HEARN .. . 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. . 5
BRIAN TAYLOR .. . 3	DAVID H. PEARCE .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in twelve Doubles and Minor methods.

## ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	ALFRED BOXLEY .. . 4	Tenor 8½ cwt.
GERALD L. BOWEN .. . 2	JOHN H. PAGETT .. . 5	
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. . 3	JOHN LLOYD .. . Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

A coming-of-age compliment to G. L. Bowen.

## COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. Treble	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. . 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. . 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
RICHARD E. MANTON .. . 3	SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. C. W. Hall, wife of the treble ringer. Also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Fretwell, of Castle Donington. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle.

## COWDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of Stedman (four callings), sixteen of Plain Bob (four callings) and twenty of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS .. Treble	† ERNEST J. LADD .. . 4
* EDWARD J. JENNER .. . 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. . 5
† RICHARD D. DIVALL .. . 3	† JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to William R. Manser.

## DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. Treble	FRANK TAYLOR .. . 4
WM. B. DAWSON .. . 2	CYRIL WANDER .. . 5
JOHN G. AMES .. . 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

The conductor's 100th peal and 50th as conductor.

## MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* REV. C. P. SHERWOOD .. Treble	† CHARLES SMITH .. . 4
MARY HART .. . 2	CECIL POCOCK .. . 5
† LESLIE FOGG .. . 3	* DEREK WATKINS .. . Tenor

Conducted by CECIL POCOCK.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the restoration of the church and dedication of the new belfry screen.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER WOOD .. .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING .. . 4
RONALD BOYKETT .. . 2	ALFRED LITTLE .. . 5
HENRY PRATT .. . 3	STANLEY BONES .. . Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung in honour of All Saints, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Little, of Stebbing, who was 67 the previous week.

## TRULL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED .. .. Treble	HARRY PURCHASE .. . 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. . 2	CLAUDE TARR .. . 5
REGINALD G. PERRY .. . 3	HARRY COMMINS .. . Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

Rung for the patronal festival.

## MILLAND, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JEAN HORTON .. .. Treble	RICHARD WILSON .. . 4
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. . 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 5
HENRY C. WEAVER .. . 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. . Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* First peal. A welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Rees.



**SPROUTHTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford.  
St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GILLIAN GOULDING .. .. Treble	*DEREK WOODWARD .. .. 4
*DOUGLAS COLLINS .. .. 2	†MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5
ROBERT LESTER .. .. 3	*GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. Mr. G. Page has now rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4
*DAVID WOODLEY .. .. 2	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods. Rung on the Feast of St. Leonard and within the Octave of All Saints.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

No. 34.	Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

**AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's.	Tenor size 15 in C.
EDGAR VALLANCE .. .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3-4	WALTER J. CLOUGH .. .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

**IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 16 in B.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
HARRY POYNER .. .. 3-4	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7-8
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 9-10	

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Umpire: GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on handbells.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

In eight methods, comprising: 1,456 Plain, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 464 Reverse. 576 Little Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal of Spliced 'in hand' and in eight methods.

**RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

**AT 85, DERBY ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 1-2	PETER NIX .. .. 5-6
ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3-4	JACK BAILEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal as conductor of eight bells 'in hand.'

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Liverpool Cathedral bells  
will ring a welcome to  
Princess Elizabeth and  
Prince Philip as they pass through the city to-  
morrow (Saturday) morning. The ringing will  
be followed by a short service of dedication.  
In the afternoon there will be ringing. Three  
12-bell bands from the Ancient Society of Col-  
lege Youths, Leicester and Birmingham, have,  
we understand, been invited to be present.  
Afternoon ringing will be from about 3.30 p.m.  
to 5 p.m.

Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, Kent,  
enjoyed listening to the peal rung on the  
local bells for his 86th birthday. He writes  
complimenting the ringers on excellent striking.

Mr. Harry H. Fern rang his 50th peal during  
1951 at West Bromwich on October 27th.  
Brother George E. is waiting till the end of  
the year before counting his.

Mrs. Rosemary Howard, of Godalming, Sur-  
rey, was taken to Farnham (Surrey) Hospital on  
October 27th with an acute attack of asthma.  
She is now out of hospital and making steady  
progress.

Coincidence: Mr. Albert E. Jones, who took  
part in a peal at Bromfield, Shropshire, on Sun-  
day, November 4th, rang his first peal on a  
Sunday, November 4th, conducted his first peal  
on a Sunday, November 4th, and has now rung  
his first peal on the treble on Sunday, Novem-  
ber 4th. Mathematical students can work out  
the respective dates.

The Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire As-  
sociation have a warm spot in their hearts for  
Mr. Herbert Barlow, who joined the Associa-  
tion in 1898. His birthday is not permitted to  
pass without peal honours and on October  
27th Herbert participated in the peal of Sted-  
man Triples at St Thomas's, Moorside, to  
mark his 74th milestone.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Rod-  
erick W. Pipe, who at the  
age of eleven has called his  
first peal, of Royal, at Grundisburgh. He is  
showing the same enthusiasm as his elder bro-  
ther, George W., who has now rung 100 peals  
for the Suffolk Guild.

Stratford-on-Avon tower was strongly repre-  
sented at the meeting of the Coventry Dio-  
cesan Guild at Butlers Marston. The omission  
in the report sent in is regretted by our corre-  
spondent.

By taking part in the peal at Kidderminster  
on November 3rd, Mr. George Morris, of Wor-  
cester, completed Stedman from Doubles to  
Cinques.

The tenor bell at Sparsholt, near Winchester,  
has been recast by Messrs Mears and Stain-  
bank and will be dedicated by the Vicar (the  
Rev. W. D. Maundrell) at evensong on Novem-  
ber 18th, at 6.30.

Writes Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham:  
Could you please state whether Canterbury  
Pleasure Major is now recognised by the Cen-  
tral Council as this method has not Plain Bob  
Major lead ends? We trust the appropriate  
committee of the Council will give a reply.

Six brawny ringers at Shebbear, Devon, on  
November 5th performed the yearly ritual of  
turning over the 'Devil's Boulder,' a massive  
rock weighing several hundredweights. Legend  
has it that the devil 'just before he died with  
cold at North Lew' dropped the rock and that  
unless it was turned over once a year on the  
night of November 5th the village would suffer  
some grave misfortune. The ceremony is pre-  
ceded by sounding a wild jangle on the bells in  
order 'to exorcise the Devil,' and at the end  
the bells are rung in thanksgiving. Owing to  
bereavement there was no ringing this year.  
The boulder was quickly toppled over by the  
skilled use of crowbars.

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# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

314th ANNIVERSARY DINNER—SAD PLIGHT OF LONDON BELLS—C.Y.s STANDARD BEARERS OF THE EXERCISE—'RINGING WORLD'S' GAME FIGHT—UNIQUE ASSOCIATION WITH QUEEN VICTORIA

THE 314th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at Pimms Restaurant, Bishopsgate London, on November 10th, was a great reunion and a most happy function. Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the present Master, was in the chair, and the other officers supporting him were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), A. B. Peck (secretary), H. G. Miles and W. H. Passmore (trustees), J. G. A. Prior (senior steward) and F. E. Collins (junior steward).

Among the guests were Canon Dr. Jocelyn Perkins of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. E. G. Turner (St. Giles', Cripplegate), and the Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Mapledurham, Berks). Mr. E. H. Lewis came down from Scotland for the gathering.

Those with long membership were honoured during the proceedings and the list included: R. Stannard 61 years, I. Emery and E. A. Young 60 years, W. T. Elson 59 years, G. R. Newton 57 years, W. H. Passmore 56 years, A. Walker and C. Fenn 55 years, G. N. Price and A. D. Cullum 54 years, E. S. Fenn 53 years, W. Shepherd 51 years, A. B. Peck and H. Hodgetts 50 years.

## APOLOGIES

The hon. secretary read apologies from the Provost of Southwark, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. D. H. Booth, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. J. W. Jones, Harry Miles (Kensington), F. Warrington, R. Fenn, W. C. Downing, E. Shepherd and G. W. Critchley. The Earl of Shaftesbury wrote thanking the Society for the great honour they conferred on him by ringing a peal for his 80th birthday.

The Master, in extending a welcome to those present, especially those members who had travelled a great distance, said he was happy to see such strong contingents from Birmingham and Lancashire. If those gentlemen were able to be present at the meetings of the Society in London they would be very surprised at the warmth with which they received new nominations from Lancashire.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Master said some years ago a relation of his, who happened to be a parson in Yorkshire, told him he had been invited to preach at a ringers' service and asked him for advice as to what he should speak about. He said 'Talk about anything but bells' (laughter). A little while ago he saw this relative again and told him he was proposing the toast of 'The Church,' and asked him for advice. He said 'Talk about anything but the Church' (renewed laughter).

We had all endured very patiently long addresses from well-meaning clergymen at ringers' services on information culled mainly from the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' about bells, and for that reason he was not proposing to deliver a long discourse about the Church. Suffice it to say they were all good churchmen and he did not think of all the people connected with the Church there was any body who had more enthusiasm than the ringers for their service for the Church. It was perfectly true that when they were at work in the tower more people heard what they were doing than the choir or organist. Therefore they must see that the message sent out was a good one.

## LONDON BELLS

The bells in London suffered great losses as the result of the war. They knew as well as he did how many rings of bells they lost. Many of those bells were in sad need of some bellfounders' tonic and now those bells that were left were also in need of that tonic. It

was up to London members to keep in mind the importance of bell restoration so that they might not lag behind in their restorations the splendid work being done in the provinces. They had not the facilities in London to practise the higher methods but that would come in due course. He was glad to know that the restoration of Cripplegate was under way, but they needed someone with £7,000 to come along before it could be completed. St. Magnus' might also soon be restored, Fulham had been restored and the old ring of All Hallows', Lombard Street, had been moved to Twickenham.

The Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, who replied, recalled the last occasion he attended the dinner was the 300th anniversary of the Society, and looking at a photograph of that gathering at the White-chapel foundry he noticed that there were many more clergy there than on the previous occasion. Among the clergy were the present Bishop of Southwark and that grand old man, Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Canon was a very big Freemason and was always getting further honours and taking home new aprons. When he was made an honorary Canon of Christ Church his housekeeper said to him, 'I suppose this will mean another new apron?' The Canon replied, 'No, only a rosette.'

## CRIPPLEGATE BELLS

Mr. Turner said he had always had a most happy relationship with ringers. They knew the nursery rhyme associated with St. Giles' bells of brickbats and tiles but he well remembered the magnificent peal that was rung on the bells for the Jubilee of King George V. They put up a board in honour of the event but it unfortunately perished in the fire. For their new bells they had to find £7,000. Eight bells survived the fire and four disappeared down the crack. Those eight bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry and they were melted down and used for other bells. As long as he was Vicar there would never be any idea of their bells coming from any other foundry than Whitechapel (applause). When he was an undergraduate the curate at his parish was the Rev. F. L. Edwards. He had in those days a deep baritone-bass voice and he used to delight the Temperance Society with his songs (laughter).

The Vicar concluded by saying that for various reasons he had never been a ringer although when staying at a Lincolnshire rectory he did have a lesson in handling a bell. The only time he had rung a bell was at the time of his induction. There was a superstition that the incumbent would remain in the benefice for as many years as the strokes he gave on the bell at that service. He always gave a good many pulls to the bell (laughter).

## 'PREMIER SOCIETY'

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haines. He said that one reason why he had been honoured by being asked to propose that toast was because their Master had in the past been connected with Birmingham. He was glancing through some old copies of 'The Ringing World' for the years 1929-1930 and was interested to read a letter which stated: 'How much longer is the Ancient Society of College Youths going to keep up the pretence of being the premier ringing society in the country?' The letter was signed 'Unknown.' He did not think the Ancient Society should claim to be the premier society in the country. It was right that each Guild or Society should aspire to be, but if it was so they should not say.

He felt now, more than ever, that the Ancient Society could claim a leading place among the ringing societies in the country.

Some of them might be familiar with Pistol in Shakespeare. He was also known as Ancient Pistol. Ancient was another word for standard bearer. To him the College Youths had always been an object of admiration; they had always been standard bearers for good company, good striking and dignified proceedings.

In Birmingham they were very pleased to see their old friend Mr. Smallwood as Master of the Society. For many years Frank had been wandering about the countryside but now he seemed to have found his spiritual home. The other name he associated with the toast was Mr. Peck, who had been secretary of the Society since the death of Mr. Cockerill, some 17 or 18 years.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who replied, said he would like to assure the Vicar of St. Giles' that about 20 hours ago he left the Rev. F. L. Edwards with a glass of Worthington and some bread and cheese (laughter).

The Society had had a very successful year. They had had 12 business meetings, all well attended, and 47 practices, and out-of-town meetings at Birmingham, Eltham and Croydon. The Birmingham meeting was exceptional: they went to Bill Barber's grave and the Birmingham ringers received them so well that he enjoyed it as much as any meeting he had attended. They had a good meeting at Eltham and a fortnight ago had a wonderful time at Croydon with a bountiful tea provided by Mr. Cooper and his lady friends.

## 62 NEW MEMBERS

At those 12 business meetings they elected 62 new members, which was a record for the time he had been secretary. The new members were L. Stilwell (Horsham), F. Oakshott (Epsom), H. J. Turner (Bournville), W. E. Thompsett (Birmingham), J. Taylor (Rochdale), J. G. Clay (Sevenoaks), B. W. White and E. Lish (Henfield), K. W. Mackintosh (Wistaston), A. Pritchard (Hadley), A. J. Adams (Woodmansterne), L. A. Reece (Carshalton), T. R. Hampton (Erdington), J. Scott (Great Budworth), E. Jenkins (Bradford), T. G. Southam (St. Albans), N. David Lane (Solihull), R. O. Fry (Bath), J. W. Southam (St. Albans), W. F. Slaughter (Horley), J. Hill (Ewell), F. H. Newman (Whittlesey), C. K. Lewis (Altrincham), A. Short (Erdington), H. Shutt (Fulham), W. F. Scudamore (Bristol), L. W. Penfold (Smallfield), F. J. Hurrell, P. K. Radlah, and T. J. I. White (Eltham), R. A. Laming (Woolwich), J. M. Ellwood (Slough), C. F. Sayer (St. Albans), M. Hatchett (Chalfont St. Giles), P. W. Weeks (Colerne), L. M. Callow (Coventry), G. E. Bagley (Coalbrookdale), H. O. Baker (Chester), P. J. Staniforth (Leicester), R. Tomlin (Carshalton), E. J. Smith (Bicester), E. Pearson (Banbury), R. G. Field (Yeovil), D. V. Gore (Queen Camel), J. Brackley (Woking), H. Milford (Plymouth), H. Poyner (Leicester), T. J. E. Hayward (Bath), T. A. Thornber and B. G. Warwick (Leicester), A. E. Jacques (Loughborough), N. Mallet (Axminster), J. E. Cannell (West Wickham), W. F. Butler (Windsor), A. D. Rivers (Slough), T. Barker (Croyley), J. T. Williams (Swansea), A. Cairns (Cheddar), R. A. E. Dunn (Chislehurst), T. E. Marks (Yeovil), F. R. L. Blewer (Cambrewell), D. Kingston (Hornsey) and F. W. Goodfellow (Ivor Heath).

The Society rang 28 peals during the year, all of which were of excellent quality.

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

### THE SILENT TRIBUTE

The company stood in silence as Mr. Peck read the following names of those who had died during the year:—John H. Godfrey, Joseph Evans, Leonard Harris, John W. Wilkins, Charles Edwards, William J. Walker, William A. Clark, Harry Kilby, William H. Shuker, Thomas H. Reeves, James George, John Dixon, Albert Darnell, Alfred Miller, Oliver Sippetts, Charles Dean, George Holmes, John Neal, Walter Claydon, Edward G. Morrad, R. Congreve Pridgeon, Maurice F. R. Hibbert and Thomas Groombridge.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors.' He gave a special welcome to the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He was reminded that a good many years ago his presence would be not only unthinkable but he did not know what would have happened. Happily that was a thing of the past.

In the course of his duties as librarian to the Central Council he had an opportunity of seeing what progress was being made. It was very interesting to see where these books went. During October 220 publications were sold and those books were distributed among 28 counties in England and three in Wales. They extended from Northumberland to Cornwall and from Kent to Westmorland.

Somebody might tell him that the reading of books could not teach a person to ring. He did not propose to say anything about the decline in the standard of striking although something might be said on that subject, but he wanted to say something quite the opposite.

### BELLS RUNG PROPERLY

The other day he was at a ringing meeting in Hertfordshire and a young keen ringer told him that he had recently been taking part in some ringing not far from London and he had never in his life heard bells rung properly before. He told him that he had got exactly the same impression many years ago and, curiously enough, in the same district. Such experiences did nothing but good and he hoped he would convey it to his friends.

Recently there had come to Aylesbury a ringer from Melbourne, Australia, named Richards. He had been very interested in his description of ringing in Australia. The arrival of two ringers from England, at Melbourne, had created a phenomenal advance in the quality of their ringing. If Mr. Richards could gain a sound knowledge of ringing while in England, he would be invaluable on his return, for at Melbourne the addition of one good ringer meant so much.

Mr. George Cross received a great ovation on rising to reply as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. An equally cordial reception was accorded Mr. A. Tomlinson, of the Lancashire Association, who offered his Society's congratulations to the Master. Some of them remembered the time Mr. Smallwood spent in Lancashire, when they saw something of his ability. To the visitors it had been a wonderful day.

### 'THE RINGING WORLD'

The toast of 'The Press' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes who mentioned that he was a member of the first committee connected with 'The Ringing World' and was still in touch with the present committee. They all knew what a good job the present committee was making and 'The Ringing World' was showing good signs of improving. They had read of the campaign for 1,000 new postal subscribers in order that the journal might pay its way: he hoped all members would give their fullest support to the committee. Nevertheless he felt, personally, that the committee would have been wiser to increase the price to sixpence.

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, in reply, in thanking Mr. Hughes and Mr. Smallwood for their support, said that the Master had this year not only the responsibilities of his high office but had thrust on his shoulders two big tasks by the Central Council—the shepherding through

of the Rules and Decisions of the Council, a subject upon which snags were constantly occurring, and a greater task of placing 'The Ringing World' on a sound basis.

The decision to retain the price of the journal at fourpence was a bold one and the new committee knew it meant a hard fight. There was one characteristic of the British people—if they saw a man fighting gamely for a worthy object they would not stand aside. This was what was happening in the Ringing Exercise and, as editor, he had been greatly encouraged by the practical gestures of support and friendship.

There were three ways they could help: by doing their utmost to bring in the 1,000 new postal subscribers; by sending a voluntary contribution with peals and quarter peals to meet the added cost; by donations to tide over the period until the 1,000 new subscribers were forthcoming. He had very great hopes that they would succeed.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was again entrusted to Mr. E. Alex Young. He said that was the 14th occasion that he had the honour of being asked to propose the toast. The three names they had to honour were James Robert Haworth, Master in 1851; Francis Baker, 1751; and John Stace, 1651. For details of John Stace, who was a merchant of London, and Francis Baker, he must refer them to the admirable book by the late Mr. Trollope.

Haworth must have been known to a dozen men in that room. He knew him personally at the age of about 70 when he, the speaker, was a young man. Haworth was a compositor and he also contributed articles about ringing. 'I met him,' said Mr. Young 'in the scroff of St. Clement Danes and Westminster Abbey.' He was one of that remarkable band of young men who, as clever ringers, dominated change ringing in London for many years, viz., John Cox, Henry Haley, James Dwight, George Ferris, George Musckett and many others. He was born in 1821 and at the age of 18 joined the College Youths and appears on the roll as 'Robert Haworth of Fleet Street.' He was then a fully-fledged ringer, having been a member of the St. James' Society, whose founder, Thomas Tollady had joined the Society ten years before. Peals were infrequent, one or perhaps two, a year, and it was not until December, 1841, that he rang his first peal for the Society, one of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Bermondsey. In the next four years, however, he rang in seven out of the eleven rung by the Society.

### AN ASSOCIATION WITH QUEEN VICTORIA

When Haworth died in 1910 there was a special paragraph in the annual report of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation. It mentioned that his last employment as a compositor was with Messrs. Virtue, when between 50 and 60 years of age. Much of his time after this was spent in travelling throughout the country taking part in opening ceremonies connected with bell-ringing. He was an official bell-ringer at Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of Queen Victoria and took part in the ringing on the celebration of every subsequent birthday of Her Majesty, also on the occasions of her Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. Her Majesty caused her photograph to be sent to him, which he presented to the Ancient Society of College Youths. Every birthday of King Edward VII. saw Mr. Haworth in the belfry at the Abbey and when His Majesty, as Prince of Wales, presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Institution, he honoured Mr. Haworth by a separate audience and evinced a gracious interest in his career. He was also a very generous benefactor of the Institution.

A popular feature of the evening was the selections on handbells played by Mrs. A. A. Hughes. There was also a touch of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' in which the Master participated.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Wellingborough Branch

The six bells of Rushden St. Mary's have not been rung since 1919. The top part of the fine spire is to be taken down and rebuilt and it has been decided to have the bells rehung at the same time. There is a fine team of lads chiming these bells, and its leader and another interested friend decided to approach the Guild for aid in teaching the band change ringing on handbells to keep them interested and attached until the tower bells are ready.

The secretary of the Wellingborough Branch, therefore, invited them to the quarterly meeting at Ecton, on October 20th. This visit resulted in the election of the two adults, Messrs. Charles F. Clifton and Hodekins as honorary members, with the promise of help from Branch members. The visitors were especially attracted by the fraternal feeling throughout the meeting. It was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Irthlingborough in January.

'The Ringing World' also figured on the agenda and the secretary distributed the leaflets to induce more postal subscribers.

The meeting also provided a surprise for the new Rector of Ecton, the Rev. Stuart W. Artless, and his wife. It was their first attendance at a ringers' meeting. The whole atmosphere, together with courses of Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples on the handbells, gave them much pleasure.

About 60 were present at the tea provided and served in the Church Rooms by the local ringers' wives.

This tower is interesting for its very old tablets and wall painting of the six ringers. The church contains the ancient font which, with another in the nearby village of Billing, is the oldest in Northamptonshire. There is also a Franklin memorial tablet, Rushden being the ancestral home of Benjamin Franklin. The bellfounder, Bagley, of Ecton, is commemorated by a large stone tablet in the central aisle.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening was not too good as the ring of six rather heavy bells needs practice to get good striking.

## MITCHAM RINGERS' SERVICE

The bell-ringers' service which was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th was well attended. Ringling started at 5.30 p.m. and 16 ringers participated in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, who preached on a text from Exodus: 'And the sound of the bells shall be heard when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord.' The Vicar pointed out that bells were only mentioned in the Bible in connection with religion. He thanked the bell-ringers for fitting themselves to ring the bells and also for their regular ringing before the church services. The ringing of the bells, he said, proclaimed to all who cared to listen that the House of God was open for the celebration of the Holy Communion and for other services of public worship. In the broadcasting of this message the ringers were performing a vital function in the life of the church.

The lessons were read by two ringers who were for many years members of Christ Church but have now left the parish. The choir sang a special anthem, 'Ding-dong Bell.'

Christ Church suffered badly by enemy action during the war and later by fire, and the ringing and service took place with scaffolding all round the tower and also inside the church. It is hoped that all the repairs and the decorations will be completed and that the church will soon be made beautiful once more.

After the service the bells pealed out again for about half an hour.



## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on October 20th. There was a good attendance of members and friends and about 50 sat down to tea at the Royal Restaurant, the Vicar, Canon Prentice, joining the party. Evensong followed in the Church of Holy Trinity, conducted by the Vicar, who incorporated the Guild's prayer and suitable hymns applicable to the visiting ringers.

The business meeting took place in the south aisle of the church presided over by the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. White and Huxley. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chilvers Coton in January. New members elected were Messrs. H. Braunston and R. Bowyer (Bishop's Itchington), Mr. H. Reeves (Ladbroke), Miss D. Palmer (Southam), and Miss J. Maskell (Harborne). The ratification of the election of Miss M. Reay, of Northfield and Mr. B. G. Warwick, of Leicester, prior to peals, was duly made.

A short discussion followed the mention of reports for the years 1950 and 1951 and it was decided to form a small committee consisting of the Master and secretary and one representative from each of the Districts to go into every aspect of the matter and report at the next meeting.

The Master then urged the members to do all they could to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' If each member could obtain only one or two new subscribers, particularly postal ones, then the Guild could be said to have done its best in promoting greater circulation. The Vicar was then thanked for the use of the bells and for the service specially altered to suit the ringers, and the local band received thanks for having everything in readiness.

The lovely ring of ten was made good use of during the afternoon and evening and everybody had a thoroughly happy time.

## HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A good meeting was held at Kirkheaton on November 3rd. The tricky six bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Doubles and Minor. Some of the spliced touches were very well struck which proved that these bells can be rung. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, the Rev. Mr. Spivey, conducted the short service and also presided at the business meeting.

About 20 members attended and one new member was elected. A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements, which included a warm room and cups of tea at no charge, was heartily endorsed.

The Rector hoped that our visit would encourage his own ringers to stick together. It is hoped to get a central tower for the annual meeting in January.

A suggestion that a collection be taken at the meetings was left over for later discussion, the secretary pointing out that we had ample funds for the current year. Two designs for a rubber stamp were submitted and the secretary was empowered to acquire the one chosen. Handbells and further tower bell ringing until nine o'clock completed a good meeting. A. W. B.

## LONG BUCKBY PEAL TABLET

The ringing chamber of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby, Northants, has been presented with a tablet to record the first peal rung on the bells. This was dedicated at evensong on October 28th by the Vicar.

These bells were a rather 'hard-going' five until March of last year when, having been 'Taylorised,' the 'First Peal on the Bells' was much enjoyed by all who took part.

The tablet is the gift of Mr. P. Amos, whose family has connections with the village dating back more than a century. E. G. O.

## CALLED PEAL AT 11



Roderick W. Pipe, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, has called his first peal, one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which was his own composition.

Since the age of seven he has been handling a bell, but owing to his slender physique did not start ringing until the beginning of 1950. In May of that year he rang his first 720 on an 'inside' bell, to Bob Minor. He could also ring Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Triples and Major.

It was in June, 1950, that he called his first touch and in February, 1951, his first 720. Roddy attempted his first peal before his 11th birthday, but this could not be recorded owing to a miscall. His first peal—on an 'inside' bell to Kent Treble Bob Major—was rung on May 26th this year. The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, on November 3rd, was his first attempt at calling a peal.

An excellent striker, Roddy has, from the beginning, shown a great interest in figures. He has compiled his own collection of touches of Bob Triples and Major and can now ring up to Cambridge Surprise Royal. Recently he started handbell ringing.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The first District meeting to be held at Barwell for two years took place on October 20th, when 27 members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild participated in ringing at St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. S. C. Kipling), and the Barwell Society's own hymns were sung. Mr. Alan Hough read the lesson.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held. Visitors were present from Hinckley, Leicester and Loughborough Districts. The arrangements were made by Miss B. Colver, of the Barwell Society.

**FRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): B. Parkin (first in three methods) 1. R. Taylor 2. R. Dowdeswell 3. D. Surman 4. C. Rouse (cond.) 5. F. Pendry 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Reuben Hemmings, for many years captain at Charlton Kings.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' November 17th, 1911

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

**Congleton, Cheshire.**—On Saturday, October 21st, after meeting one short for a peal, 504 Stedman Triples:—G. Smith 1. J. W. Washbrook 2-3, Harry Washbrook 4, J. Darlington 5, W. R. Washbrook 6, J. W. Washbrook, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Shone 8. The ringers of the 4th, 6th and 7th rang blindfolded.

**Tasburgh, Norwich.**—On Sunday, October 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles:—J. F. Duffield 1, E. P. Duffield 2, G. H. Cross (cond.) 3, W. C. Duffield 4, F. R. Copeman 5. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles. The average age of these ringers is 14½ years. On handbells, 224 Bob Major and 120 Bob Minor: also two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. These were conducted by G. H. Cross.

[Mr. G. H. Cross is now Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. E. P. Duffield a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. W. C. Duffield is one of the Norwich Diocesan Association's representatives on the Central Council.]

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on September 29th at Cradley when over 50 members and friends accepted the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president of the Guild) and the local ringers.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave an unusual and inspiring address.

The secretary reported that he had seen the Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. Mr. Keith Murray, who had consented to be their president. The Vicar of Dudley appealed to the Guild for help at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, for his band of young ringers. The meeting suggested that the secretary should try and make arrangements to fix a practice night suitable for all concerned.

The secretary stated that it had come to his knowledge that Mr. John Goodman, late secretary and Ringing Master of the Guild, had passed away since the last meeting. This information was confirmed and the members stood in silence to his memory.

Suggestions for the next quarterly meeting were Rowley, Oldbury or Wood Green, Wenedbury, and arrangements were left to the secretary. The members wished the Vicar and Mrs. Yaxley god-speed on their departure to Edgbaston.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Rayne on October 27th. The afternoon's ringing was curtailed through the clapper of the third bell falling out: on investigation it was found that the cause was a locking nut which had come off. The clapper was taken to a local garage, repaired and refitted. Ringing then continued.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Clifford), who also gave an interesting address. The collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 18s. 6d.

Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom by members of the local Mothers' Union. At the business meeting which followed, the District Master, Miss H. G. Snowden, presided. Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. D. Smith, J.P., of Witham, an honorary member of the District, who died on October 7th. Six new members were elected. The next meeting will be at Braintree on the third Saturday in January, if convenient.

After the meeting the bells were again rung in a variety of methods by members from Bocking, Stebbing, Finchingfield, Rayne, Black Notley, Braintree, Kelvedon, Dunmow, Witham, Dagenham, Great Easton, Wimbish, Great Bardfield, Woodford, Felsted, Danbury, Wickham St. Paul's, Castle Hedingham and Colchester.



# DEATH OF MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE

## Former Master of the College Youths

Mr. Tom Groombridge, whose death on October 29th, at Slough, was reported in our issue of November 2nd, was one of the outstanding personalities in the Exercise. He was 84 years of age.

Born at Hurst Green, Sussex, on October 9th, 1867, Mr. Groombridge began ringing in April, 1891, at Tunbridge Wells. The towers to which he had been attached were St. Andrew's, Sevenoaks, 1896-1901; St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, 1901-1940; the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, 1940-1945. Upon the death of his wife he made his home with his son, the late Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., and rang at Daybrook, Notts. It was here he rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday.

Mr. Groombridge rang his first peal at Tunbridge Wells on December 24th, 1891, and among his notable performances were the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which afterwards proved to be false, 7,392 Cambridge Maximus and 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, both at Bow, Cheapside, and a father and son peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch. He had handled the tenors of Bow, Southwark, Manchester Town Hall and Cornhill but was equally proud of managing Foots Cray treble of one cwt. plus a few pounds to a peal of Stedman Doubles.

To the Kent County Association he gave long and faithful service. From 1903 to 1924 he was hon. secretary of the Lewisham District and was afterwards District Ringing Master for 19 years. He served on the General Committee of the Kent County Association from 1924 to 1943, and from 1910 until 1938 he represented the Association on the Central Council. In 1938 he was elected an honorary member of the Council and held that office until the time of his death. He had a long association with the Ancient Society of College Youths and in 1926 was elected Master of that body.

## THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place in the graveyard at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Groombridge (son and daughter-in-law) and a relative of the late Mr. and Mrs. Groombridge.

Owing to war damage the church could not be used and the service was conducted at the graveside by Canon R. S. Greaves (Vicar), the depressing circumstances of a wet day being relieved at the moment of burial by a brilliant gleam of sunshine. At the end of a course of Stedman Triples was rung by J. F. Smallwood (Ancient Society of College Youths) 1-2, T. H. Taffender (London County Association) 3-4, G. R. Cross (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) 5-6, A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths) 7-8. Thus three Masters and a secretary of Societies represented gave the ringers' lovely farewell to their old colleague.

Among others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. A. Young and A. C. Hazelden (Central Council), E. Barnett, P. Spice, W. J. Rawlings and I. Emery (Kent County Association) and E. Mounter (local band).

Before the party dispersed permission was given by the Vicar for the church bells to be rung to four courses of Stedman Triples by F. J. Smallwood (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, E. Barnett 3, A. A. Hughes 4, I. Emery 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, A. B. Peck 7, A. C. Hazelden 8. Later a shorter touch of Stedman was rung by local ringers and Mr. F. G. Groombridge.

## MR. GROOMBRIDGE'S PEALS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.  
Minor (various).—21 (conducted 15).  
Triples.—Grandsire 90 (47), Oxford Bob 4 (1), Plain Bob 1, Erin 1, Union 1, Stedman 162 (82 conducted, 1 non-conducted).

Major.—Plain Bob 39 (11), Double Bob 1, Double Norwich 77 (12; 1 non-conducted), New Double Norwich 3 (2), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 2, Kent Treble Bob 71 (28), Oxford Treble Bob 4, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Granta Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 64 (5; 1 non-conducted), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 32 (5; 1 non-conducted), Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, Ipswich 1, Crayford 1, New Cumberland 3, London 22 (1), Bristol 11 (1), Four Spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 35.  
Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 1, St. Clement's 1, Forward 2, Duffield 1, Kent Treble Bob 15 (4), Cambridge Surprise 10.  
Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 48.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), Superlative Surprise 2.

Handbells.—Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 1, Granta Treble Bob Major 1 (1), Granta Treble Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Major 14 (1), Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Maximus 1.

Total.—800 (conducted 220).

## AN APPRECIATION

Those ringers of a younger generation, who only knew Tom Groombridge as an elderly man, can, I suppose, have but a vague idea of the almost fierce energy with which, as a young man, he pursued ringing and every other thing connected with it.

I had my first contact with him 55 years ago, in 1896. When he arrived at Sevenoaks I had just become interested in ringing at the nearby village of Sundridge, which place had a very decrepit ring of six. Sevenoaks Parish Church had a heavy-going eight with a cracked tenor. Both towers were served by ringers who rang set changes, and had no use for either the Kent County Association or for what they called 'scientific ringing.'

One of the ringers of Sundridge, who had taken an interest in me, was attempting to teach me the handling of a bell by allowing me to pull the back stroke while he controlled the sally. Sharing this kind of tuition was the late Mr. W. E. Pitman who, already an expert musician, wanted to add ringing to his accomplishments.

This was the set of circumstances into which Tom Groombridge projected himself. He must, however, have handled the situation with wisdom, as we all joined the Kent County Association early in 1897. At Sevenoaks the position was worse; there, the more or less polite hostility of the ringers was supported by that of the Rector, who had a private grudge against the Kent County Association.

But neither of them could either ignore or resist the enthusiasm of Mr. Tom Groombridge. A result of his representations was the recasting of the tenor bell and rehanging of the whole ring as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Afterwards a change-ringing band of ringers was built up, which still exists.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

## MR. J. H. CLARK

The district of Heckington, Lincs, has lost a very highly-respected old ringer by the death of Mr. J. H. Clark, aged 84 years. He had been captain of the tower of St. Andrew's, Heckington, for over 50 years and was also a member of the Church Council and a sidesman. 'The Ringing World,' which he had taken since it was founded, was always a source of great pleasure to him. His many and varied ringing touches can be considered unique.

His interment took place at Heckington Cemetery on October 13th and in the evening the bells of St. Andrew's were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

A. D.

## MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

Mr. Arthur Hibbert, Chapel-en-le-Frith, writes:—

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

Although I only had the pleasure of meeting him during a week's holiday at Bushey last summer, I feel that I have lost a real friend.

His genial disposition and friendliness towards my friend and I, both complete strangers to him, dispelled all our fears of joining in the ringing with such a notable character of the ringing fraternity and I am sure that his presence both for service ringing and for peal attempts will be sadly missed by his fellow-ringers.

## MR. HIBBERT'S PEALS

Doubles.—Stedman 1 (conducted 1).  
Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Cambridge 3 (2), London 1 (1), Seven Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 8 (5), Original 1 (1), Erin 2 (2), Stedman 63 (18).

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (1), Original 1 (1), Duffield 1, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich 1, Kent 12, Oxford 2, Double Norwich 17 (3), Superlative 37 (4), Cambridge 27 (1), New Cambridge 3, Bristol 28 (2), Eryri 1, London 21 (2), Yorkshire 9, Rutland 2, one each of Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Aldenham, Bushey, St. Albans, Ashted, Pudsey, Oxhey, Hertfordshire, Elstree, Wembley, Uxbridge, Cassiobury, Langley, Ealing, Watford, Eastbury, Ickleton, Apsley, Kendal, Hitchin, Southall, Newbury, Sedbergh, Raunds, Minsmere, Woodston, Delrow, Verulam, Deben, Tilehurst, Queensbury, Pinner, Zetland, Bedford, Northchurch, Napsbury, Goudhurst, Belgrave, Barnet, Shenley.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1. Three methods 1. Four methods 17, Five methods 1, Six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Erin 1 (1), Stedman 12 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent 1, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1 (1), Yorkshire 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 16 (1), Erin 1 (1).

Maximus.—Kent 2 (1), Cambridge 4.

Total.—Rung 360 (conducted 52).

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Cary Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Maperton on October 27th. Fifty-three members attended the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. V. Langley, assisted by the Rev. D. Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Canon C. W. Wakeman, of South Cadbury, read the lesson and Miss E. M. Pound was organist. Mr. Langley welcomed the ringers to his church. Tea was partaken in the Village Institute, provided and served by Mrs. Langley and her helpers. The president, Canon Wakeman, presided at the business meeting when Mrs. Langley was elected a member of the Association.

A poem by Mr. P. Sparks (Assistant Ringing Master) relating to a swarm of bees taken by him at a previous quarterly meeting at Charlton Mackrell Churchyard, was read by Canon Wakeman. Copies were afterwards sold: the whole of the proceeds, £2 2s., was given to the Bell Restoration Fund at St. Thomas-a-Becket's Church, Pylle.

## RINGER'S DIARY

As it has not been possible to write individually to thank all persons who replied to our request for information regarding annual meeting dates, etc., for the 'Diary,' we wonder whether we may thank them through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

Receipt of the information is much appreciated and enables us to keep our 'service' up-to-date. Many thanks.

W. VIGGERS.  
M. HODGSON.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At the Church of St. Michael, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Carter (first quarter) 1, Elsie Walker (first 'inside') 2, Joan Carter 3, J. Carter (cond.) 4, L. Hill 5, C. L. Cheetham 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Walker.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, J. Russell (cond.) 2, Miss Solly 3, G. Wanstall 4, H. Luck 5, L. Everest 6. A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Emery 1, W. H. Hewitt 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, W. J. Rawlins 4, P. A. Corby 5, J. E. Ryddiard 6, P. J. Spice 7, T. Brett-Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murray-Walton (son and daughter-in-law of the Vicar), who sailed the next day for Northern Rhodesia. This was the 64th anniversary of Mr. J. Emery first ringing at this tower. He has since taken part in 60 peals. First quarter on the new bells.

**BRUTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Govard (first quarter) 1, F. Symonds 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, H. G. White 4, L. T. Summerwill 5, W. P. White 6.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): S. Hodgson (longest touch, aged 13) 1, J. B. Porter 2, Miss A. Bousfield 3, A. Hodgson 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Butterfield (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, W. Goldstone 2, R. Andrews 3, J. B. Hessey 4, M. Harbott 5, W. Peck (cond.) 6, D. Sleet 7, J. Crocker 8. For the 50th anniversary of All Saints' Church.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, and 540 of Grandsire): Monica Howard (first quarter) 1, Audrey Ewins 2, G. Herd 3, W. Butler 4, J. Brooks 5, C. H. Vitter 6.

**CORSTON, BATH.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. L. Hannam 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 5, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob for 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung for the patronal festival.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. L. F. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers (cond.) 2, B. Lester 3, F. Sterry 4, L. Forster 5, S. Arbon 6, T. W. Lockwood 7, L. Last 8. First quarter on the bells.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Pike 1, E. Atyeo 2, H. W. Pearce 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, R. Selway 5, A. Atyeo 6, W. E. Turner 7, H. Pike 8. First quarter of 1 and 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. John's, on Nov. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Brown (first quarter) 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Miss P. Steere 3, E. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, W. Williams 6, F. E. Collins 7, G. H. Humphries 8, D. Cooper (cond.) 9, W. F. Oatway 10.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): R. T. Clarke 1, E. Nobles (cond.) 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers half-muffled in respect to Mr. L. M. Crockett.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Green 1, Miss M. Shearn (first quarter) 2, R. Gardner (first quarter of Minor) 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

**DERBY.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, Miss K. I. Tivity 3, G. Margetts 4, J. Wilkinson 5, F. Lowe 6, H. Danvers 7, M. J. Barker (first in the method as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen I. Tivity.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Stacey 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, F. A. Staveley 5, J. McClukey 6, H. Wagstaff 7, G. Jackson 8. First quarter in the method for 5 and 6. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Pam Webb (first quarter in the method) 1, B. Brown 2, M. Bishop 3, R. Blond 4, A. Woodley 5, J. Blond 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Napper 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,080 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Charge 4, Miss D. Lidbetter 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. Sanders 7, R. F. Deal (cond.) 6.

**GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Black (first quarter) 1, R. G. Black (cond.) 2, R. F. Turner 3, L. Toseland 4, A. Warren (first 'inside') 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Black on his 89th birthday and to Mr. A. Y. Tyler, Irthlingborough, on his 82nd. Mr. Black is the sole survivor of the band who rang these bells in the closing years of last century, and is believed to be the Peterborough Guild's oldest member.

**GODSTONE, SURREY.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. D. Cooper 1, Ruth Forcman (first of Cambridge Major) 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, E. G. Talbot 4, W. F. Oatway 5, M. F. Oakshott 6, J. W. Knight 7, R. Davies (cond.) 8. Birthday compliments to Mr. W. F. Oatway and Mr. E. G. Talbot.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. West (first of Major) 1, G. Green 2, J. Roast (first in the method) 3, P. Green 4, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, P. Came (first in the method) 6, E. W. Furbank 7, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 8.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—All Saints' Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Levett 1, C. A. Levett (cond.) 2, J. W. Piper 3, A. A. Easton 4, J. Pennells 5, R. G. Roberts 6, J. W. Downing 7, P. H. Avey 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 6.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.**—At St. John's, on Oct. 31st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. G. Baldwin 1, Mrs. N. Manship 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, A. R. Turley (first of Stedman Caters) 6, C. H. Chapman 1, H. W. Impey 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, F. Corke 10. For the choir festival. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. N. Manship 1, W. N. Genna 2, E. W. Thurlow 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. Corke 8, H. W. Impey (cond.) 9, A. R. G. Twinn 10.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Spiced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, D. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for all except tenor.

**KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. H. Woodberry 1, A. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, W. H. A. Compton 4, R. Woodvatt 5, K. Salter 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Tansell 8, T. Hemming 9, T. W. Lewis 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, W. D. Grainger 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. A. Richards 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, T. H. Taiffender 6, C. W. Otley 7, E. T. Beauchamp 8.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,951 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Linfoot 1, W. Dransfield 2, G. Gee 3, J. Cottingham 4, D. Sharples 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung for Guy Fawkes' Day.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Facey (14) 1, B. Bissatt 2, W. A. K. Grey 3, J. Rich 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. Gilbert 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Atwell (first quarter) 1, B. Parry 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Dyllis Hulbert 4, Jacqueline Evans 5, A. R. Price 6, D. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Fitzgerald 8. Rung for all Saints' Day.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, T. Putnam 2, R. Dixon 3, H. Werrett (cond.) 4, I. Werrett 5, J. Collings 6, M. Collings 7, T. Werrett 8. First quarter by an all-Norton band.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cross 1, J. Burt 2, R. Franklin 3, J. A. Coombs 4, D. Stone 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Coussins 8. For All Saints'.

**PIODLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris M. Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, R. Clothier 3, J. Coombes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a 13th and 14th birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 respectively.

**PINNER, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, E. W. Thurlow 3, H. G. Hart 4, G. M. Kilby 5, R. W. Wilkinson 6, T. Collins 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich for 2 and 6.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Gray 1, W. C. Shute 2, R. Sherman 3, R. E. Tiller 4, R. N. Marlow 5, D. R. Reed (cond.) 6, W. E. Cheater 7, J. Hartless 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 1 and 3.

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.**—At the Minster, Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Fowkes 1, C. Shaw 2, R. Fowkes 3, F. Pickard 4, G. E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, L. Hemstock 8. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the third, and for the 20th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

**SOFTON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first quarter) 1, W. Panter 2, E. Retter 3, Miss P. Williamson (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Dunster 5, J. Salway 6, W. Recks (cond.) 7, A. Topley 8.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: S. New (first quarter) 1, J. M. Parry 2, W. T. Forrester 3, H. Howson 4, E. J. Rowe (first quarter as cond.) 5, L. Green (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a local band.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Old Norfolk and Plain): Rita Thompson 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, S. F. Saban 6. Rung for Trafalgar Day.

**STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Euston 1, G. A. Parsons 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. H. Begrie 4, H. C. Jones 5, R. W. Winterton 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. Winterton, B.A., upon his retirement after 44 years as Vicar.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARCS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Lyne 2, W. Cockings 3, J. A. Print 4, C. R. Steed 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Garner-Hayward 9, F. C. Lyne 10. A 75th birthday compliment to A. Goode.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss P. Manning (first of Stedman) 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, G. Townsend 5, D. Goodridge (first of Stedman) 6, R. Townsend 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10.

**TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles in six methods: K. Stacey 1, J. Clark 2, W. Smith 3, R. Ferris 4, L. Butcher (first as cond.) 5, J. Hordern (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Archbishop of York, and also to mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the new Church of St. James, Turramurra.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting 1, E. Shouler 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, O. Warren (cond.) 5. Rung for the harvest festival by Stoke Goldington ringers, whose bells are at the foundry, at the invitation of the local band.

**WANSTROW, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Ashman 1, F. Warren 2, F. Veasey 3, J. Metcalfe 4, A. Kingston (cond.) 5, C. E. King 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. F. Mounte, of Wanstrow, and Miss M. Salvage, of Witham.

**WARSP, NOTS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: Alan Whittle (first in method) 1, Miss Jean Haynes 2, Douglas H. Rooke 3, Roland T. Flint 4, Donald Chadwick 5, Herbert T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

**WILBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 4th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. King 1, Miss D. Wykes 2, Mrs. C. W. Partridge 3, D. King 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, R. Wykes 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Wykes.

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## DEDICATION

### BALDERTON, NOTTS

St. Giles' Church, Balderton, was filled to capacity on October 31st to witness the dedication of the restored six bells, the new eight-bell frame and the ringing floor.

The illuminated cross high up in the tower acted as a beacon calling all men to worship and the newly-painted floodlit clock in some intangible way suggested the brightness and beauty of the church within.

In the absence of the Bishop of Southwell, the act of dedication was performed by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The Vicar of Balderton (the Rev. W. Marshall) and the Vicar of Newark (the Rev. G. W. Clarkson) also took part in the service.

In his address Canon Wilkinson gave an historical survey of ringing and church bells throughout the centuries, which must have proved of particular interest to the lay mind. He said there was a verse in the Book of Exodus which came to his mind that evening, 'The sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth into the holy places before the Lord,' and if the congregation would have another passage of Holy Scripture, 'Their sound is gone out into all the earth.' The Canon emphasised the fact that the service was one of rejoicing and that it took a good deal to get English people to church on a week night.

Immediately after the act of dedication rounds were rung by a mixed band consisting of Miss Beryl N. White and Messrs. P. Holmes, A. E. Chilton, J. W. Raithby, F. W. Vernon and P. N. White, and the first 360 changes of Bob Minor after the service was rung by the same band.

### A £1,000 SCHEME

St. Giles' Church has had a ring of six bells since the year 1900. The treble was originally hung above the others and, becoming unsafe, was taken down in 1930. The bells were previously extremely noisy in the ringing chamber and it was as much as one could do to make one's voice heard above the sound of the bells. It was impossible to correct a trip, and after calling a quarter peal the conductor was usually in a state of exhaustion as well as very hoarse. All that has been altered beyond recognition by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the ceremony by Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler.

The bells have been lowered in the tower and a new ringing floor added. There is now no unsightly clock case in the ringing chamber and the bells can be heard distinctly but quietly.

Retuning has been carried out where necessary and the bells have been turned and hung in a new H frame with ball bearings and new fittings and with provision for two extra bells. The job is a credit to the founders and the bells are a joy to ring.

The whole scheme has cost approximately £1,000 including local contractors' work and about £950 has already been raised. The clock has also been overhauled by Messrs. Potts. The Vicar and churchwardens together with the parishioners are anxious to complete the octave as soon as practicable and there seems reasonable hope that this will be accomplished in the not too distant future.

The tenor bell is inscribed 'Jehovah Jireh,' and was cast by John Taylor in 1842. Its weight is 8 cwt. 24 lb and its note G sharp.

So far as is known the only peal rung on the bells in recent years is one of Minor by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1911.

It is pleasing to record that there is an enthusiastic band of ringers in the village in various stages, and under the leadership of Mr. Peter N. White there is no fear that this now lovely ring of bells will be silent on the Sabbath. J. W. R.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Bolton Branch at Westhoughton

On October 27th Bolton Branch kept up its reputation of having a good meeting at Westhoughton. Here there is a handy ring of bells which are in first-class going order; a Vicar who loves bells and always extends a hearty welcome to all ringers; a ringing chamber which would be better described as a ringing parlour, with its polished linoleum and chairs, central rug, electric fire and decorated walls. The credit for this goes to the tower-keeper, Mr. William Smalley. The local members and their wives provided an excellent tea.

Youth was not quite as predominant, but a high order in striking was maintained. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major in nine different methods. Lowers represented were Bolton Parish, Holy Trinity, St. George's, St. Bartholomew's, Smithills, Farnworth, Walkden, Newchurch and Westhoughton, along with a number of visitors.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. Dimmock, presided at the business meeting and said he always enjoyed the ringing, whenever there was a meeting or a peal being rung.

The secretary distributed leaflets appertaining to the welfare of 'The Ringing World.' He urged more members to take the paper regularly and to have it delivered through the post. By doing so they would get it earlier, but a more important point was that the Editorial Committee would benefit financially by cutting out distribution charges. It is 'our' paper and ought to have all 'our' support.

The members were reminded of the 'Branch Picnic' to be held on May 17th, with Loughborough in view; more names were given in.

The secretary, after moving a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, said it would be remiss if, on behalf of Branch members and other ringers and friends who attended, he did not voice thanks to the Vicar for arranging a ringers' service last August. It certainly was appreciated and a successful effort, and he would like another service next year.

The Vicar said the hard work had been done by his ringers, especially Mr. Smalley, and it would be a pleasure to arrange another. Sunday, August 17th, was fixed.

Next meeting at Leigh.

P. C.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### N.E. Branch Meeting

The towers comprising the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are few and widely separated, with Bampton perhaps the most isolated of them all. It is, therefore, very gratifying to report that the quarterly meeting held there on October 27th was one of the most successful the Branch has held for a long time.

The singing at the service was led by a full surpliced choir of men and boys, the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Fraying, gave an address which it is no mere platitude to call inspiring, and as for the magnificent tea, which was provided free of charge by the Bampton ringers and their wives, the combined efforts of nearly 70 ringers, assisted by the choirboys, failed to dispose of it all. Even cut-rounds and cream remained uneaten at the end. A collection in aid of the Guild Bells Restoration Fund realised £2 1s. 2d.

In addition to Branch members, who turned up in greater numbers than usual, and the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, visitors were present from Exeter, Honiton, Clyst, Brampford Speke, Chipstable, Combe Martin, Taunton, Wellington, Milverton, Wiveliscombe, Dulverton, Dunster and Peterborough. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor and included such oddities as Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles and Grandire Minor.

The Branch annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 5th.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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## ENGAGEMENT

BURTON—WARWICK.—The engagement is announced between Winifred May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester, and Brian Geoffrey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Warwick, 76, Collingham Road, Leicester. 9787

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of A. J. Adams is now 70, Partridge Mead, Banstead, Surrey. 9778

## PUBLICATIONS

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Eighth Annual Dinner, London, Friday, January 4th. Details will be circulated later. Prospective new members please write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9776

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## MEETINGS

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting at Ormesby (St. Cuthbert's), Saturday, November 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—Peter W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 9764

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, Saturday, November 17th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own food.—Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 9769

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9739

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe, Saturday, November 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9731

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, November 17th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at King's Head, 5. 9713

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Saturday November 17th, 6—9 p.m.—R. H. Mills, for Dis. Sec. 9747

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Lamberhurst (6), November 17th, 3 p.m. 9733

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting arranged for November 17th at Thurcaston is cancelled.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9732

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday November 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9737

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Snaith, November 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, moderate charge, to all who notify, by November 16th. Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9770

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke and Winchester Districts.—Combined practice meeting at Preston Candover and Ellisfield, November 17th. Bells: Preston (5) 2.30; Ellisfield (5) 6. Service at Preston 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Vicarage. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. 9708

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Quarterly, Saturday, November 17th, at Sopley (5) and Ringwood (8). Ringing, Sopley, afternoon. Tea and meeting Ringwood 5.15 p.m. Ringing afterwards at Ringwood.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9756

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Saturday, November 24th. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 9771

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Badgworth, Saturday, November 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 9774

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; good cafes nearby.—Maurice Bailey, Dis. Sec. 9773

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, November 24th. To honour the president on attaining his 80th birthday. Names for tea, by November 22nd, to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead 8. Method: Grandsire. 9675

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Bentley (5), November 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 9763

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Last 1951 meeting Warmley (6), November 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea names, by November 19th, please, to Noel Denison, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9759

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 9780

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's) on November 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by November 21st, at latest, to Mr. B. Key, 295, Dallow Street, Burton-on-Trent. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 9702

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 24th, St. Mary's, Guildford. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Y.W.C.A. Club, 119, High Street. Names, by November 21st to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. Gentlemen cordially invited 9789

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, November 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9777

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Bury on Saturday, November 24th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Tea to be had at cafes near church.—J. Paton. 9791

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, November 24th. Bells (6) 3. Tea at Dog and Gun, 5. Names, please, by November 20th, to Mr. P. Hallam, 41, Desford Road, Thurlaston. 9786

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 21st, to Mr. J. Morris, Eaton, Grantham. 9781

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, November 24th. Names for tea, before November 17th, to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 9768

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 24th. Ringing, Harlington (8) 3—5. Buses 90a, 98. Names for tea (5 p.m.), before Wednesday, November 21st, to Mr. Nelhams, School House, Harlington. Business meeting, Harmondsworth (6) in evening. Bus 224.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9785

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall for those who notify, by November 21st. Geo. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec. 9734

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Kingshorpe, November 24th. Names for tea, by November 20th, to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duxton, Northants. 9755

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, November 24th. Great Missenden, 2.30 p.m.; Little Missenden 3.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Amersham, 6 to 7.30. Names for tea by November 19th.—Barker, Cambridge Wexham, Slough. 9783

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice at Thame on Saturday, November 24th, at 2.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 9772

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), November 24th, 3 p.m. Farewell to the Rev. Kendall. Names for tea to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 9782

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Mayfield (8) on Saturday, November 24th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea, by 22nd, to W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—P. H. R., Hon. Div. Sec. 9761

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Strathfieldsaye, Saturday, November 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. Best, The Stores, Strathfieldsaye.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9794

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, November 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9790

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting on December 1st at Cranfield (first for 13 years). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. Also please book January 5th for A.G.M., Bedford. 9784

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 26th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9760

**HERTS and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting will be held at Sawbridgworth (8) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. Kemp, Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford; G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon. 9788

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Barming, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, in Church Hall, 5.—Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Dittan, Maidstone. 9775

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, November 26th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9767

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Buckland, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by November 28th, to M. J. Pryor, 9, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9756

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Blechley, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by November 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9793

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—Meeting at Wimbledon on Saturday, December 1st. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45; St. Mary's, Putney, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Nominations for District officers, 1952. Names for tea to Mr. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Street, S.W.19.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9779



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**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, November 24th, to Mr. K. Lee, 25, Cloister Street, Lenton, Nottingham. 9792

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Aberavon (8 bells), Saturday, December 1st, 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9758

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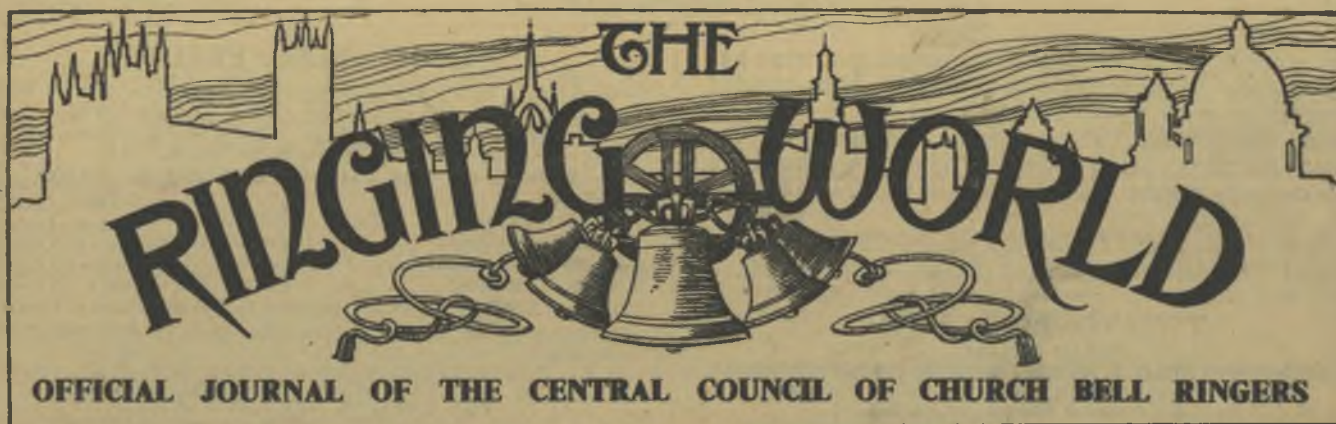
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## REBELLION

ONCE or twice recently correspondents have urged the readers of this journal to ignore the rulings of the Central Council on technical matters. Such advice emanates no doubt from an understandable and entirely British desire not to submit to dictation from any quarter. The fact that 'The Ringing World,' itself the official journal of the Council, is able, and indeed anxious, to publish such opinions illustrates in a small way the characteristically British attitude to criticism so baffling to foreigners but so vital to our conception of a free way of life. 'Sir, I disagree heartily with what you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it.'

However, it is not wise to dismiss too lightly the technical decisions of the Council. A little thought on the matter will probably convince all but the more intransigent critics that an infinitely preferable line of action is available. In short, if you do not like the Council's decisions, have them altered. Such a statement is bound to evoke the retort, 'How can this be done?'

First let us consider the relationship between the Council and the ordinary ringer—the man in the belfry. Somewhat stuffily we could say that the Council is the man in the belfry. The Council meets year by year at different centres throughout the country and is a body of men and women the majority of whom are the elected representatives of the various ringing associations. Those not directly elected by the associations are honorary members elected constitutionally by the remainder of the Council much as in local government aldermen are elected by councillors. The resulting body is a fair cross-section of the ringing Exercise.

For various reasons these people offer their services to the Exercise. Some regard it as a duty to tear themselves from their families for the whole of the Whitsun week-end, others dash to the appointed centre for the day of the meeting only, but each and every one has his part to play in making the Central Council meeting a success or even a possibility. Many, indeed most, of the members go to the meeting knowing that it is most unlikely that they will have an opportunity to speak: one might long with a deep longing to add to the debate just that cryptic phrase or put in that telling sentence and another tremble at the awful possibility that some word may be called for that he, and he alone, could contribute. But the primary function of every member is not to speak, not to vote, not to serve on a committee, not to submit a report, but, directly or in-

directly, to represent that larger company of ringers who, Sunday by Sunday, in crowded city or remote hamlet, climb the belfry stairs to sound forth to the world at large the message of the bells.

Central Council membership is not a freehold and every third year each association has the opportunity to change its representatives. The members are unpaid servants who can be given the sack and there is an opportunity for every ringer who so desires to present himself for election to the Council, provided he has the time and the means to attend the meeting. Once on the Council the man with a grievance can frame a resolution and, provided he can secure a like-minded seconder, the matter will come up for discussion.

However, although by economic or other circumstances some ringers are denied the opportunity of a personal expression of their opinions before the assembled Council, all ringers, however humble, who claim membership of an association are able to make felt their desire to change an existing Council decision or to initiate a new one. This can be done by a two-fold action. Firstly, by writing a letter in reasonable terms for publication in 'The Ringing World,' remembering always that it is useless to criticise a thing unless you have something better to put in its place. Secondly, by placing before one's own association the resolution that one hopes will ultimately be adopted by the Central Council. Once the association has accepted the resolution its Central Council members can, by giving the proper notice, bring forward a motion for the agenda of the next Council meeting. Alternatively there is always the possibility of interesting two honorary members of the Council in one's pet theory so that they will bring forward the necessary motion for the Council agenda. Either course is distinctly better than just grumbling.

Whatever happens, the Ringing Exercise is, and must remain, democratic. The essence of true democracy is that the minority should voluntarily and with good grace accept the decision of the majority. It is useless to go to the expense and trouble of having a Central Council and for associations to have a rule that they will abide by its decisions if every aggrieved party is to ignore them. There is no dictatorship about this—just commonsense.

Obviously some of the Council decisions are silly. No one who has had experience of a Council meeting will wonder why. It is difficult to hear a proposed decision read or even to see it in print and then to hear first one proposed amendment and then another, some silly and



some sensible, and afterwards to be certain just what has been agreed. Much of this sort of thing could be avoided if greater use were made of the columns of 'The Ringing World' beforehand. The technical committees of the Council appeal from time to time for opinions and guidance from ordinary ringers. The response is usually, to say the least, lukewarm.

Therefore, armchair critics, you get the Council and the decisions you deserve!

P. A. C.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	†JOHN R. MAYNE .. 8
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.

‡ First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*ALISON A. CLARKE .. Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 6
*BARBARA M. HARRIS .. 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 7
FRANK BLONDELL .. 3	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 8
HERBERT E. ELLIS .. 4	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH .. 9
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 5	*FISHER J. DODSON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAWTHORNE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. William Morris, and also in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to the composer.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	JOHN HILL .. 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 9
PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HARRY WOODING .. Treble	GEORGE CARE .. 6
*BRYAN S. COPE .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
†JOHN KING .. 3	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 9
†JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 5	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* 25th peal together. † 75th peal. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Surprise Royal by all and the first for the Guild by an all-resident band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 12.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	EWART H. EDGE .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
RONALD T. BARLOW .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

O. CLAYBROOK .. Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	DENNIS MADDOCK .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
	FRANCIS BIBBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Surprise.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 1.	Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Treble	*ARTHUR PEAKE .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
*CATHERINE M. TRIST .. 3	*ALAN D. STEEL .. 7
*JUNE MARIE HENSHAW .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. W. Henshaw and also in honour of his wedding. F. W. Grocott has now rung a peal in a different method on each bell in the tower.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. CROWE .. Treble	*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON .. 3	*KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. An 80th birthday compliment to Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Allendale when the original six bells were installed.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Twelve-part, No. 7, in the method.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. 6
CHARLES W. LOOME .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS .. .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 6
ERNEST PALMER .. .. 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. .. 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
*CLAUDIA HARDING .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal in the method.

## PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 5
GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 2	*REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON .. .. 6
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 3	*ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. .. 7
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in the method.

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 4	JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 3rd upon their engagement.

## WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. Treble	PATRICK PAGE .. .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 7
NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	*THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 3	†HAROLD WALKER .. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* 50th peal together. † 150th peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Canon H. S. Stephenson. M.A., Rector of Gateshead and president of this Association.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 5
GERALD FARRER .. .. 2	HARRY FARRER .. .. 6
ANNE WORTH .. .. 3	HEDLEY WOOD .. .. 7
NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung for the marriage of Miss June Price Weeks, of Macclesfield, to Mr. David Victor Hill, of Galway, Ireland, which took place at Manchester Cathedral on November 1st.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	†STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. .. 2	†WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal on eight bells and first in the method. † 25th peal together.

## HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Dexter's Variation, No. 3.	
THOMAS LEE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. .. 5
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 7
FREDERICK S. ALMOND .. .. 4	JOHN STEVENSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Maddock, father of one of the local ringers, who died the previous day.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5
JOHN HILL .. .. 2	*MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 6
E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 7
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of London Surprise. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael E. Brown.

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

C. EDWARD JEFFERIES .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 3	*FREDK. J. PLUMMER .. .. 7
DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFERIES.

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

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

NORMA BICKERDIKE .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. .. 5
SIDNEY BARRON .. .. 2	LEONARD SCHOFIELD .. .. 6
*HAROLD SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	JOHN AMBLER .. .. 7
ERIC BALDWIN .. .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

\* First peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William Clark, of St. Peter's, Birstall, and as a birthday compliment to Sidney Barron, of the local company.



## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES COLES .. .. Treble	† DAVID HILL .. .. 5
WM. H. B. WILKINS (81) .. 2	‡ O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 6
FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 3	* PETER BORDER .. .. 7
* M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 4	EDNA SILLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal on tower bells.

## BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

* ALAN WARD .. .. Treble	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
JAMES CARTER .. .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. .. 6
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. .. 7
ALEC CAIRNS .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

## CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

* DOREEN SMYTHE .. .. Treble	F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 5
† DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal on eight bells and of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.  
In memoriam Robin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Critchley, interred this day.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
* DOROTHY M. SMITH .. Treble	CECIL E. CARR .. .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 6
* DAVID A. PRICE .. .. 3	T. KELHAM DEACON .. 7
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 4	* WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

## DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 24 cwt. in D.
* GEORGE W. MASSEY .. Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5
JOHN E. METCALFE .. .. 2	* E. JOHN TARGETT .. .. 6
* BERYL LOOK .. .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	ALBERT J. LINTERN .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	* AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
* FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON .. 7
JOHN G. AMES .. .. 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

## EXMINSTER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	* ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 7
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells and rung for the patronal festival of this church. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wreford.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

* H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
† JAMES W. FORDER .. .. 2	STANLEY FENN .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
CHARLES BAILEY .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* Has now circled the tower. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung half-muffled immediately following the interment of the Rev. George Nevill Stevens, Vicar.

## OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	* FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	* HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* 50th peal together. Rung as an 11th birthday compliment to Norman Wm. Cotton, youngest member of the local band.

## RINGWOOD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
RONALD N. MARLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. .. 5
* JOAN M. GRAY .. .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	DAVID R. REED .. .. 7
LESLIE PAGE .. .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

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

## RUTHIN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

* JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
JOHN W. BEST .. .. 2	* DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* 50th peal together. First peal on the bells.

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,880 Plain Bob (four callings), 720 Grandsire (six callings),  
1,440 Grandsire (six Morris's 240). Tenor 5 cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble	*HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	*CECIL RADDON .. .. 4

SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal of Doubles in two methods.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*FREDERICK SCOTT .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4
JAMES BROOKS .. .. 2	DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 5
AUDREY EWINS .. .. 3	BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Doubles. Conductor's 50th peal and 25th as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.'

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. CRUMP .. .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 4
*REGINALD P. CRUMP .. .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 5
†DAVID H. KINGSTON .. .. 3	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. E. S. Duval, Rector of Hornsey and Rural Dean to the Prebendary stall of Islington. First peal on the bells since 1914.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

GRAYHAM MARSH .. .. Treble	JOHN BEARDMORE .. .. 4
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW .. .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 5
*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells and 40th peal in 1951.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GORDON R. WHEWELL .. Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. .. 4
KENNETH HARTLEY .. .. 2	BRIAN H. WOOD .. .. 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE .. .. Treble	*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. .. 4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5
*FRANCES J. CHEAL .. .. 3	*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of all Kent Minor. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barton, of Borden. Mrs. Barton is sister to the 2nd and tenor ringers. Also a birthday compliment to Francis J. Cheal.



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## GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Oxford Single Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

*A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	*HAROLD WORRALL .. 4
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

\* First peal in seven methods. 100th peal as conductor. Birthday compliment to conductor, William Allman (Runcorn) and Edward V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet).

## BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALBERT E. JONES .. Treble	WILLIAM MAPP .. 4
LEO EVANS .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on the treble.

## PIDDLIHINTON, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

BEN CHEESEMAN .. Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD .. 4
*NORMAN B. DAVIS (14) .. 2	†JOSEPH H. HAYNE .. 5
*JOHN COOMBS .. 3	FREDERICK C. DAVIS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Rung on the ninth anniversary of the death of Comdr. C. B. C. Swayne, R.N., to whose memory in 1949 the bells were restored (after 70 years of silence), and augmented as the gift of his widow.

## GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 each of St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, Northrepps, Southrepps. Place Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and 1,200 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROWENA TYLER .. Treble	ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	CHARLES E. COOPER .. 4

R. CYRIL TYLER

.. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Witness: HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

\* First peal.

## HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

*BRIAN TAYLOR .. Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
*MARY PEMBERTON .. 2	†WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5
*JOYCE HEARN .. 3	DAVID H. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.'

† First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four different 720's and one 2,160. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BASIL A. EDWARDS .. Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 2	*ERIC NAYLOR .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of all Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

## BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY BEVANS .. Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 4
MARY ATKINSON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5
†WILLIAM BAINS .. 3	JACK BRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	WILFRED BOLTON .. 4
HERBERT S. PALMER .. 2	†JOHN W. CRAYSTON .. 5
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 3	ALLAN W. CASSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* 50th peal. † First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to G. H. Crayston and T. W. Varey, who were ringers at the above church and gave their lives in World War II.

## COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

LEONARD DERRICK .. Treble	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 4
*MISS M. LEGG .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
ERNEST F. SHEARN .. 3	†HERBERT HARDRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in fourteen methods: (1) Wells and London, (2) York and Durham, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	NISSANKA FERNANDO .. 4
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2	RICHARD VALENTINE .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 14 methods by all. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in the two world wars, and to the memory of Frederick Newberry, a generous benefactor to this church.

## EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble	*GORDON C. HERD .. 4
BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWNE .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal in three Minor methods. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Butler and Mr. G. Kent, married the same afternoon.

## NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon and April Day, ten of Plain Bob and sixteen of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER MILLWARD .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 4
REGINALD PHILLIPS .. 2	GORDON HALLS .. 5
KENNETH EDWARDS .. 3	*ALAN V. SUCKSMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal. First peal in four methods for all. Rung as a welcome to the ringer of the tenor, home on leave from B.A.O.R.



**TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

FRED INGALL .. .. .	Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. .. .	4
MOSES BILLINGS .. .. .	2	PETER MASON .. .. .	5
AMOS INGALL .. .. .	3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

**BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk. April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb's, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure and Antelope.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B.

LOTTIE R. PIMM .. .. .	Treble	*DAVID WOODLEY .. .. .	4
ALAN R. PINK .. .. .	2	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. .	5
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. .	3	†ANNE M. HOLLINGDALE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal. Rung on the feast of St. Martin and for Remembrance Day.

**NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. .	Treble	†PETER BEALS .. .. .	4
ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. .	2	JOHN COUZENS .. .. .	5
ROY OWEN .. .. .	3	TONY OWEN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor by an all-local band. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in two world wars.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

OXFORD.

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

**IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

No bobs called.	Tenor size 15 in C.
MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. .	1-2
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. .	5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	3-4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. .. .	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

The first uncalled peal for all the band. A birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Higgins.

**SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

**AT 57, STONEY STATION ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's.	Tenor size 16 in B.
FRANK K. MEASURES .. .. .	1-2
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. .. .	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	3-4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. .	7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael E. Brown, this being his first 'in hand' of Triples and first peal of Grandsire Triples.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF 5148 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being seven methods, comprising 1,520 Plain, 1,140 Gainsborough Little Bob, 784 Reverse, 576 Little Bob, 368 each of Double and St. Clement's, and 392 Crayford Little Bob, with 405 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. .. .	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. .	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. .	3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. .	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

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## PROGRESS REPORT

The first 100 of the 1,000 new postal sub-  
scribers have been enrolled.

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quarter peal is most helpful towards maintaining  
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One probationer member of Guildford Cathedral band left Guildford by motor-cycle at 4 a.m. on Saturday with another Guildford ringer riding pillion, to be present at the historic ceremony at Liverpool. They reached home at 2 a.m. on Sunday after a journey of 452 miles over slippery roads and having, like others, been refused admission to the tower. The probationer was in the belfry at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday to take his part in the service ringing at Guildford Cathedral. Knowing what the weather was like on Saturday this was a commendable example of unswerving loyalty to his own tower.

The peal of Braunstone Surprise Major at Syston, Leicestershire, was the first peal of Major on the bells since 1933. The title of the peal was taken from a district of Leicester in which four of the band reside.

'There has been a ring of six at Bures, Suffolk for 125 years. We are very proud to forward our first local quarter peal,' writes Leslie D. Mills. We are equally proud to receive it.

Manchester University Guild is progressing in its handbell ringing. The Guild scored its first quarter of Minor 'in hand,' 1,264 Plain Bob, on October 22nd. The band was Derek Ogden 1-2, W. L. Robinson (conductor) 3-4, E. Nixon 5-6, B. Harris 7-8.

Eight members of the Middlesex County Association had an autumnal half-day outing in Bucks and Beds on November 3rd. Two quarter peals were rung, viz., Double Norwich at Newport Pagnall and Plain Bob at Woburn (conducted by Mr. D. Harris). At Bletchley a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major was lost. The meeting of old friends—Mr. D. Harris, Mr. H. Sear, Mr. Cademy and Mr. J. Mark—gave great pleasure to the party.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Woburn on November 8th was rung by the light of the altar candles and a hurricane lamp, the reason being that contractors working in the church had cut off the supply of gas. In a dull, flickering light, with the ropes casting eerie shadows on the walls, a good peal was rung. The popular general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. F. J. Plummer, will certainly remember his first peal of Surprise.

The ringer of 1-2 in the handbell peal at Redfield, Bristol, on October 21st, was Eric Sutton, and not as printed.

Prestbury (Glos) band gave its practical support to the local mission by ringing on nine evenings. A fine example of church service.

An interesting point about the peal of Minor in seven methods at Hornsey is that it was the first peal on the bells since 1914. In 1927 the nave was taken down; in consequence the movement of the tower was much increased.

The peal at Keele, Staffs, was arranged as a welcome to Miss June Henshaw to Keele Hall, the University College of North Staffordshire. Miss Henshaw is the first student from Keele to ring in a peal.

The Durham and Newcastle Association rang two peals as an 80th birthday compliment to their president, Canon H. S. Stephenson. At the ringing meeting at Gateshead to-morrow, it is hoped to have a little birthday party for the Canon.

Mr. Adolphus Roberts ('Old Bob') returned to his native home on November 3rd to ring a peal; his last peal in Gloucester being in 1896. On the following Sunday morning he was at the Cathedral at 9 a.m. to meet his old friend Sidney Romans, these two being the only original members of the St. Michael's Juniors.

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# LIVERPOOL'S GREAT WELCOME TO THE PRINCESS

LEARNER BAND BROADCASTS OPENING OF BELLS — THE DEDICATION CEREMONY — LEADING CINQUES COMPANIES TEST NEW BELLS

**PRINCESS ELIZABETH** and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived home on Saturday after one of the happiest of royal visits to Canada and the United States.

It had originally been intended that the bells of Liverpool Cathedral should have been heard for the first time when their Royal Highnesses sailed for Canada, but the deeply-regretted illness of H.M. The King necessitated a postponement of their departure and a journey by air.

To Liverpool people the news that Princess Elizabeth had graciously consented to receive a civic welcome from the city and to visit the Cathedral and hear the bells ring out for the first time on her return journey was deeply appreciated. No ring of bells since the war has created a wider sense of anticipation throughout the Ringing Exercise than these great bells of Liverpool, which embody many of the latest ideas in the art of bellfounding.

'May I express the hope that "The Ringing World" will do its utmost to persuade the B.B.C. to give a broadcast of the opening of the Liverpool Cathedral bells on November 17th and to make it long enough to be really worth while?' This was the message we received from a well-known church bell-ringer in Devonshire and there were other letters in a similar strain. The B.B.C. had previously made arrangements and the country listened in and heard . . . . .

The day before, 'The Ringing World' was informed for the first time what the welcome home arrangements were, with the following message:—

**'Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will be joyfully welcomed home by the Liverpool Cathedral bells rung by the boys of the Cathedral Cross Guild.'**

**'We in Liverpool earnestly hope that this welcome will represent the bell-ringing boys throughout the land and be an encouragement to them.—E. L. H.'**

The Cathedral Cross Guild is composed of ex-Cathedral choristers and some 15 of them are being trained to ring at Woolton under the direction of Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss. The progress they had made in the short time at their disposal led Mr. Humphriss to write: 'If the Cathedral bells are as free from guile and tricks as are our bells at Woolton, the boys will give a lead on Saturday to satisfy the most destructive ever of the critics.'

Upon receipt of this letter, the Editor sent a message of good wishes to Mr. Humphriss and his band.

The members of the Cathedral Cross Guild fired the light eight bells upon receiving a signal sent by 'walkie-talkie' radio. This continued for a minute or two. The boys then stepped aside and their places were taken by Liverpool ringers who rang the twelve bells in rounds. The ringing was under the superintendence of Mr. G. R. Newton (Ringing Master) and Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss (Assistant Ringing Master and instructor). The Liverpool ringers were: F. S. Almond, E. F. Bennett, E. C. Birkett, T. R. Butler, P. W. Cave, J. Cooke, L. L. Gray, T. W. Hammond, G. H. Hesketh, T. W. Hesketh, T. S. Horridge, J. Ridyard, J. E. Spice and F. Varty.

## A GREAT WELCOME

No greater welcome has ever greeted anyone who stepped ashore than that accorded Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and they must have been deeply touched by its sincerity and warmth. Many civic dignitaries were presented to the royal couple, and of particular interest to ringers was the presentation of the Cathedral clergy, the chairman of the Building Committee, the architect (Sir Giles Scott), Mr.

and Mrs. Bartlett (Mr. Bartlett is the grandson of the donor of the bells) and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, the bellfounders.

Princess Elizabeth graciously gave the signal for the Cathedral bells to be rung and the light eight were fired by the Cathedral Cross Guild ringers. This welcome to the royal couple was the first time the bells had been heard.

Then, at the Cathedral, the service of the Hallowing of the Bells commenced with the ancient carol:—

'Ding dong! merrily on high  
In Heaven the bells are ringing;  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing.  
Even so, here below,  
Let steeple bells by swungen.'

The Scripture was read by Col. A. C. Tod (chairman of the Building Executive), which was followed by the Te Deum. Then the Dean, addressing the Bishop, said: 'Right reverend Sir, we pray you seek a Blessing on the music of these bells, which we have heard for the first time, to the glory and praise of God.'

The Bishop then hallowed the bells with these words: 'In the name of God, whose glorious sound is in all the world, Hallowed be His name in the making of music with these bells. May they be hallowed in the soundings of His promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." And may this Cathedral Church, hallowed by His glory in the power of His resurrection sound forth the comfort of His praise and the gladsome sound of the bells praise Him with their ringing.'

The bells were then blessed by the Bishop and at the conclusion of Beethoven's lovely 'Hallelujah Anthem,' the full ring of twelve was rung in rounds by the Liverpool ringers.

## VISITING BANDS

For the ringing after the service of dedication, and in the afternoon, the Dean and Chapter had invited bands from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Leicester Cathedral, Sheffield District and the Ancient Society of College Youths containing a number with long service in the scroff of St. Paul's. Noted Birmingham personalities, including Mr. Albert Walker, rang first. They took a little time to settle down. It must be remembered that at present there are no louvres in the tower and the cold driving wind at the top of the tower might have added to the difficulties of bell control and also the new ropes.

Mr. Harold Poole led the Leicester Cathedral band. Unfortunately, at the Dean's orders, the Leicester 12 were deprived of two of their experienced members—Mrs. H. Poole and Mrs. Jill Staniforth. The Dean had ordered that no woman should be allowed in the tower because of its unfinished state, the tower being still in the hands of the builders.

However, Mrs. Poole and Jill were among the many ringers listening. The Leicester men are accustomed to lighter bells, nevertheless they acquitted themselves well. Liverpool Cathedral bells, to get the best out of them and to hear their full glory, need to be rung slowly.

When it came to the College Youths' turn the lift was not working and they had the long climb to the tower. The St. Paul's men, under Mr. Herbert Langdon and Mr. J. P. Smallwood, were more at home on these bells than the other bands and their Stedman Cinques were well rung. Nevertheless they were cautious: the conductor called a Bob course and then went on to a longer one, thus occupying the allotted 20 minutes.

## THE LUNCHEON

A company of about 100 representative ringers were the guests of the Dean at lunch served at the Adelphi Hotel. The Dean welcomed his guests and paid a high tribute to Mr. G. R. Newton, that grand pioneer of ringing. Mr. Newton, who received a great ovation on rising, expressed his thanks to the companies who had come that day to ring for the inauguration of those great bells, and referred in a very kindly manner to the members of the Cathedral Cross Guild, for whom he had obviously a very warm regard.

Handsomely-bound copies of the Service Paper were then presented to Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. A. A. Hughes by Kevin Lavelle (who recently won a £25 prize in a public speaking contest), and both copies were autographed by everyone present.

The Master of the College Youths, in thanking the Dean for his hospitality, said how proud his Society was to be invited to take part in the inauguration of this, the heaviest ring of twelve in the world. The experience of ringing on them had been a great joy and they were most grateful to be able to share in the joy that must be in the hearts of all those associated with this great church.

Mr. Albert Walker also acknowledged the Dean's kindness and hospitality and recalled that in 1814 at the inauguration of the ring of twelve at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, the Birmingham men were invited to open them and were presented with a silver cup (since disappeared). He congratulated the Dean and Mr. Newton on the completion of the installation of this great ring and wished them every success.

Mr. H. J. Poole, of Leicester, and Mr. S. Palmer, of Sheffield, also gave thanks and then followed a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells rung by F. E. Haynes 1-2, J. E. Spice 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, E. C. Shepherd 9-10, A. Walker 11-12.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who was warmly received, thanked those present for their congratulations and said that it was only on that day that they had been able to hear the bells rung openly. Certain modifications to the strength of the clapping of the back bells would be made in due course.

Ringing took place in the afternoon, the programme concluding with a Liverpool band ringing Grandsire Cinques and a perfect falling of the front eight.

## THE BELLS

A full description of the bells, frame, weights and inscriptions was given in this paper recently. All that now remains is to try to describe the impressions left on the mind by this mighty ring—the heaviest in the world. Never before have we been able to hear bells so deep-toned or so beautifully mellow. They give a feeling of subdued power and there is no blatancy or harshness in their dignified tones. They should bring joy and comfort to all who hear and all who ring them.

Certainly Liverpool does things in a big way. Their Cathedral (not yet completed) will be the largest and most beautiful in the country and they now have the heaviest ring of balls in the world. Let us hope that the inauguration of this great ring will lead to the foundation of as great a future for Lancashire ringing.

Among the many to whom a special vote of thanks is due is Mr. P. W. Cave, who arranged the transport to and from the station of the College Youths band from London. This kindness enabled the band to ring twice. The ex-choristers' Guild of the Cathedral also did a great work in acting as guides to the parties ascending the tower.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## '... THE WHOLE TRUTH ...'

Dear Sir,—There must be two classes of your readers who are heartsick of this continued futility of talk about Method Extension: (a) Those who know nothing of it and care less; (b) Those who think they 'have it all taped.'

But there's at least one other class—the few who do know something about it and who must continue to exercise almost unlimited patience, until there occurs official consideration, adoption and publication of the discovered principles, that, like a jig-saw puzzle, have been painstakingly extracted over the years and put together into what is at last beginning to make sense.

This statement is made with great respect to the report on Method Extension recently submitted to the Central Council; but this report may be considerably viewed as scarcely to have touched the fringe of the subject; and this claim may be substantiated with the results of much and protracted investigation; which results have always been, are, and will be at the disposal of any genuinely interested party.

An example of (b) above may be found in the letter on Method Extension signed 'B.' in the recent issue of our journal. That writer suggests that 'C. H. K. and others' should 'reflect' on the absurdity of the position in order to 'realise' the unsatisfactory situation. How ridiculous is this particular suggestion may be seen in relation to the facts.

Of the leading conductors of the day C. H. K. is one who has for some years, indeed, 'reflected,' and has more than 'realised' the absurdities 'B.' rightly indicts. He is, therefore, entitled to comment as he did in his leading article of the previous week's issue; and particularly by reason of his (C. H. K.'s) having made some study of, and employed, what is apparently still the only technology yet evolved for a penetrating investigation of the science of method structure. He is one of the very few of us who, by means of Grid Analysis, have been (and still are) working through published forms of extension, and categorising them. This implies, of course, our use for some sort of 'yard-stick,' based on a technical definition of what constitutes the process of 'extension.' Has official dictum given us either of these yet? Yet proposals of a mathematic nature are extant, and thoroughly workable, as we have found.

Let us take 'B's' example as illustrating the inadequacy of the report. He says the recommendations of the report on the subject of contiguous places are clear enough. Indeed they are! Only too clear in indicating, once again, that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Only a tiny fraction of what may be known about 'places side-by-side' seems to have been apprehended, and the recommendation in such general terms is impracticable. This is largely due to the 'shear effect' of rows cut by the hunt-bell's path in expanding grids. But this is an involved technical aspect that cannot be dismissed in a couple of lines. Let it suffice to show that there are no less than four distinct types of contiguous places, having various effects on the ensuing grid-pattern, and particularly as it expands under the process of extension. Thus:—

The four types of contiguous places.

(Note '2' and '5')

536142	351624	351624	315264
351624	315264	315264	132546
315264	132546	132546	312564
132546	312564	312564	135246
153246	321654	321654	153246

'Over-  
'crossed'  
'Under-  
'crossed'  
'Double-  
'crossed'

Only in one type of contiguous places could the recommendation apply unqualified, in two types with qualification and in one type not at all, necessarily. Here, then, is a clear example of decision reached without full investigation.

A few weeks ago, in response to the invitation to submit comment to the Methods Committee, one said that these columns could hardly accommodate the technical discussion necessarily arising from the points at issue, and that some of these with queries and suggestions were being offered to the committee direct. A memorandum summarising the chief results in the many years' work in this all-important technical branch of ringing has, in fact, been prepared for offer to the Central Council Library, and a copy has been sent to the committee together with a number of constructive suggestions and recommendations.

And lest 'B' or anyone else who has not devoted some considerable attention to the science of these things should think that contiguous places are a criterion, let it be said that if they be, then there are other and more important criteria (already investigated and duly resolved), including:—

- Constant and Variable Sectors of Grid-Pattern.
- Demarcation of the incremental areas of extended Grid-patterns.
- Employment of supplementary Stats. (Note.—'Stat' means all this:—Place-makings and their consequential 'far-side' dodgings in incremental areas.)
- The Three Classes of Extension.
- Development Groups of Methods. (XVIII. in all.)
- General Definition of, and particular Specification for, extension of a method.

Not one of these factors has found mention in official publication hitherto. Yet without their due consideration and application, no matter what 'jargon' be used to describe their concepts, all talk of extension is rather meaningless!

But while we may not yet have discovered the 'whole truth,' yet sufficient data are to-day available for the Central Council's consideration, to enable a positive settlement of all the more important of the outstanding questions in Method Structure and Extension.—Yours very sincerely,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

## SPliced SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—While peals of Spliced Surprise Major have, in many cases, reached a high standard of performance, almost all those of Royal so far rung have consisted of Yorkshire and Cambridge spliced in half-courses.

It may be of interest, therefore, to point out that, providing a Cambridge Royal composition is used, the two methods are freely interchangeable at all except the second and eighth leads of a course. The two leads are independent of one another, i.e., in the version of Middleton's peal given below, the sets of five 'compulsory' leads may each be in either method. I hope this will encourage someone with the necessary time to spare to pursue the matter further.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

	5040		
	23456	M	W H
64352	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—

Four times repeated, adding 3H at \* in the third and fifth parts.

The second leads of the second course of each part must all be in the same method.

The eighth leads of the first course of each part must all be in the same method.

All the remaining leads of the peal may be either Yorkshire or Cambridge.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' November 24th, 1911

### SURFLEET

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 18th, 1911, in 2 hours and 52 minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF MINOR. 5.040 CHANGES  
Being seven 720's:—(i) Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (ii) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (iii) Reverse Hereward, Double and Single Court; (iv) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (v) Hereward, Double and Single Oxford; (vi) College Single; (vii) Kent Treble Bob.

R. Hugh Richardson .. Treble  
Rev. H. Law James .. 2  
Rev. C. J. Sturton .. 3  
C. William Smith .. 4  
William Richardson .. 5  
Rupert Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. Law James

This is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in sixteen methods.

[The Editor noted the peal of being 'of more than passing interest,' and added 'what is more remarkable is that one of the 720's was actually rung in four methods.']

## Masons' Tribute To New Grand Master

On Tuesday evening, November 6th, ten members of the Craft, being church bell-ringers, met at the Parish Church of St. Luke, Chelsea, to celebrate the installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, by ringing the bells, loyal and fraternal greetings having been previously sent.

During the short time available some 576 changes were rung, being 168 Stedman Triples and 408 Stedman Caters, by the following members of the Craft:—

W.Bro. Edwin J. Barnett, P.M., Gavelkind Lodge No. 4266; Bro. James Bennett, Per Mare Per Terram Lodge No. 3609; Bro. Arthur G. Mason, Rectitude Lodge No. 4727; W.Bro. Arthur D. Barker, P.M. (conductor), St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351; W.Bro. Frank Hansford, W.M., Lodge of Brotherly Love No. 329; W.Bro. Alfred B. Peck, Warrant Officers' Lodge No. 2346; W.Bro. J. Howard R. Freeborn, P.M., Chorley Wood Lodge No. 3247; Bro. William H. Coles, Hillingdon Lodge No. 3174; W.Bro. George W. Debenham, P.M., Old Albanian Lodge No. 4999; Bro. Philip A. Carter, St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351.

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SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1.259 Grandsire Caters: Audrey Ewins (first on 10) 1, W. Birmingham 2, J. M. Ellwood 3, B. Taylor (first on 10) 4, E. Scott (first 'inside' on 10) 5, Ruth Tabraham 6, A. J. Glass 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Butler (first as cond. on 10) 9, E. L. A. Hudson 10. Rung for Remembrance Sunday and in memory of Major G. N. Horlick and Lieut. G. P. Horlick, to whose memory the trebles were given.



# LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL DINNER

## A Great Time At Market Harborough

**L**AST year the Leicester Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Market Harborough. During the meeting a suggestion was made that the town and the facilities available would make an ideal place in which to hold the Guild's annual Festival dinner and social. The suggestion was acted upon and on October 27th a large gathering enjoyed what was described as the most successful Festival dinner and social yet held.

Early in the afternoon members, friends and visitors began to assemble. Some rang on the eight bells at St. Dionysius', a noble church in the Decorated and Perpendicular style dating from 1340. Others inspected the town, a small industrial and fox-hunting centre. The town was the headquarters of Charles I. on the eve of the battle of Naseby (1645). Many were interested in the quaint 17th century old Grammar School standing upon its pillars in the square near the church.

Just over 130 sat down to a splendid dinner arranged by Mr. J. Rawson and other local ringers. After justice had been done to this most enjoyable meal the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, supported by Guild officials, called on the gathering to honour the loyal toast. He then called on Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president, to give the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.'

Mr. Turner said although the Guild was young it contained many experienced ringers and, since its formation, many young and able ringers had been attracted to it. It was very good to see such a considerable number of young ringers present and he was very glad to welcome them. This was the fourth, annual occasion on which they had gathered together and each occasion was better than the previous one. He thought the Guild had a better time socially than other Guilds. The Leicester district was, as it should be, the kingpin of the Guild: Loughborough District had shown what could be done in Minor method ringing, while the other Districts had, in their own way, done their share in the work and progress of the Guild.

The Guild was in the happy position of having nearly 800 ringing members, and non-ringing members brought the total to 1,350. Mr. Turner, speaking of the president as being a friend of many years' standing, said that in Mr. Poole the Guild had a president equalled by none in the country and the high standard attained by the Guild was due to his personality and to his skill in directing its affairs. 'We, and others, respect and look up to the Guild: it is part of our lives. Our lives should, and can be, lived without strife. At our meetings the outside world and its troubles can be forgotten,' concluded Mr. Turner.

### GUESTS FROM WIDE AREA

Mr. P. L. Taylor, vice-president, gave the toast of 'The Visitors and Guests.' He mentioned Mr. George Morris, an old friend of his, without whom no occasion like that would be complete. He was pleased to see and welcome Mr. R. J. Sharpe and friends from the Bedford District and from the Peterborough country were Mr. R. Noon, Mr. G. Care, Mr. E. G. Orland and their friends. Mr. Taylor also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Sone, from Kent County, Mr. N. Chaddock, from Rotherham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milner, from Southwell, Mr. S. G. Waters and Mrs. K. R. Holtom, all very good friends. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. P. Cannon.

Mr. Cannon, replying, said this was his first visit to the Leicester Festival and he found it a very happy gathering. It was a good thing to hold these functions. He was impressed by the amount of hard work put in by local men in building up the ringing Guilds.

Laymen, Mr. Cannon continued, often wondered what went on in their belfries and meet-

ings. He described his experiences when on ringing tours. The Leicester Diocesan Guild was, despite its youth, one of the leading Guilds in the country and the Guild was to be congratulated on its great good fortune in having Mr. H. J. Poole as president.

### 'RINGING WORLD' APPEAL

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, gave the toast of 'The Ringing World.' They, as ringers, had in 'The Ringing World' as great an asset as ringers could have. It was indispensable; nothing could take its place. It was founded, as all knew, by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and on his death, in 1942, the paper was taken over by the Central Council. It was now in the hands of a new Editorial Committee, one member of which was their president. Mr. Rowley drew attention to the appeal now being made for 1,000 extra readers and asked all ringers to do everything in their power to support the call for more readers.

Mr. Poole, replying to the toast, said that the best way to increase the income of 'The Ringing World' was to increase the number of postal subscribers. He suggested, as a New Year resolution, they take the paper, by post, for a quarter, or better still, for a year. Also to send a copy to their local clergy, who would thus get to know more of ringers and their work.

Mr. Poole spoke of the vast task undertaken by the new committee who were making every effort to avoid having to increase the price. If, by lack of support, the price had to be increased, ringers would find themselves to blame. He asked his listeners to think what ringing would be like without 'The Ringing World.' There would be no means of collecting and passing on information of what other ringers or Guilds were doing or what meetings were be-

ing held, there would be no knowledge of the progress being made month by month and there could be no competitive spirit between individual bands or districts. In short, if 'The Ringing World' failed, it would mean the end of organised ringing as they knew it to-day.

### GUILD REPORT UNIQUE

The president then expressed thanks to Mr. J. Rawson and other Market Harborough ringers for the work they had done in preparation for this occasion. Mr. Rawson, in particular, had spent several days of his leave to complete the arrangements and a great debt was owed to him and his helpers for the smooth way in which everything had gone. It was grand to see on this, the first Festival to be held at Market Harborough, so many local ringers and their friends and it was gratifying to have had so much support for this dinner that it had been necessary to advertise in 'The Ringing World' that all tickets had been sold well before the closing date.

Regarding the Guild report just issued, Mr. Poole said a great deal of work had been involved. The composition figures published in the report should be a very great help to conductors and other interested ringers. The report was unique in so far that no other Guild report contained so many compositions.

The remainder of the evening, until a late hour, was spent in games and dancing. A well-stocked bar, specially installed for the occasion, added to the amenities and, of course, the 'Rise and Fall' together with some change ringing—all done Leicester style—must not be forgotten. Nor must the Bowley Triples, the plain course of which will not be found in the Standard Methods. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' ended what was generally felt to be definitely 'the best ever.'

## 1,000 More Readers Wanted!

The Editorial Committee invite the help of all who have the welfare of 'The Ringing World' at heart to obtain at least another thousand Postal subscribers.

If the costs of the production of the paper could be spread over this increased number of readers it might be possible to avoid an increase in the price of the paper.

Every possible economy is being made, and advertisers are paying more for their space, but the recent increase in the cost of paper (£27/10/0 per ton) puts an additional strain on our resources.

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# SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Dorchester Branch at Cattistock

Ringers from various parts of Dorset and Somerset, numbering about 60, made their way on November 10th to Cattistock, when the Dorchester Branch held a meeting at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

As is well known, this fine tower, with its ring of eight and carillon of 35 bells, was destroyed by fire during the late war and, incidentally, the cause of the fire has never been established.

At last, however, through the untiring efforts of the Rector, the Rev. A. V. Deane, his church officers and parishioners, the tower has been rebuilt—from the original plans of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott—and a fine ring of eight has been installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

These bells were available for ringing at 2.30 p.m. and were kept going until 4 o'clock, when the Rector conducted the Guild service. The lesson was read by Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the branch.

In his address the Vicar told the story of that fateful day when the tower was destroyed and the bells reduced to scrap metal, of their efforts to procure the necessary licences to rebuild and finally of their joy and satisfaction on the completion of the work.

His story was interspersed with anecdotes which caused many a smile, but the climax of the address left no doubt as to his meaning—that although we may ring to show our skill, to meet our friends, or just because we like ringing, we are all giving of our best to God, as becomes all Christians.

Following the service the company was entertained to what was described by one very youthful visitor as a 'smashing tea' in the Saville Hall.

The business meeting was conducted by the chairman who called attention to a proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. A. Phillips, former hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch.

The Rev. A. S. Godley suggested that individual ringers might prefer to make small donations personally, rather than to pool their subscriptions in the names of their towers, and Mr. Precey proposed, seconded by Mr. Field, that members should send their subscriptions to the hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, to be forwarded in due course. This was carried unanimously. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Ven. J. C. Chute, the Rev. C. C. Cox, Mr. W. C. West and Mr. and Mrs. Salter.

On the proposition of Mr. L. Williams, seconded by Mr. Precey, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 19th.

The hon. secretary proposed that the Cattistock tower be re-affiliated to the Guild, and the captain of the tower, Mr. T. Lippit, and four other members, Messrs. B. Toms, C. Croft, E. Leluan and G. Goringe, together with Mr. H. Warmez, of Abbotshbury, being seconded by Mr. Field, were unanimously elected. Mr. R. H. Duke, hon. assistant secretary, and Mr. H. Gaylard, of Yeovil, offered to help the Cattistock ringers in the matter of change ringing.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the organisation of the meeting was proposed by the chairman, and Mr. Deane suitably replied.

Ringings continued until nearly 9 p.m. under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, assisted by his two deputies, Messrs. E. T. P. Field and F. Stedman.

## Salisbury Branch at Downton

A quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at St. Lawrence's, Downton, on October 20th, some 30 ringers being present from the Salisbury, Wimborne and North Dorset Branches, with visitors from Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Winchester, London, Cobham and Lichfield. The Guild service was conducted

by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Purcell Fox, who gave an address. Mrs. Churchill, the wife of a local ringer, with her helpers, prepared a bountiful tea in the schoolroom.

Mr. H. A. Roles, the Branch chairman, presided at the meeting which followed, and welcomed the visitors, in particular the vice-chairman and secretary of the Wimborne Branch. The chairman then mentioned the beautifully-tapped touch of Stedman which preceded the service and stressed the importance of aiming first at good striking in the Sunday ringing, however simple the method, or if call changes or even only rounds were rung. He was very anxious that it should be stated, as from the Guild, that their first endeavour for the furtherance of ringing should be good striking. His remarks were endorsed by Mr. G. K. Norton and others.

Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, was elected a life member.

Mention was made of a peal rung at Damerham for the Branch last August, which included a first peal and a first of Doubles. This mention of learning news of fellow-ringers led the secretary to speak of the drive for 1,000 new postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' and order forms were passed round.

Mr. A. R. Macdonald, of the Wimborne Branch, spoke of the memorial to the Rev. C. A. Phillips, for 48 years hon. secretary of that Branch, and invited subscriptions from those who knew and appreciated his work. A collection was taken at the meeting and £1 17s. 6d. handed to him as a donation from the Branch.

The bells of St. Lawrence's, Downton, are a musical ring increased to eight since the war. They were kept going from 2.30 till service time and again through the evening in rounds and call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, so that everyone was able to enjoy ringing and good fellowship.

# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Life Membership Conferred on Lady Member

The annual committee and ringing meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Bucknall on November 3rd, representatives attending from Audley, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Biddulph, Cheadle R.C., Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Newcastle and Stoke.

The secretary (Mr. W. Carnwell) reported that 12 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 34, the lowest average during his term of office. Twelve resident and three non-resident life members had been elected.

With regret he reported the death of Mr. E. Steele, of Longton, who, during his 40 years' membership, held the office of secretary and assistant secretary and was appointed treasurer in 1943, a position he held at the time of his death.

Forty-five peals had been rung during the year and the conductors were Mr. F. W. Grocott 29, A. Peake 3, C. H. Page and F. E. Wilshaw 2 each, R. S. Anderson, R. Barlowe, W. P. Deane, W. Hazeldene, N. R. Holland, G. A. Moore, A. Pritchard, J. Stanway and J. Worth one each.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £71 11s. 11½d. The report and accounts were approved.

Officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hull; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; auditor, Mr. A. W. Hall; Ringing Masters, Messrs. G. A. Moore and W. Hazeldene.

## DEDICATION

### BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

A considerable amount of interest was evinced in and around the charmingly old-world village of Barkby, Leicestershire, when it became known that the ring of five bells in St. Mary's Church tower was to be augmented to six through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shorthose Smith, of Roundhill Lodge, particularly amongst the ringers of the neighbourhood.

The new bell was dedicated at evensong on Sunday, November 4th, by the Archbishop of Leicester at a special service most impressively conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert Ash.

The Archdeacon, who was at one time Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Hungarton, confessed at the outset of his address that he knew nothing about the history of bells but nevertheless proceeded to give a most delightful and inspiring discourse which held the closest attention of all who were privileged to be present.

Most unhappily Mrs. Shorthose Smith was unable to join her husband in the congregation owing to serious illness.

The shocking weather, which had been deplorable all day, undoubtedly kept many away who would otherwise have attended from surrounding districts. In spite of this several ringers from Leicester and Syston attended and joined with the local band, and some excellent touches were given on the bells which now form a most handy ring of six with tenor of 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

The new treble, weighing 6 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the ringers and parishioners alike were most enthusiastic in their praise of the firm's work. On all sides it was agreed that the augmentation had achieved a perfectly balanced 'spice' which both acoustically and mechanically could not be improved. Mr. Fred C. W. Stevenson attended on behalf of the firm.

Meetings approved for 1952 were:—January, Longton; February, Audley; March, Brown Edge; April, Kingsley; May, Kidgrove; June, Leek; July, Biddulph; August, Dilhorne; September, Uttoxeter; October, Newcastle; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke.

Under the heading of any other business, the committee criticised members who devoted meeting days to peal ringing instead of supporting their own meetings.

After the committee meeting a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. K. V. Pearce). Mr. R. S. Anderson read the lesson, and a pleasing feature at the service was the presence of the choir boys. Tea was provided in the usual Bucknall manner and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to all members present.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and ringers of Bucknall was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall. Mr. G. Jones tendered thanks to the ladies who had kindly prepared such a beautiful tea.

The chairman then paid a tribute to Mrs. A. Bowen, a Bucknall ringer, who has had to resign as a regular Sunday service ringer for health reasons. Mrs. Bowen was one of the first lady ringers to take part in a peal for the North Staffordshire Association and the first lady to conduct one.

In appreciation of her services to Bucknall tower and the Association, she was elected an honorary life member of the North Staffordshire Association. Mrs. Bowen thanked the members for their kindness and said she should still attend the meetings for a ring whenever possible. Eight new resident ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected.



## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District, held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, attracted an attendance of 55 members and friends hailing from 14 home towers, with welcome visitors from Croydon, Watford, Bushey, Horsham, Chatham and Hull.

Ringling during the afternoon preceded a short, pleasant service conducted by the Vicar, Canon Elliott Mitchell, whose very succinct address embodied a cordial welcome to Dartford. The services of Mr. Stedman at the organ were much appreciated.

After the service the company were entertained at tea at Sutton's Hall by Mr. R. A. Jenkins, the popular secretary of the Dartford Ringers, who proved an excellent and munificent host.

The business meeting followed under the genial chairmanship of the Vicar. Ten ringers were elected practising members of the Association and the election of five other members was ratified.

The District secretary's report and review of the year's work was adopted and was accorded a kind reception. Mr. A. G. Hill (Erith) was elected to another year's service as District secretary. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) was reappointed District representative with Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) as his colleague. Mr. H. Hoverd (Dartford) was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. P. J. Spice (Bromley).

An invitation to visit SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, for the January meeting, was gratefully accepted; the date chosen was the 26th.

Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar and curate of Holy Trinity, to Mr. R. A. Jenkins, to the organist and to the officers for their respective services, followed by responses from Mr. P. J. Spice, the curate and the Vicar, concluded a very successful and happy meeting.

The roomy ringing chamber was then revisited for further ringing. All present could find something to their liking, from plainly wholesome rounds to the exotic piquancy of Spiced Surprise.

## MR. GEO. GILBERT'S 500 PEALS

Of Mr. George Gilbert's 500 peals he has conducted 296. These have been rung in 136 towers. Peals in which he takes a special pleasure are 11,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9,060 Double Dublin, George peals of London and Bristol and one of Kent Treble Bob Major with seven ladies.

Doubles.—1 to 4 methods 6 (cond. 5).

Minor.—1 to 14 methods 154 (136).

Triples.—Plain Bob 6 (6), Oxford Bob 4 (1), Stedman 37 (2), St. Clement's 1 (1), Grandsire 61 (49) (g).

Major.—Pleasure 1 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob Major 25 (2) (a), Little Bob 2 (1), Plain Bob 57 (41) (f), St. Clement's College 2 (1), Single Oxford 2 (2); Treble Bob—Kent 36 (24), Oxford 23 (21), Worcester Variations 1 (1).

Surprise.—Ashted 1, Belgrave 1, Belvedere 1, Berkshire 1, Boveney 1, Bristol 8 (d), Cambridge 8, Cassiobury 1, Chiltern 1, Double Dublin 1 (b), Guildford 1, Ipswich 1, London 16 (c), New Cambridge 2, Painswick 2, Padsey 1, Runnymede 1, Superlative 15 (2), Surrey 1, Windsor 1, Yorkshire 1.

Caters.—Stedman 9.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 4 (1), Cambridge 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Total rung 500; total conducted 296; towers 136; counties 10.

(a) includes 11,008; (b) includes 9,600; (c) and (d) include George peals; (e) seven ladies; (f) Army and Navy peal; (g) seven ladies.

The preponderance of G.T. and B.M. is due in a big measure to first-peals, of which Mr. Gilbert is proud, also Doubles and Minor.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD Southern District

Upwards of 30 members attended the Southern District meeting at Hatton, near Warwick, on November 3rd. Ringing took place on the six bells from 3 until 4.30 when the service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Dodds (Vicar). Tea was served in the Village Hall, and a short business meeting followed. It was decided that the January meeting should be held at Snitterfield. Two new members were proposed, viz., Mr. A. C. Morris, of Wroxall, and Mr. D. Harrison, of Hatton.

The following towers were represented:—Ladbroke, Harbury, Southam, Warwick, Bishops Itchington, Long Itchington, Stratford-on-Avon, Allesley (Coventry), and Hatton. The next meeting will be held at Lillington on December 1st.

H. C. P.

## SAPCOTE RINGER'S COMING-OF-AGE

To celebrate the 21st birthday of Michael E. Brown, a handbell peal was arranged and rung at his home at Sapcote on November 6th. This proved to be a really good peal, Michael bringing the tenors in extremely well, considering it was his first 'in hand' of Triples.

During the peal Mrs. Brown and her daughter (not forgetting father) were very silent in the adjoining room and it was indeed a very pleasant surprise for the three visiting ringers, after two and a half hours' ringing, to be invited to partake of the splendid meal that had been prepared. The topic of conversation was easily arrived at during the party as both Mr. Brown and his daughter are also ringers at Sapcote. It is chiefly due to Michael's enthusiasm for ringing that Messrs. Taylor have been entrusted with the work of putting Sapcote bells on ball bearings.

A further birthday compliment was a peal of London Surprise at the Loughborough Foundry, when Michael rang his first peal in the method.

W. A. R.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Axbridge Deanery Meeting

Great interest was created at the meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch at Congresbury on October 27th by one ringer arriving in a 1912 Rolls Royce. Ringers attended from the following towers:—Shipham, Wembdon, Cheddar, Weston-super-Mare, Badgworth, East Brent, Publow, Worle, Weston, Bath, Marks-bury, Keysham, Churchill, Banwell, Locking, Kingston Seymour, Yatton, Wrington, Yate (Glos), Kewstoke, Nailsea, Piddlinton (Dorset), and were welcomed by Mr. F. Gosling, captain, and Mr. A. E. Standen, hon. secretary.

Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m. under the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Prescott, and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Cran, welcomed those present to Congresbury and conducted the service from the Association Service Forms and gave a very interesting address. Mr. F. Tibbitt playing the organ. The party were entertained to tea by the local ringers at the White Hut.

As the president, Preb. Leslie Alford, was delayed, the Vicar presided at the meeting. The Rev. A. D. Allan was proposed as a performing member.

Preb. Leslie Alford proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, also to the local ringers for their hospitality. The Vicar and Mr. Standen replied, the latter saying how pleased he was to see Mr. E. Fisher, of Cheddar, an old Congresbury ringer, who was there over 40 years ago when Mr. Standen started ringing.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 8 p.m.

## VICTORIA'S FINE WELCOME To Princess Elizabeth

The bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., played a noble part in the welcome that was accorded their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh upon their arrival at Victoria.

As the destroyer H.M.C.S. Crusader entered the harbour on October 21st the bells were fired and ringing continued from 4.45 to 7.30 p.m. during which a quarter peal of Grandsire was rung.

On October 22nd, at 10 a.m., when the Royal party left Government House on their tour of Victoria, the bells were again rung and continued ringing until 11.30 a.m. A special ring for one hour took place in the evening. The striking was excellent throughout and the firing in conjunction with Queens very well carried out and appreciated.

Mr. E. W. Izard, the conductor, has received the following letter of appreciation from the Bishop of British Columbia:—

My dear Mr. Izard,—A great number of the citizens, as well as myself, have been much impressed by the joyous and continuous welcome to the Princess and Prince Philip from the Cathedral belfry, and I write to express my grateful appreciation of the fine loyal service done by yourself and your associates. It made the welcome unique, for no Canadian city could have done it this way, and it must have been a familiar and welcome sound to our royal visitors. I have had little opportunity so far of hearing direct from them in the matter, but a large number of residents feel they are under a debt to you for your splendid job.

[NOTE.—Details of the quarter peal are published in our quarter peal columns.—ED.]

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**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Ford 1, J. H. Hayne 2, W. G. Trevett 3, H. J. Ford 4, C. G. Ford (first as cond.) 5, J. Dorey (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**ALFORD, Lincs.**—At St. Wilfrid's Church on Nov. 13th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, J. R. Ketteringham 2, J. I. Smith 3, S. H. Sutton 4, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, H. Pike 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Humphreys, churchwarden, vice-president of the St. Wilfrid's Guild of Bellringers and a former ringer at this church.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chambers 1, K. F. Lovett (cond.) 2, H. Bailey 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Goddard 1, F. R. Goddard 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. A. Hilliar 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.**—At the Priory Church, on November 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ibbotson (first quarter) 1, J. Foot (first 'inside') 2, H. Parker (cond.) 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. Bower 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**HURFORD, OXON.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: D. W. Woodley (first in method) 1, J. Keyte 2, F. W. Soden 3, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 4, M. C. F. Collett 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. T. Hume (14, first quarter) 1, D. L. Mills (12, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, F. C. Hynard 4, C. Bower (first 'inside' on 8 bells) 5, A. W. Candale (18, first on 8 bells) 6, D. Mills (cond.) 7, R. Downing (first on 8 bells) 8. In memoriam John Garrad (1949) and Thomas Wood (1950). First quarter by all Bures company, six of whom learned on the bells. First quarter of Plain Bob Triples by all.

**CARIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Taysom (first on eight) 1, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss M. L. Lidzey 3, Miss E. Symons 4, G. Werrill 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. W. Taysom 7, W. Wood 8.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Winfield 1, Miss L. Slade 2, G. Hearns 3, E. L. Baughan 4, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. M. Baughan 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Rollison 1, J. W. Rollison 2, E. Gower 3, L. I. Baldock 4, R. W. Pankhurst 5, R. W. Percy 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. Rung for tenth wedding anniversary of the captain and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pankhurst.

**HEENE, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. A. Ansell 1, B. Luff (first quarter) 2, R. Wilson 3, E. Treagus 4, H. Weaver 5, F. Page 6, E. Charman 7, R. P. Wood (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): B. W. White (cond.) 1, E. W. Morey 2, E. Lish 3, F. W. Parsons 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, F. E. Crutenden 8.

**HEYTESBURY, WILTS.**—On Nov. 10, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. L. Ludlow (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, R. G. Pearce 3, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 4, A. G. Moore 5, W. Waite (first quarter) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HURST, BERKS.**—On Nov. 11th, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rivers (first quarter) 1, C. A. Eeles 2, Mrs. C. A. Eeles 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, R. Wake 5, E. Allum 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Bailey 8. Also 1,260 in same method for Matins. Rung with the bells half-muffled by the Sunday service band.

**LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jones 1, F. Jones 2, A. Bailey (cond.) 3, F. Chinnock 4, J. Jones 5, with F. Hughes 7, W. Edwards 6, W. Young 8 covering. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles' in the Fields, on Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Parsons 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss J. Freer 3, Mrs. H. Bird 4, F. J. Sampson 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Bird 7, J. Euston 8.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob: R. Freeman 1, G. Hutchings 2, W. Izzard 3, P. Inskip 4, L. Turner 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Daphne Keeley 1, Dr. E. L. Taylor (first in method) 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, N. Mallett 6, R. Keeley 7, H. G. Keeley 8. Rung for Remembrance Day.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Dean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, M. Spracklen (first quarter) 3, R. E. Dean 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8. Rung for Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Buckingham for the patronal festival.

**NEWPORT PAGNALL, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss E. Fulton 2, G. M. Kirby 3, E. Thurlow 4, H. G. Hart 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. W. Coles 7, N. Genna (cond.) 8.

**NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mawdesley, jun., 1, P. Millward 2, G. Halls 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, A. V. Lucksmith 6.

**PADBURY, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Spokes (first quarter) 1, H. Jones 2, G. W. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss M. Coleman (first quarter) 6.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Taylor 1, H. Webb 2, C. Rouse 3, D. Surman 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. First quarter in method by all except 3 and 6. Rung as a farewell to D. Surman, who is going to Sheffield.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sandwell (first quarter) 1, B. J. Howard 2, W. S. May 3, G. Blower (first quarter of Minor) 4, V. W. Grimwade (cond.) 5, G. Frost 6.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Anthony Scott (first quarter of Major) 1, F. Hammond 2, E. Bishop, jun., 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier 5, W. Rogers (cond.) 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8. For Remembrance Day.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 4th, at All Saints', 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6. For the patronal festival.

**SEELY OAK, WORCS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Parker (first in the method) 1, T. Elliott 2, E. Large 3, J. Pinfold 4, K. Haslam 5, H. W. Haslam (cond.) 6, J. Turner 7, W. B. Cartwright 8. For Remembrance Day.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—At the Parish Church on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Sheppard 1, B. Latham 2, G. Latham 3, T. Price 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Wits (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles in eight methods (Grandsire, Antelope, Kennington, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): Rev. Lloyd 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. A. Smith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in eight methods for all and on the bells.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Nov. 4th, at St. Matthew's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, D. A. Sydenham 6. Rung for the festival of All Saints, and as a welcome home to Donald Sydenham.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Vine 1, Miss J. Wells (first as cond.) 2, A. C. Rye 3, G. Ruck 4, P. J. Rye 5, T. Wickens 6, H. Furninger 7, D. Ladd 8. First lady to conduct a quarter peal in the tower.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Peart 1, R. Ellis 2, J. Cooper 3, F. Pickering 4, E. Parish 5, A. Mills 6, W. Partridge (cond.) 7, K. Clark 8.

**WESTON ZOYLAND, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Chappel 1, S. Baker 2, B. Jeanes 3, P. Tucker 4, T. Chappel (cond.) 5, G. Buree 6. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of 1.

**YATE, GLOS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cox 1, Miss J. Shellard 2, M. Wiltshire 3, J. Hammond 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, H. Shellard 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

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## MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Saturday, November 24th. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 9771

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9796

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; good cafes nearby.—Maurice Bailey, Dis. Sec. 9773

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 9780

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 24th, St. Mary's, Guildford. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Y.M.C.A. Club, 119, High Street. Names to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. Gentlemen cordially invited. 9789

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9795

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, November 24th. 9768

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 24th. Ringing, Harlington (8) 3—5. Buses 90a, 98. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Harmondsworth (6) in the evening. Bus 224.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9785

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, November 24th. Great Missenden, 2.30 p.m.; Little Missenden 3.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Amersham, 6 to 7.30.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, 9783

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice at Thame on Saturday, November 24th, at 2.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 9772

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting at Bramford and Sproughton, Saturday, November 24th. Meet at Bramford 2.45. No tea arrangements. Hall available for meeting, etc., at 5 o'clock. Rules for ringing contest to be discussed. 9826

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Strathfieldsaye, Saturday, November 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. Best, The Stores, Strathfieldsaye.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9794

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, November 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9790

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wraxall, December 1st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea at Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton 4.30. Meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo. 9809

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Ringers' service, Holford, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notify to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9829

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting on December 1st at Cranfield (first for 13 years). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kemshton. Also please book January 5th for A.G.M., Bedford. 9784

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Lillington (8), Saturday, December 1st. Please notify for tea.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9815

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 26th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9760

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Holy Trinity, Sunderland, December 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.), by November 29th, to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland.—D. A. Bayles. 9812

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Also please note A.G.M., January 26th, Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9823

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, December 1st, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Community Centre, Guinea Street. Business 6 p.m. Names, by November 27th, to E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3.—A. Bennett. 9816

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Kemmerton, December 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 9810

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Dorking, December 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Nomination of District officers for 1952 made at this meeting. Numbers for tea, by November 28th, to G. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. 9822

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. Kemp, Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford; G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon. 9788

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Barming, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, in Church Hall, 5.—Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9775

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, November 26th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9767

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midlands District.—Meeting, December 1st. Stoke, Coventry, bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at Allesley (5.30 p.m.) only for those notifying, by November 26th, Miss A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. Social evening (7 p.m.—11 p.m.) in Parish Rooms, Allesley. Admission 2s.—M. Beamish, Hon. Sec. 9821

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on Saturday, December 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting to follow tea.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9825

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch and Furness Branch.—Joint meeting on Saturday, December 1st. St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Lancaster Priory bells (8) 6.30—9 p.m. All welcome. Tea provided. Names to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9817

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, December 1st. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9797

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Buckland, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by November 28th, to M. J. Pryor, 9, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9766

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by November 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9793

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, December 1st, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9803

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Saturday, December 1st. Names for tea, before November 28th, please, to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9807

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, by November 26th, to C. H. Lathey, Malmesdon, Bradpole, Bridport. 9800

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Poole, December 1st. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify, by November 28th. I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. Preliminary notice.—Dedication of memorial plaque to the late Rev. C. A. Phillips, at Wimborne, January 19th. 9808

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is at Thrybergh on Saturday, December 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 28th, to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 9804

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, November 24th, to Mr. K. Lee, 25, Cloister Street, Lenton, Nottingham. 9792

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—Meeting at Wimbledon on Saturday, December 1st. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45. St. Mary's, Putney, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Nominations for District officers, 1952. Names for tea to Mr. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Street, S.W.19.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9779

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8), Saturday, December 1st, 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Wednesday, November 28th. G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 9820

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Aberavon (8 bells), Saturday, December 1st, 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9758

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Longparish (6), December 1st. Bells 2.30—4.15. 6—9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by November 29th.—J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Vallee, Andover. 9811

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Meeting at Selborne, December 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 9827

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Consett, Saturday, December 8th. Tea arranged. No names required.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9831

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 9824

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9818

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Canterbury District.—A social meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing during afternoon, from 2.30 p.m., at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., to be followed by social evening. Tickets, including tea and refreshments, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained from the undersigned, not later than Wednesday, December 5th. Cash with order, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9819

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, December 8th. Names for tea, to me, by December 1st.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, near Rugby. 9814

**ROTHWELL, YORKS.**—Rededication of the bells, recast by Taylors, by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service, with break for tea at 5 p.m. Tea tickets, 2s. 6d. each, reserved only for those who notify me by Tuesday, December 4th.—F. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, Leeds. 9798

**WOUGHTON-ON-THE-GREEN, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 13th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Giles 1, G. Guess 2, M. Hooton 3, W. Pether 4, A. Butcher 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

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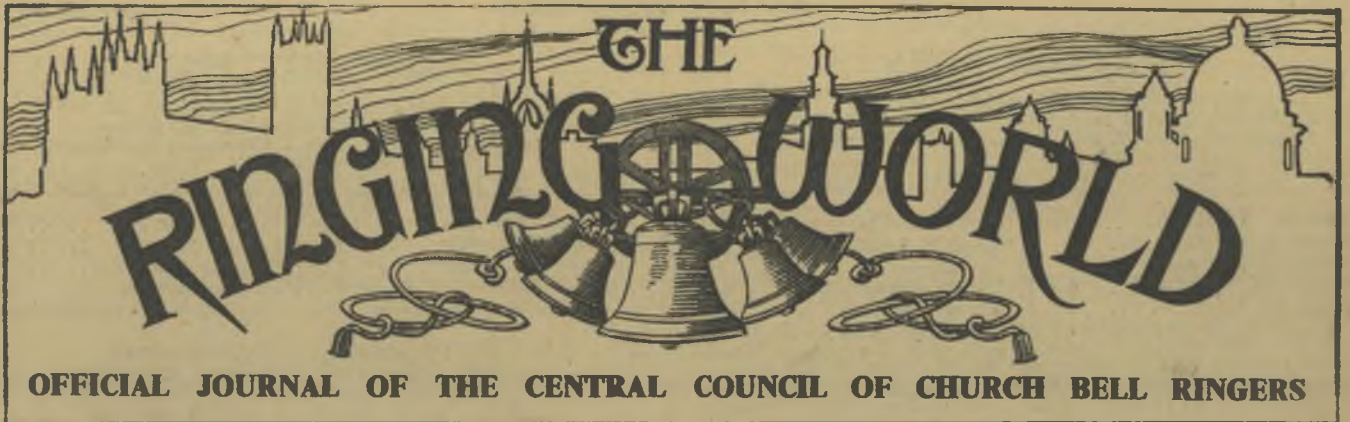
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## THE COST OF A PEAL

**I**T IS STRANGE that ringers generally so seldom discuss a matter that concerns all of us so closely as the cost of peal-ringing. Admittedly much of the cost is indirect, and some does not fall on the Exercise; but there is enough directly referable to individual peals to make harassed treasurers wonder if the three-thousand-a-year total now so close ahead apparently will be an occasion of congratulation.

Since rings of bells are much more apt to decay than wear out, it is certainly true that peal-ringing helps to keep bells in good condition, not only by adding to the total of use, but chiefly by keeping enthusiasm alive and adding to the number of skilled ringers.

So far most of us are agreed, but about ropes there is much argument. The question of how many peals a set of new ropes will stand was asked of many peal-ringers by the writer. There was a tendency among heavy-enders to consider twenty-five or thirty as the average, especially with heavy rings, but no one went above about sixty. The data on this important matter are available in many towers and should be collected. But it seems fair to assume a figure round about fifty, which means that the rope-money for a peal should be around a shilling a rope at to-day's costs. In 'The Ringing World' some time ago there were some adverse comments on a vicar who charged ten shillings a peal for rope-money. Was he so far wrong?

After a peal has been rung there are several direct costs to be faced. As we were reminded by Mr. Smallwood in the issue of August 3rd, the announcement of a successful attempt costs the Exercise something. At the present cost of roughly £3 a page of 'The Ringing World,' and twelve peals to a page in the present format, it is easy to see that it costs five shillings to print a peal notice. The more ringers there are in a peal the less each name costs. It is sixpence a name for Royal, fivepence for Maximus, ninepence for Major and over a shilling for handbell peals. This is because the heading, etc., for normal peals on all numbers is about the same depth.

If, as Mr. A. H. Pulling said without reported contradiction in the Central Council at York two years ago, peals **are** the chief news, then peal-ringers are the Editor's best friends. But there are peals and peals, and a very large number are decidedly not news.

The Associations' peal-books, being direct charges on their funds, are provided for in some Associations by direct contributions levied on the ringers of peals. One of these, which collects an increased levy of sixpence a rope, has a much smaller balance now on a larger number of peals than it had on a twopenny levy before the war. The explanation here again is the increased expense in every direction. The majority of peal books, however, are kept up out of general funds.

One further item of direct expense is the record of a peal in the annual report. Owing to the slavish adherence of the Exercise to the tablet form of notice (tombstone form one well-known ringer calls it), which is a survival from the long-defunct 'Bell News,' many of our Association reports print only three peals to a page, and as it is impossible nowadays to produce a report under £1 a page—indeed, there are few at that price—it is easy to see that a peal notice in the annual report is more expensive than in 'The Ringing World,' being about a penny a name more all round, without taking the compositions into account, which vary within very wide limits.

There are other stray items that figure among the costs of peal-ringing, but enough has been said to indicate that the most prominent members of the Exercise are not necessarily the treasurer's friends. Considering how many ropes they have worn out, they can scarcely be regarded as churchwardens' friends either!

On the other hand, the services rendered by ringers and the Exercise in general are not inconsiderable, and bell-ropes are used for other purposes besides the ringing of peals. Many bands—more perhaps than is usually realised—find their own ropes.

It would take a wise man to weigh up the pros and cons here, and a brave one to suggest anything that could be done about it.

A. J. C.



**TEN BELL PEALS**

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. Treble	JOHN M. STALLARD .. .. 6
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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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**A PEAL OF 5040 DUFFIELD ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JACK BAILEY .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
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**A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	JACK BAILEY .. .. 6
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 8
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 9
*MARK J. BARKER .. .. 5	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th. Also as a compliment to Mr. J. A. and Mrs. Constant on the birth of a daughter. Mr. Jack Bailey has now completed the circle.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. .. 6
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 2	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 7
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. 3	PHILLIP SADLER .. .. 8
DONALD COOMBS .. .. 4	GERALD FROST .. .. 9
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MISS M. RIDYARD .. .. Treble	PETER CROOK .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 7
CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GLENYS BODYCOTE .. Treble	JOHN COOK .. .. 5
LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	FREDK. E. WILSON .. .. 7
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 4	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BALLYMENNA, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*ANN MERCER (17) .. Treble	†TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 5
WILLIAM PRATT .. .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
†JEAN STEWART (17) .. 3	†GEORGE SKINNER .. .. 7
†WILMA HOEY (16) .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and two. Festival of Britain peal No. 14.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	*WILLIAM P. GARNER .. 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
PERCY PAGE .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Major.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*JEAN A. BROOKES .. Treble	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 6
*MARY A. CARPENTER .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside'. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary A. Carpenter.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).	Tenor 24 cwt.
JOSEPH GADEN .. .. Treble	ALBERT J. HUBBLE .. .. 5
DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 2	ARTHUR H. HINGLEY .. 6
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 7
GEORGE DARLINGTON .. 4	JOSEPH W. HINGLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. HINGLEY.

All ringers are members of the local band.



## WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*NORA TOMLIN .. .. . Treble	REGINALD H. HOWSON .. 5
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. 7
†EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 4	PETER COWLEY .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*MARY I. KENNELLY .. Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 5
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 3	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 7
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. . Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal in the method. First touch in the method as conductor.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
SYDNEY T. HOLT .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	GEOFFREY HEMMING .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	JAMES NASH .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the dedication of a war memorial tablet in the church. 300th peal by the conductor for the Worcestershire Association. T. W. Lewis has completed the 'circle' of the tower.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4	CECIL RADDON .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HENRY PARKER .. .. Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 2	HARRY A. HOWARD .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* 300th peal. † 50th peal of Surprise. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Golding, a ringer at the above tower.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

RUSSELL PARKER .. .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
*HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. The conductor has now called a Surprise peal from each bell in this tower.

## ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HARRY J. GAYLARD .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. .. 2	†NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
†E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3	*JACK W. DREW .. .. 7
†ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of New Cambridge.

## CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

DEREK H. WATSON .. Treble	NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 6
SYDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.

## COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR .. Treble	MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. 2	WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 6
ERNEST BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
*PETER MARRIOTT .. 4	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Jones, daughter of the conductor.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN W. BEST .. .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 3	GEORGE H. HANDLES .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES (47).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in the method.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT SCOTT .. .. Treble	GEORGE S. BUSH .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 6
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 4	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. . Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung to welcome home H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh from their Canadian tour.



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### HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DAPHNE M. WAIN .. .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. .. 4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 300th peal for the Guild. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

### HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation.

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

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 2	HENRY D. BUTLER .. .. 6
*SIDNEY A. WARWICK .. .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE .. .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal. First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob by all the band. To wish Godspeed to the Rev. N. A. Tuddenham, late lay reader to the parish and recently ordained deacon. Also to the ringer of the second, who sailed for Australia on November 22nd.

### HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN A. PRICE .. Treble	SYDNEY C. DRIVER .. 5
C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 2	†R. GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6
BERYL R. COWLIN .. 3	JOHN F. PENNELLS .. 7
ALBERT A. EASTON .. 4	JOHN A. DOWNING .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Levett.

### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRED KINSEY .. Treble	JOHN MUNNINGS .. .. 5
PALMER WHITTILL .. 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK .. 6
ERNEST BLOOMFIELD .. 3	CLAUDE WOODARD .. 7
KEITH WHITTILL .. 4	SIDNEY ARBON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SIDNEY ARBON.

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

### KIRKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

#### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5
WILLIAM COLLETT .. 2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 6
LEONARD TREVOR .. 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\* First peal of Major. Rung to welcome home Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

### KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Three-part, No. 5.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD B. SCOOT .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH .. .. 5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. 2	JOHN WELCH .. .. 6
*MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 3	WALTER D. POOLEY .. 7
HORACE E. WERRETT .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

### LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. Treble	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 5
*GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	RALPH HARRIS .. .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* 50th peal.

### PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 5
*JOHN HAWTIN .. 2	*SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
CHARLES W. HALL .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

### THAXTED, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5
JOHN G. NASH .. 2	*JOHN F. GROVE .. .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

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

### WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 38½ cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 6
FRANK MATTHEWS .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

\* 150th peal on the bells. A welcome home to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

### WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS Treble	*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 5
*ALAN P. CAVE .. 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 6
†ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 3	†ERIC J. TAYLOR .. .. 7
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

### SALLE, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER FORD .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5
*HERBERT J. LASKEY .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TANN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. L. E. Parsons, for 28 years Rector of Salle.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MISS H. WINTER .. .. Treble	A. DRAPER .. .. 4
R. LARKEY .. .. 2	E. ASHCROFT .. .. 5
MISS A. ABRAHAM .. .. 3	W. DEACON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. DEACON.

A farewell peal to Miss A. Abraham, who has since been married.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

P. E. PARRY .. .. Treble	B. HARRIS .. .. 4
W. L. ROBINSON .. .. 2	D. OGDEN .. .. 5
P. P. CARTER .. .. 3	E. NIXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. NIXON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

PHILLIP EASTLAND .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
JOAN SMITH .. .. 2	FREDERICK FLINT .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal of St. Clement's Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Mon., Nov. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY.. 4
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in four methods as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the fallen in the two world wars.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising seven extents in 17 methods, with 81 changes of method, viz. (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden, (2) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (3) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (4) Hereward, Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
†EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in 17 Minor methods. † First peal 'inside' in 17 Minor methods. First peal in more than nine methods on the bells.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (no bobs). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE Tenor	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4
*PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in this composition.



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**BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of College Single, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN R. WORSALL .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	CHARLES E. BROWN .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret A. Swann.

**COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	MAX P. PAGE .. 4
*PATRICIA CLARKE (14) .. 2	GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since being rehung in new (ball) bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two different 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 4
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 25th peal together. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. F. Parsons, and Mrs. Parsons on the birth of a son, Richard Barnabas.

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 4
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	*HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* 50th peal during 1951.

**BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.  
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

(Northern District.)

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*†ANN MERCER (18) .. Treble	*†FRANK KING .. 4
*JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2	*†TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 5
*WILMA HOEY (16) .. 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung on tower bells in Ireland. Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the founding of St. Donard's Junior Church. Festival of Britain peal, No. 15.

**COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Lancaster Branch.)

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANTHONY HORNBY .. Treble	SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 4
RICHARD RAINFORD .. 2	FRANK HORNBY .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. 3	RICHARD HORNBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

First peal of Doubles for all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the third birthday of Prince Charles and the safe return of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip from their Canadian tour.

**HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ANGELS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ROBERT D. WILSON .. Treble	DONALD C. PRICE .. 4
*DAVID S. HARRIS .. 2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
JOHN HILL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

**KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*WALTER BEAUMONT .. Treble	S. ALEC JAINE .. 4
FRANK LINFOOT .. 2	JOHN PEARSON .. 5
ARTHUR ROGERS .. 3	ALBERT W. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal. The first peal to be rung for this Association, reformed this year. Believed to be the first peal to be rung on the bells for 49 years.

**MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	*PETER MASON .. 4
BERTIE BEE .. 2	*AMOS INGALL .. 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	*LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 29, 1951, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 1-2	† GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

No. 2. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung on Remembrance Day.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	*†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5-6
*WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4	*†BRIAN R. SUTTON .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 300th peal. † First peal of Major with an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of Prince Charles's birthday.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse, 352 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method.

ROY C. HURST .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.



**ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Stote 1, D. A. Carpenter (first in method) 2, Miss M. A. Bliss 3, H. C. Webb 4, F. W. Perrens 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, H. G. Summers (first in method as cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Heyward 8.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. L. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8.

**BEDWELLY, MON.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Double, 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss H. Evans 1, G. Williams 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, W. Bangund 6, G. Flower 7, N. Knight 8. Rung for the Diocesan Mission.

**BOYNE HILL, BERKS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North (first quarter) 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, J. Eldridge 4, H. G. Lister 5, B. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): A. Bird (first quarter) 1, Audrey Ewins 2, G. Herd 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, C. H. Vitler 6.

**COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Old Doubles and 780 Plain Bob): B. Wardale (first quarter) 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung in celebration of Prince Charles' birthday.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barratt 1, F. W. Stone 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, F. Lowe 4, H. Letts 5, M. J. Barker 6, G. Warrington (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8.

**EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Allum 1, D. Mitson 2, W. Button 3, F. Sterry (cond.) 4, V. Lockwood 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, A. Warren 2, F. Barker 3, Mrs. D. Mayell 4, A. W. Coles (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell 6, G. A. Spencer 7, K. Carling (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples on the bells. The treble ringer is totally blind.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, H. Thorpe 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, F. Parsons 5, A. Ward 6, F. Proctor 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. In memoriam W. G. Thorpe, who was a valuable member of St. Wulfram's band for many years and who died a year ago.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, Miss B. Crossman (first 'inside') 2, S. Clark 3, L. Whitby 4, L. A. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, E. Rochester 7, F. Hartman (cond.) 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor (first in method) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell (first in method 'inside') 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

**PINNER, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Beeson 1, Miss V. Willard 2, J. R. Mayne 3, D. Burton 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, R. W. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, T. Collins 7, H. Sutcliffe 8. A farewell tribute to Miss V. Willard.

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): F. Galley (first quarter) 1, E. W. Roast 2, P. J. Came 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Eplett (first of Stedman Triples) 1, C. H. Drewett 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, J. P. Blond 4, E. S. Seymour 5, H. C. Spencer 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, R. G. Clemens 8. Rung to mark the birth of a grand-daughter to P. R. C. Williams, captain of Redruth ringers.

**RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, Mrs. E. Savory 3, G. M. Kilby 4, P. Thrift 5, W. Bunce (jun.) 6, Tom Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pichall 8. A birthday compliment to Prince Charles, and a farewell gesture to Miss Valerie Willard, who is leaving for Australia.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sidney Bull (first of Minor) 1, Hubert Kenyon 2, Joan Hills 3, Arthur Reeve 4, Arthur Howell (first as cond.) 5, Alex Hammond 6. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Schofield (first quarter) 1, R. Stoddard 2, A. Wenban 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, H. Schofield (first 'inside') 5, C. Wenban 6, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Spliced Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: S. Saban 1, F. Blondell 2, W. Welling 3, K. Mackintosh 4, G. W. Morris 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Eve.

**STAINES, MIDDLEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, Mrs. D. E. Hiscock 2, W. C. Parker 3, J. Mitchelson 4, W. E. Butler 5, M. W. Harbott 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, E. J. Greenough 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Kensington.

**TATTERSHALL, Lincs.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,268 Plain Bob Minor: E. Flintham (first quarter) 1, J. R. Young 2, H. J. Yardley (first quarter of Minor) 3, A. Young 4, F. Bishop 5, L. H. Taylor (first quarter at cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Flintham on their wedding anniversary.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Skinner (first quarter) 1, C. Skinner 2, F. Brooks 3, Jean Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, E. Foseberry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Service.

**TICKNALL, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Place Bob, New, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, W. G. Soar (cond.) 2, P. Marriott 3, T. J. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6. First quarter in ten methods by all.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. May 1, F. Norrish 2, P. Mayne 3, W. H. Ware 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for the civic Remembrance Day service.

**TRENT, DORSET.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Baker 1, H. J. Gaylard 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. G. Field (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of Prince Charles' third birthday. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**—On Oct. 21st, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. V. Donaldson 1, Margaret Izard 2, G. White 3, D. Boniface 4, A. Izard 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, T. Turner 8. Rung to welcome Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Sabin (first quarter) 1, R. G. Smith 2, P. Newing (R.A.F.) 3, S. H. Hoare 4, F. H. Crook 5, R. G. Bell (cond.) 6, G. W. Seaman 7, W. G. Paul 8.

**WOOLWICH, S.E.18.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun., 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, R. Johnson 3, T. Culver 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6. Rung for civic service on Remembrance Day.

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### SIXPENCE A ROPE

'I propose charging sixpence a rope for "The Ringing World" in all peals which I conduct until your financial difficulties are over,' writes a well-known conductor. Five other conductors took the same view this week. Thank you!

The opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells was described in the 'South Wales Evening Post' as follows:—'Big crowds lined the streets to see them drive to the Town Hall, and then the Cathedral, where new bulls were rung for the first time.' We now know why the representatives from St. Martin's, Birmingham, were invited. Their familiarity with the Bull Ring undoubtedly gave them added competence for the task in hand.

The Franklin memorial tablet is in Ecton Church and not Rushden, as stated in the report of the Peterborough Guild on page 730.

The Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths were invited to send a band for the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells. Their inability to accept was much regretted.

The average age of the ringers in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at St. Donard's, Belfast, was 20. They believe they are the youngest band to ring a peal in Ireland.

After much striving in previous unsuccessful attempts, a peal of Duffield Royal has been rung at Derby. The band would like to know when the last peal of Royal in this method was rung.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, on November 11th, a peal of Doubles came to grief at the 41st 120 owing to a rope breaking. It was a five-method peal rung by the Sunday service band and conducted by Mr. Eric Nobles.

Friends in the Chester Guild of John and David Boutland will be pleased to learn that they are happy in their new Australian home. Mr. W. Smith, formerly of Long Clavison, Leicestershire, and now at 21, Merrivale Road, Pymble, Sydney, sends us news of their ringing at Parramatta and Turramurra.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Mr. W. H. Hewett has, with a peal on November 17th, rung Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus on the bells of Waltham Abbey. This feat has also been shared by Mr. Reuben Sanders, now 77 years of age, who has rung the series from the 38½ cwt. tenor.

Mr. A. Waddington has written 'Beginner's Grandsire,' a handy booklet, for the Maidstone District.

The late Mr. Tom Groombridge was a member of the committee of the Kent County Association until his death. He attended at Rochester on April 10th, 1950, for the last time.

The peal at Macclesfield on November 5th published in our last issue, was Stedman Triples (Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part) and not Grandsire Triples. The error is regretted.

Mr. E. L. Humphriss, who trained the Liverpool Cathedral Cross ringers writes: 'My luck in never having a learner break or damage himself or a bell fitting of any sort still holds. I seem to have done nothing but teach people to ring since 1922.'

The attempt for a peal of Cambridge Major on the back eight at Wells Cathedral on November 17th was lost after 3½ hours with only four courses to ring. The ringers were:—Jack Mus-sell 1, Mrs. F. L. Harris 2, Frederick Savage 3, Reginald W. Rex 4, Roger O. Fry 5, Ronald N. Marlow 6, Frank L. Harris (conductor) 7, A. Patrick Cannon 8. (Tenor 56½ cwt.)

'Dumb-bell' in extending his congratulations to Mr. W. H. Duncombe on scoring his first peal of London Surprise in a record length for the Leicester Diocese, adds: 'I remember Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, persevering with W. H. when more learned members of the world of ringing vowed that it was a waste of time. Another proof that patience is a virtue.'

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# THE LIVERPOOL BROADCAST

## Descriptive Story of the First Sounding of the Bells

The following descriptive account which was published in the 'Liverpool Daily Echo' gives a vivid pen picture of what took place when the Cathedral bells were first rung by the Liverpool Cathedral Cross Guild.

'The older ringers, assembled by the Ringing Master (Mr. George R. Newton, who has himself been ringing for half a century), were all men with not less than 30 years' belfry experience and they watched the boys with expert but benevolent eyes.

'The signal from the royal dais was sent by "walkie-talkie" radio to Artillery N.C.O.'s with a receiver up in the ringing chamber, close to the boys at the ropes.

'At once the youths ran their hands high up the ropes and all gave a pull together, thus producing an effect known to bell-ringers as "firing," which produces a cascade of merry sound, which came to those in the ringing chamber as a joyful sound mellowed by its distance above their heads and the muffling of the great damper chamber.

'The continued for a minute or two and then the boys dropped the ropes, sprang aside, and their places were taken by the more matured team who were to take on duty in their place.

'The team of 15 ringers specially chosen by Mr. Newton to follow the lads included a University lecturer, two police officers, two company directors, a joiner, a gardener, a chemist and a commercial traveller.

'The Princess and the Duke listened to the bells for over two minutes. When the bells stopped they left the dais and returned to the royal car. As they slowly drove away the bells rang out again.'

The Liverpool Cathedral Cross Guild ringers who were responsible for the first, 'the Short Touch,' on the bells were Roy Brennan, David Craine, Kelvin Lavelle, Donald Gadsby, John Elsworth, Roland Eveleigh and Peter Smith.

## Women and Liverpool Cathedral

Dear Sir,—In the account of the ringing of Liverpool Cathedral bells following the dedication ceremony on November 17th it is stated that 'the Dean had ordered that no woman should be allowed in the tower because of its unfinished state, the tower being still in the hands of the builders.'

It is difficult to understand the reason for this decision, which seems to imply that it is safe for men to enter the tower, but unsafe for women. I wonder how many readers have gained the impression that it is in fact due to a feeling of prejudice on the part of the Cathedral authorities against women joining in this service for the Church.

No listener outside a tower could tell whether the bells were rung by men or by women; he could recognise only the standard of ringing. That a certain standard of ability should be demanded by ringers of the Cathedral bells is understandable.

Would it not help to clear a certain amount of misunderstanding if a fuller explanation regarding the exclusion of women from the tower could be given? I cannot believe that the discrimination rests solely on prejudice, which would be contrary to the very spirit of Christian teaching.—Yours faithfully,

CECILY C. ROBERTS.

## An Opinion From York Minster

Dear Sir,—For some reason unknown to me my Society was not invited to be represented at the rededication of Liverpool Cathedral bells. This was rather surprising seeing that at York we had the third heaviest ring of twelve in the country and a twelve-bell history dating back to 1665. However, a letter to the Dean of Liverpool brought back a very nice reply and a ticket for admittance to the ringing chamber.

Twenty-five years ago I travelled to York to be present at the dedication and remember what a thrill I got when the bells rang out for the first time. What a marvellous crescendo of sound it was with the tenors doing full justice to a grand ring of bells. I went to Liverpool with the full expectation of getting an even greater thrill, but after waiting outside the Cathedral with what patience I could muster came the anti-climax. The light eight were 'fired'! I was very disappointed as I imagine, were all ringers listening to the broadcast.

Then came rounds on the twelve. The front eight rang out loud and clear but the four tenors were so subdued as to be very difficult to hear. Again I was disappointed.

Up in the ringing chamber the sound of the bells was no better than outside but no doubt the founders will do something about the tenors in due course. The 'go' of the bells left nothing to be desired; I rang the eleventh (53 cwt. in B flat) and thought it went as well as York tenor.

Coming home by train I was joined in the compartment at Leeds by Monty Hind, the well-known broadcaster on Yorkshire dialect and railway subjects, and he told me he had heard the broadcast and thought the bells sounded very nice. Arriving home, my wife, who comes of Liverpool stock, greeted me with 'I hope you weren't ringing when the Liverpool bells were broadcast. It was an awful row.' This morning, waiting to go up to the tower, a lady who was coming from the early celebration asked if I had heard the broadcast, and remarked, 'The ringing was terrible.' So there you have three unsolicited opinions from non-ringers, and one wonders what their Royal Highnesses thought about it.

In conclusion, I wish the newly-formed Liverpool Cross Guild Ringers every success in their future activities and hope they are allowed to ring their bells every Sunday. If at any time they care to visit York and try their luck on the finest ring of twelve in the country I shall be only too happy to make the arrangements.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER,

President, York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

NOTE.—Our report last week explained that the founders had no previous opportunity of hearing the tenors. Adjustments are to be made to enable their full glory to be heard.—ED.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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## QUEEN MEETS MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS

November 17th will be long remembered by the ringers at Manchester Cathedral, when the Chapel of the Manchester Regiment was dedicated in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen.

After the service the bells were rung whilst Her Majesty inspected the progress of the restoration of the war-damaged Cathedral.

Descending from the tower and expecting to find the ceremony over, the ringers were surprised to learn that the Queen was still in the Cathedral. Her Majesty was then being escorted towards the door to her car. The Dean saw the ringers below the tower. He then, contrary to all their expectations, led the Queen towards them and said, 'And here, Your Majesty, are my bellringers.'

Her Majesty shook hands with Mr. A. Ridyard, the leader, and rather surprised the band by asking some interesting questions regarding bells and ringing.

Then came a most delightful surprise. The Dean said to the Queen, 'I would like to present my lady bellringer,' and asked Miss Mary Walshaw to come forward. Miss Walshaw is to be complimented on the way she curtsied and chatted to the Queen. Her Majesty was delighted to hear all about the Ladies' Guild. As the Queen left, she said the bells sounded beautiful and thanked the company for ringing.

'She is certainly a very gracious lady,' comments our Manchester correspondent.

## WEDDING

MR. G. H. BOOKER—MISS A. ABRAHAM

Many ringers attended the wedding at St. Michael's, Aughton, Lancs, on November 10th, of Miss Annie Abraham, a ringer and member of the choir, to Mr. G. H. Booker, of York-shire.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue two-piece costume. A guard of honour was formed by members of the choir as the bride and bridegroom left the church, while the bells rang out merrily.

At the reception the bride took part in hand-bell ringing with Miss H. Winter and Mr. R. Larkey. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

## RINGER'S NOTEBOOK & DIARY

The happy inspiration of Mr. W. Viggers and Mr. M. Hodgson to produce the Ringer's Notebook and Diary, now in its third year of publication, has provided the Exercise with a dual purpose pocket book. It provides that mass of technical details which can be easily found and consulted on any of those emergency occasions that occur in a ringer's travels and also the means of compiling personal records.

The experience gained by previous publications has enabled the publishers to produce a really attractive issue for 1952 which, while following the basic lines of other Ringer's Notebooks and Diaries, has been brought up-to-date.

The Diary is now ready. It can be obtained in two qualities:—Waterproof rexine, 5s. 6d., and best quality leather, 7s., from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

## RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL ?

Dear Sir,—During the last few months there has been quite a lot of letters in the Southern Region edition of 'The British Railways Magazine' about bellringing.

The outcome of this is that it is hoped that in the near future a peal can be attempted by a band of railwaymen. Anyone interested?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

3. Pendrill Place,  
Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 180 Grand-sire: A. R. Agg 1, H. Wilson 2, J. A. Haile 3, S. Richardson 4, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 5.

WITHERLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. H. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir,—May I heartily endorse J. T. D.'s remarks in your 'leader' of Nov. 16th? Obviously he belongs to 'the old school' for he doesn't hesitate to hurt those who can be hurt, whilst leaving untouched those who by their self-complacent and self-righteous attitude can never be touched by mere words. If we are honest with ourselves and do a little bit of personal examination where J. T. D. suggests, i.e., our striking, our behaviour in respect of others in the belfry, we shall see that only good can come from such honest, sound and constructive criticism that is offered. Be sure of this: others see in us our behaviour, our striking, the type of person who taught us.

RICHARD V. FULLER.

Farnham, Surrey

## PULLING UP THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—Our bells are usually left up; only the treble and tenor being lowered; the tenor weighs 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. When these two bells are raised on Sunday morning or practice night, the tenor is sometimes raised single-handed and sometimes 'doubled up.'

On a recent evening it was raised single-handed and, observing the gusto with which the raiser set about it, I counted the number of pulls. I did not count the number of pulls at handstroke which, of course, were optional and very few, but the number of pulls on the tail end of backstroke was 23. To be more explicit, the bell was raised and set single handed, clapping right, with only 23 swings in one direction and 22 in the other.

I think that was a good performance and probably near the verge of what is possible single handed. It would be nice to know what accomplished ringers think.

If someone will cut something off our friend's pulls, say raise a bell known to exceed 25 cwt with less than 20 pulls, he will be remembered for quite a long time, I feel sure of that.—Yours faithfully,

R. ALSOP

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

## SENNEB BELLS

Dear Sir,—The statement in your issue of October 26th that Sennen bells have been silent for about 25 years is not strictly correct. In 1938 a band of holiday makers—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert, Mr. S. C. Davis, my father and myself—visited the tower and rang some Grand-sire Doubles on the bells. Our efforts were very much appreciated by some of the villagers who were delighted to hear the sound of their bells.

I cannot now recall anything about their tone or 'go,' but I believe the tenor was cracked.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

## IN SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—I beg to state that the following books are now in the Somerset County Library, Mount Street, Bridgwater:—

Ellacombe's 'Bells of Somerset': 'Church Bells of England' (Walters); 'Bells Through the Ages' (Nichols); 'Bells of the Isle' (Bob Major); 'Bellringer's Guide' (Dove); 'Ringer's Handbook' (Powell); 'Troyte's Handbook'; 'Ropesight', 1950; 'Grandsire', 1948; 'Stedman', 1938; 'Standard Methods'—Letterpress, 1949; Diagrams, 1947.

It was a difficult matter to get the above in the Library. Now they are there, I trust the ringers of Somerset will do their best to use them and by so doing we may get more ringing literature in the above Library.—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES

Bridgwater

## RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

### 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to attempt 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal on Saturday, December 15th, 1951, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley, Lancs. Following is the composition:

### 15,480 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By T. B. WORSLEY

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Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

## BELL ROPE REPLACEMENTS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Newman, in his letter, has put his finger on something which peal ringers in these days must face up to, viz., the wear and tear of ropes, and be prepared to make some contribution towards either their repair or renewal.

I am able to speak with authority on this subject, having been for 19 years in charge of a tower in which 240 peals have been rung over that period.

Until 1939 there was no anxiety about repairs or renewals because a memorial to my father provided us with £1 per annum, representing practically one new rope a year.

Not only was this sufficient for our own needs but I was able to help other towers in the vicinity with ropes which we discarded on the first sign of wear, but with ropes now costing nearly £4 each, and the quality not as good (this is no reflection on the manufacturers who cannot help themselves), this is no longer possible.

We are all allowed some 25 peal attempts in a year and take advantage of perhaps 20 of them, consequently, since the war, even with our £1 from the fund, rope maintenance has created a problem.

Some two years ago, on the suggestion of Mr. Corby, a contribution of threepence per head, after a successful peal, towards repair was instituted and, with one exception, has been loyally accepted.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

## SILENT PEALS

At the Cumberlands' annual dinner a speaker made mention of some silent peals as rung by Leicester ringers. Like Mr. A. H. Pulling, I have been waiting to hear or read something in reply by any member of those bands who took part in them but no reply has yet been received. What I wish to inform you is that no member of the Leicester Cathedral Society took part in this ringing, neither was the ringing rung on account of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. If any other Leicester ringers did take part, I do not remember.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

## BUXHALL BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I venture to bring before your readers some interesting historical facts and an appeal relating to the bells at Buxhall, Suffolk?

Bells have hung in our tower for at least four centuries and the oak frame placed there in 1550 is still in position. Our treble, 2 and 3, the work of the Thetford founder, John Draper, are dated 1632, 1632 and 1635 respectively, the treble and second both being made from a much more ancient bell of about 12 cwt. which was broken up for the purpose. The fourth was added in 1698, being cast by Charles Newman, at Blakeney, Norfolk, and our tenor was the work of the famous Sudbury founder, Thomas Gardiner, in 1739 (perhaps a recast). On the wall of our ringing chamber is scratched a section of a change-ringing chart. These scratchings dating as they do around 1700, are thought to be amongst the earliest evidence of change ringing in the country. It is a matter of historic interest that our bells are amongst the first on which change ringing was introduced.

A recent inspection by a firm of bellfounders has revealed that the tenor is badly cracked in three places, the frame is badly rotted and all the fittings are worn out. They warn us that to risk further ringing until a complete restoration has been effected may well involve very serious damage and even loss of life.

Unfortunately, a sum of £1,000 is involved in this work of restoration and our small village of 450 souls can hardly bear the burden alone. May we hope that some of your readers will be sufficiently interested in the preservation and restoration of our historic bells to send us what help they can?

Contributions will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by our Restoration Fund treasurer, Lt.-Col. J. E. B. Freeman, Buxhall Vale, Stowmarket.—Yours faithfully,

C. N. KENDALL.

Buxhall Rectory,  
Stowmarket.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES AT WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—The peal of Doubles rung at Woolwich on October 27th is unique in several respects. It was intended to be rung as a peal of welcome to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, as she entered the Borough to open the Woolwich Festival Week and Exhibition on October 20th but owing to unforeseen circumstances and sickness this was not possible. However, it was rung as a thanksgiving and commemoration peal on the following Saturday, before the Festival Week closed, by the local Sunday service band.

The first peal rung in this tower, after the bells had been rehung in a new frame, was one of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob and Single), which was conducted by the late W. G. Grove, in 1894.

It is assumed that the band which rang that peal was the local Sunday service band. There is no record of a 'local' peal since then. There are many, however, which have been rung with assistance from neighbouring towers and also peals rung by visiting bands with, and without, one or two local ringers, 'standing in.'

It would appear, therefore, that we can claim this peal of October 27th to be the first peal at Woolwich to be rung by the local Sunday service band for well over 50 years.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, has a long memory, and no doubt remembers the Woolwich band of the '90's and the turn of the century very well, so perhaps he can substantiate or deny this claim.

It is interesting to note also that there is no record of a peal of Doubles or Minor ever being rung on the bells.

Can we claim, also, this peal to be the first six-bell peal to be rung in this tower?—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE SEN.

Abbey Road, S.E.2.



## THREE DEDICATIONS

### SPARSHOLT, HAMPSHIRE

Sunday, November 18th, was a red-letter day for the Vicar, parishioners and ringers of St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt, Hampshire: in particular for the captain of the local band, Mr. T. R. West. At evensong the new tenor bell was rededicated by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Naundrell. After the second lesson the Vicar, churchwarden and choir went in procession to the belfry which is on the ground floor; here the prayers of dedication were said by the Vicar, and as the procession returned to the chancel the mellow tones of the new tenor were heard in the opening rounds rung by A. Golding 1. M. J. Brown 2. T. R. West 3. P. N. Bond 4. T. L. West 5.

In his address, the Vicar gave an interesting history of the 700-year-old church and its bells. In 1742 there were four bells in the tower; one of those cast in that year, the present second, is still in use. The third and fourth were recast in 1905, when a treble was added to complete, the present ring of five, and the prayers used at the dedication of the new tenor that evening were also used at the 1905 dedication. The Vicar stressed the point that money raised for the restoration of a church or for new bells was for the enrichment, to the greater glory of God, of a beautiful, old, material building, a great heritage for the parish; but that building was not merely a museum piece but the centre, in the parish, of the church, whose aim was to build a spiritual temple, not made with hands.

Besides a good muster of the local band, ringers from Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice's were also present. After the service a quarter peal of Grandire Doubles was rung by four members of St. Maurice's band and one local ringer.

Lack of funds would not admit rehanging, but the frame has been tightened and strengthened by Mr. R. Smith, of Wonston, and the bells now 'go' like the proverbial tops. All agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had made a grand job of the new bell, which now weighs 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Of the £124 required for the work, about £100 has been raised by local effort; the local captain, Mr. T. R. West, made a grand contribution towards the fund by personal canvassing! Should any ringer wish to contribute towards the outstanding balance, Mr. West would be pleased to receive contributions at Crab Wood, Sparsholt, near Winchester, Hants. P. N. B.

### HEMSWORTH, YORKS

When a new clock was installed in the tower of Hemsworth Church, near Pontefract, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of 1935, provision was made for the subsequent addition of chimés as there were then only three bells in the tower. Sixteen years elapsed before the envisaged ring of bells could be installed, and on Sunday morning, October 28th, the Bishop of Pontefract visited this mining village in South Yorkshire to dedicate a number of gifts. These included a new organ, an altar frontal, a ring of eight bells and electrically-driven Westminster chimés.

Of the three old bells, the 18th century treble has been recast, the two 500-year-old bells tuned to become the new seventh and tenor, and five new bells added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have produced a particularly handy and tuneful little eight with a tenor of only 7 cwt., rung from the ground floor. Hemsworth thus possesses the lightest ring of eight in Yorkshire, and the local company includes some promising youngsters of both sexes.

The opening ringing was carried out by local recruits who were joined by Mr. R. H. Dove (representing Messrs. Potts, of Leeds, the makers of the clock), while after evensong the company from St. Giles', Pontefract, rang a quarter peal of Bob Major.

### HIGHWORTH, WILTS

The bells of St. Michael's Church, Highworth, Wilts, were rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury on November 17th. The second, third and tenor have been recast and the eight bells rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the opening by Mr. John P. Fidler.

The Bishop, in his address, deprecated the modern tendency to replace bells with gramophone apparatus and hoped those in authority would take steps to prevent the easy way of avoiding the sacrifices and efforts necessary for the installation of real bells. A feature of the service was an anthem by the choir 'Ring Highworth bells, across the sky,' the words and music being composed by the organist, Mr. G. H. Harris.

The opening rounds following the dedication were rung by the local band and the bells were later open to visiting ringers, and various methods were rung by members of the Swindon and Vale of White Horse branches. The local ringers were also given a good drilling in round ringing.

The new tenor weighs 18 cwt. 2 lb. and Highworth now possesses a good eight in which old and new blend well to form a harmonious ring.

### THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Cantato Domino Canticum Novum. 1689.

2nd.—Henricus Bagley Me Fecit. 1689. Recast 1951.

3rd.—Henry Bagley Made Mee. 1689. Recast 1951.

4th.—William Haggard & James Saunders, C. Wardens. R. Wells of Alborne Fecit. 1766. This bell recast 1898. Thomas Charles Master (Vicar). Thomas R. Ellwell, James J. Powell, Churchwardens.

5th.—Hump. Marsh. James Derby. Moses Akerman, Ch. Wardens. A.R. 1717. This bell recast 1898. Francis Charles Master (Vicar). Robert R. Elwel, James J. Powell, Churchwardens.

6th.—Henry Bagley Made Mee. 1689.

7th.—John Freeman, Thomas Hulls, Richard Humphrys, John Brind, Churchwardens. 1689.

Tenor (18 cwt.).—

Come when I call Make no delay.

To serve God all kneel down and pray.

A.R. 1718.

To the glory of God and Memory of Revd. John Sloper of West Woodhay, Berks 1798-1877. This bell was recast by his son G. D. Sloper. 1898.

This ring of bells was rehung and restored by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, 1898; again by John Taylor and Co., 1951. Recast 1951.

The 2nd, 3rd and tenor were recast, the peal retuned and rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1951.

F. R. Webb, M.A., Vicar.

Sir Noel Arkell.

Arnold W. Rees.

Churchwardens.

W. B. K.

### QUARTER PEALS

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.**—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. E. L. Fisher (first quarter) 1. L. Woodburn 2. W. Martin 3. H. Hill 4. H. V. Rowley 5. S. A. Martin (cond.) 6.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's, on Nov. 11th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Whittell 1. K. Whittell 2. E. Blomfield 3. C. Woodard 4. J. Munnings 5. S. Arbon (cond.) 6. C. Woodcock 7. F. Kinsey 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 11th. 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob): D. W. Harding 1. Miss M. Gregory 2. W. G. Paternoster 3. E. E. Tidy 4. G. W. Tooth 5. L. A. Tidy (cond.) 6.

## HAROLD PAILING MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Sir,—The response to the memorial fund sponsored by this Guild has been good and I append a list of subscribers to date.

The tragedy at Daybrook shocked the Exercise and much sympathy has been extended to the widow and two young sons.

Here is a chance for the fraternity to help the bereaved in a practical manner as the proceeds of the fund are to be handed to Mrs. Pailing.

There must be many ringers throughout the country who would like to contribute a little to this very worthy cause before the list is closed.

If anyone cares to make a donation to the fund, it can be sent to me as one of the joint treasurer.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY,

Hon. General Secretary,  
Southwell Diocesan  
Guild of Changeringers

205, London Road,  
Balderton, Newark

Attenborough Ringers, £5; Berry, Rev., 10s.; Black, B., 5s.; Basford and Hucknall Ringers, £2; Blackwell Ringers, £1; Barnby-in-the-Wilms Ringers, £1; Bawtry Ringers, 12s.; Blythe Ringers, and Vicar of, £1; Crawford, A., £1 1s.; Cloxton, H. J., £1; Cobbin, H. R., £5 5s.; Daybrook Ringers, £8; East Markham Ringers, 7s. 6d.; East Retford Ringers, £2 2s.; Edwinstowe Ringers, 10s.; Gamston (Retford) Ringers, £1 1s.; Hoodless, A. and family and A. Simpson, £1; Hibbert, W. C., £1; Hickton, A. and family, 10s.; Ilkeston (St. Mary's) Ringers, £3 7s. 6d.; Kelly, Mrs. E. D., 10s.

Matthews, C. J., £1; Mansfield (St. Peter's) Ringers, £4; North Collingham Ringers, 15s.; Nottingham (St. Peter's) Ringers, £10 10s.; Nottingham (St. Mary's) Ringers, £10; Niblett, Mr. and Mrs., £2; Newark Parish Church Ringers, £2 11s. 6d.; North Muskham Ringers, 14s.; Ordsall Ringers, £1 1s.; Radcliffe-on-Trent Ringers, £3; Ratcliffe, Mr., 10s.; Shireoaks Ringers, £1; Sutton-in-Ashfield Ringers, £1; Segar, John, £2; Sutton-on-Trent Ringers and Vicar of, £2 2s.; Trowell Ringers, £1 1s.; Tuxford Ringers, 17s.; Warsop Ringers, £1 18s. 6d.; Worksop Ringers, £1; Ward, G., 10s.; Wilkinson, Canon R. F., £5. Total, £89 11s.

## RINGERS' FORM OF SERVICE

Mr. G. Sidney Joyce informs us that the new form of service for use at ringers' meetings of the Guildford Guild and the Norwich Association will be 'tried out' at the Farnham District meeting at Aldershot on December 8th. (See Notice in this issue.)

All ringers are welcomed to the service and to the tea. A business meeting will follow at which the service will be discussed.

If general approval is forthcoming it is hoped to complete the printing order by the end of the year. This is being handled by Mr. W. Viggers on a non-profit basis.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants, is prepared to send a draft copy of the service to any Guild interested, after the Aldershot meeting, upon receipt of S.A.E. (postage 3d.). The desirability of Guilds joining the Norwich and Guildford Guilds, so as to reduce printing costs, was mentioned by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the last Central Council meeting, and is to be commended.

## THE LADIES' GUILD Yorkshire District

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Horbury, Wakefield, on November 10th. Lady ringers were present from Armley, Leeds Parish Church, Wakefield Cathedral, Crofton, East Ardsley, Sandal, Horbury and Handsworth, Sheffield.

Good use was made of the bells from 3 p.m. and an excellent tea was enjoyed, thanks to the arrangements of Mr. E. Atkinson. Two new members were elected to the Guild.



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Western Division at Chichester**

A record attendance of 70, representing 19 towers, was established at a quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Chichester on November 17th.

The campanile was opened for ringing at 2.30, and at 4.15 the Association's form of service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason) in the Cathedral. Singing was led by a men's choir and a ladies' choir of Bishop Otter College students and included an anthem. Mr. G. R. H. Smith was at the organ.

Tea followed in the Y.W.C.A. Hall. The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. G. W. Cecil), whose attendance was appreciated. The meeting welcomed the affiliation to the Association of the tower of Westbourne, where a youthful band is making steady progress, and 17 other ringers became members.

It was agreed to support a request from the East Grinstead and District Guild to change the meeting Saturday with the Southern Division and to seek the A.G.M.'s sanction.

A programme of meetings for 1952 was approved, to include a dinner at Arundel in February. Half a guinea was voted to 'The Ringing World' to help in its present difficulty, and in case any in the Division had overlooked to forward the additional postage—though not to excuse them from doing so now.

Thanks were returned to the many who had helped in making the meeting so successful, in particular the local band. Ringing was resumed until 8.15.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****East Norfolk Branch**

The first meeting of the Association to be held at Catfield was held on November 10th and the visit was much appreciated by the Rector and the local band, who have just started to learn to ring. It was an occasion for much photographing by the local Press.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Wake, and a company of 35 sat down to tea. Business transacted at the meeting included the selection of Gorleston, if possible, for the annual meeting on February 16th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to Mr. Peter Nicholson for arranging the tea with the help of the Mothers' Union. Handbell ringing by members of the Association, tune ringing by the Catfield band and more ringing at the tower concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD****Launceston Branch**

The autumn festival and annual meeting of the Launceston Branch was held at St. Stephen's, Launceston, on November 3rd, and was attended by 60 ringers representing seven towers. The town's bells—St. Stephen's (8), St. Mary's (8) and St. Thomas's (6)—were rung during the afternoon and evening. It was a delight to see 13 ringers arrive from the other end of the Diocese, including the president (Miss E. Symons), the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southard), the secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella) and the treasurer (Mr. S. Robinson). The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. P. W. Gendall, who also gave the address. The lessons were read by the former Branch secretary, Mr. E. R. Ransom.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and his helpers, including the hon. secretary, for making all the arrangements.

The business meeting followed. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £14 17s. 8d. All the returning officers were re-elected and thanks accorded for their past services, with best wishes for their success in the coming year.

It was agreed to donate £2 to the North Petherwyn Bell Fund. This small parish needs £1,000 to rehang the six bells and for work on the tower and any donations will be gratefully received by the Vicar, the Rev. S. T. Craddock, The Vicarage, North Petherwyn, Launceston.

Ringing, which included some well-struck Grandsire and call changes, was kept going until 9 p.m.

**MEMORIES REVIVED AT PRESTON, SUFFOLK**

The St. Mary's Ringers, Preston, spent an enjoyable evening on November 10th when they met at church for a special practice. Methods rung were Plain and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford, Reverse Bob, Cambridge and 'Little Kent'!

Afterwards the party adjourned to the 'Six Bells' inn and sat down to a sausage supper which was followed by musical items including several old airs by Mr. S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, on his miniature bells, gramophone records of Lavenham bells, Plain Bob Minor on the piano and touches on the handbells.

Mr. F. Day, captain of St. Mary's ringers, thanked his company for their loyalty, and Mr. Symonds for all his past help.

In responding, the latter said that he and another hon. member present, Mr. T. Hollocks, could between them claim over 100 years' connection with St. Mary's. He also mentioned that five generations of the Symonds family (Jesse, Henry, Arthur, Stedman and Dennis) had helped to ring St. Mary's bells for well-nigh 130 years. 'Time, gents, please' then put paid to a very happy gathering.

**MINIMUM CALLS**

Dear Sir,—I noted with interest Mr. Hodgson's observation on B. D. Price's letter that 14 is the least number of calls in a 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

As I was reading an 1854 edition of Mr. H. Hubbard's 'Elements of Campanologia' I came across two such two-part 720's. The calling of one has already been supplied, the other I give below. According to Mr. Hubbard, they came from the collection of Mr. H. F. Wood, former secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.—Yours faithfully,

MAX B. PAGE.

Ipswich.

S 24356  
— 32456  
S 23564  
— 52364  
S 53264  
— 25364  
— 43256

To be repeated.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**

From 'The Ringing World,' December 1st, 1911  
**MR. E. PYE AND HIS 800 PEALS**

A record of 800 peals is really a wonderful performance and members of the Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. Ernest Pye upon reaching a total which only three other ringers have equalled (the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Messrs. W. Pye and G. Williams). Singularly endowed with gifts as an exponent of our noble art, Mr. Pye comes of a ringing family whose fame is known throughout the Exercise. One has only to ring in peals with him to appreciate his great skill, both in the handling of a bell and in the ringing of a method, however complex. Indeed, even that is hardly necessary, for his list of peals is an eloquent tribute to his remarkable ability. As an all-round ringer and striker, Mr. Pye is the personification of perfection and is equally at home from treble to tenor on eight, ten or twelve bells. Of more than average height, he is blessed with abundant muscular strength, but he rings a bell without any apparent effort. He has a perfect style in handling a rope which is delightful to watch and which many of the present generation would do well to copy. One of the most memorable peals he ever took part in was the Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral, when he rang the ninth, and his brother William the tenor, single-handed. The previous day Ernest was so ill that he had to go to bed and was unable to take any food. Curiously enough, he has never taken calling very seriously, but he can always be depended upon to call a peal if required, while, in rectifying mistakes in any method on eight, ten or twelve bells, his equals could easily be counted on the fingers of one hand.

[Before his sudden death in December, 1915, at the age of 39, Ernest Pye had rung 1,007 peals. Some competent judges have expressed the view that he was, if anything, a more gifted all-round ringer than his famous brother William.]

**HIS 129th LEICESTERSHIRE TOWER**

After waiting well over 30 years, Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, scored a peal at Prestwold, near Loughborough. This very fine little church is situate in the grounds of a private estate, and although shortly after the bells were increased to eight in 1891 several peals were rung there, for the last 40 years they have not been available for peals and only on most rare occasions for meetings.

However, on November 18th permission was granted and the Copt Oak 'multi-method' boys with Arthur Rowley and Ernest assembled for a peal of Spliced Major.

It was not without its incidents, for apart from transport, the tower is without lights of any kind. 'Bill' Hall met Ernest at Loughborough and after taking his hat off and doubling him up to the accompaniment of many grunts and groans, got him tucked away in his side-car, and with 'Sam' on the back, whisked them off in quick time. Passing through the Hall grounds carriageway, deeply embedded with autumn leaves, they arrived at the precise time that the rest of the band got there with a paraffin lamp and sundry storm lanterns to light the ringing room.

The bells are not ideal for hearing and the weird lights and shadows did not tend to make things easy. The treble rope had a permanent tuck in it so John was detailed, as the tallest member of the band, to ring it, and even so he had to stand on a straw kneeler. The third also had a tuck back right up to the sally and Ernest had that.

After an hour, 'Spliced' Major did not go. As time was limited it was decided to trot out the 'old faithful' and a good peal of Grandsire Triples resulted. Thus Ernest Morris scores his 129th tower in the Leicester Diocese and 128th tower in Leicestershire for peals of 5,000 and upwards.

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## SPLICING PLAIN & LITTLE BOB TO ADVANTAGE

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

**THOUGH** Treble Bob Major is a useful stepping stone to Surprise, it is often looked on with disfavour for service ringing because of its long courses, poor music when 7 or 8 is in slow, and the limited number of short touches available.

Little Bob Major has none of these faults and is more musical than Plain Bob because of the dodging hunt above 4ths and the short courses (56 changes).

Increased interest and good music can be obtained by splicing Plain Bob and Little Bob together, and any touch suitable for Plain Bob and Little Bob Major may be rung spliced. If such touches have bobs at W, M and H only, it is best to go off Plain Bob from rounds. change to Little Bob at the first lead end (wrong position) and back to Plain Bob at the following lead end (middle position) which brings the course-end up (home position) at the next lead end, thus giving three lead courses of 40 changes. The change of method is called immediately after the lead end.

When changing from Little Bob to Plain, it is only necessary to remember what dodge you have just done, and do the next Plain Bob dodge in the normal sequence or, alternatively, use treble as a guide.

When changing from Plain Bob to Little Bob the work is easily picked up. Remember that if you strike treble in 4ths on your way down you go straight in to lead; otherwise dodge 3-4 down.

Another advantage of splicing Plain and Little Bob is that touches designed to produce special musical qualities may be shortened by inserting leads of Little Bob to bring up more quickly the next position at which there is a call.

The following touch of Plain Bob Major containing Queen's and Whittington's may be shortened from 480 changes to 200 changes by ringing Little Bob where shown:—

480 PLAIN BOB MAJOR					
23456	W	5ths	B	IN	M H
23564	—	—	—	—	—
2753468	—	—	—	—	—
35724	S	—	—	—	S
2345678	S	S	—	—	—

Same touch rung as Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major:—

200 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR					
23456	W	5ths	B	IN	M H
-----	—	—	—	—	—
2753468	—	—	—	—	—
3572	S	—	—	—	S
2345678	S	S	—	—	—

\* The changes of method cut out this course end.

In detail, the above touch is as follows:—  
Go Plain, call bob **Wrong**, change to Little. (two leads), call bob **Before**, change to Plain (one lead), change to Little, call bob **5ths**; one more lead of Little brings up course end (2753468). Ring next course P.L.P. calling **Singles W and H**, brings up Queen's (3572468). Continue ringing Plain calling **Singles W and 5ths**, change to Little (two leads), call bob **IN**, change to Plain Bob calling bob **Middle** which puts bells in the Plain Course.

In Minor, changes of method may be arranged according to taste, but if the three lead course plan is used (32 changes per course), calls at W and H only are possible. Nevertheless several easy extents of 384 changes are possible.

Peals of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Royal or Maximus are available and Major.

particularly, calls for no mean ability on the part of the conductor.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Little Bob, the method is Plain Bob below 4ths and Treble Bob above. Treble Plain hunts to 4ths and back and bobs are as Plain Bob. The Ringer's Note Book and Diary contains the method, and a variety of touches.

## 5,088 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, YORKSHIRE, PUDSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE, PAINSWICK AND ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT

23456	B	W	H	
45236	—	—	—	CCPaCAYC
24536	—	—	—	YPaPuPaCPaS (1)
52436	—	—	—	SPuYCLCY
43526	—	—	—	PaPuLPuPuLL (2)
54326	—	—	—	PaLCLLCY
35426	—	—	—	CYASPaSPu
35264	X	—	—	LLPaS
23564	—	—	—	CSSYSPuS (3)
56234	—	—	—	CAAAAYC
25634	—	—	—	As (1)
62534	—	—	—	PuPuYCLCY
53624	—	—	—	As (2)
65324	—	—	—	PaLCLYAA
36524	—	—	—	CYASPaPaPa
36245	X	—	—	ALLS
23645	—	—	—	As (3)

Repeat the last eight courses.

This peal contains 864 changes of Cambridge. 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 each Yorkshire and Pudsey, and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method.

The first seven-method peal published with all bells doing all the work

## MR. F. E. DUKES' FIRST 100 IN IRELAND

To ring his first 100 peals for the Irish Association, Mr F. E. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association, travelled 15,800 miles, an average of 158 miles per peal. On one occasion he cycled 110 miles to call a peal at Arklow and on another occasion returned home by a cattle special train arriving at 3 a.m.

His first peal was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on August 1st, 1938, and his 100th on October 27th, 1951 at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen. He is the first to ring 100 peals in Ireland. His list is appended:—

**Doubles.**—Tower bells: Grandsire 7 (cond. 7), Two methods 1 (1); total 8 (8). Handbells: Grandsire 12 (9), Plain Bob 6 (4), St. Colum 1 (1), Stedman 1 (1), Two methods 7 (5), Three methods 4 (4), Four methods 2 (1), Five methods 2 (2), Six methods 1 (1), Seven methods 1 (1), Eight methods 1 (1), Nine methods 1 (1), Ten methods 1 (1); total 40 (31).

**Minor.**—Tower bells: Plain Bob 3 (1), Seven methods 1; total 4 (1). Handbells: Plain Bob 9 (4), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 2 (2), St. Clements 2 (2), Kent Treble Bob 1, Two methods 2 (1), Three methods 4 (2), Four methods 2 (1), Five methods 1; total 23 (12).

**Triples.**—Tower bells: Grandsire 8 (1), St. Clement's 1; total 9 (1). Handbells: Grandsire 2 Plain Bob 1 (1); total 3 (1).

**Major.**—Tower bells: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, Dublin Surprise 1; total 13.

Total 100; conducted 54.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE BROADHEAD

Mr. George Broadhead, of Darton, near Barnsley, died at Pinderfield Hospital, Wakefield, on November 5th, following an accident at North Gawber Colliery where he had worked for 56 years. He was cleaning a locomotive when the ladder he was standing on slipped and threw him on the concrete floor below. He was 70 years of age.

For many years Mr. Broadhead rang at Darton Church and his strong point was good striking. He took part in many contests and even assisted neighbouring towers who were short of a ringer. He rang with Cawthorne in 1928 when they won the Hoylandswaine Cup and was recalled in 1944 to help them win the Barnsley Shield. He figured in the Shelley band which won the Barnsley Shield in 1932. On one occasion he officiated as judge in a contest.

Mr. Broadhead did much good work in assisting young ringers; he was always pleasant and ready to help when called upon. He rang but one peal, at Cawthorne.

Ringers from Barnsley, Cawthorne and Silkstone rang the bells of Darton Church at the funeral.

N. F. M.

### MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

#### An Appreciation

A mere list of the late Maurice F. R. Hibbert's peals does less than justice to a remarkable man. The list in itself is unique in that he had probably rung peals in more methods or combinations of methods than any other ringer but he was much more than just another peal ringer.

He had a bent for calling difficult compositions and it was enough for Maurice to be told that something was difficult to call, for him to want to call it. Ringers will remember his enquiries regarding Carter's Scientific Triples a year or two ago; no doubt he was hoping for an opportunity to call a peal in the method. Others will remember that it was he who called Dr. Slack's two-part peal of Stedman Triples about which so much controversy arose during the war years. One gathers that his system for such difficult compositions was to learn the calling and let the figures look after themselves except, perhaps, for once or twice during the peal. He was once asked what would happen if two bells shifted just after a milestone and he had to carry on a quarter peal or so before he knew that the bells were wrong. His reply was typical. In language much more picturesque than 'The Ringing World' could publish, he said it would serve the culprits right and teach them not to shift again.

He was a wonderful heavy-bell ringer. His rather cumbersome gait hardly suggested the artistry with a bell rope of which he was capable. No bell was too heavy for him or went too badly. If a bell represented an immovable object Maurice was just the irresistible force to ring it to a peal. It was enough to tell him that the bell was unpealable. One of his fine performances was to ring the eleventh at St. Paul's to a peal of Stedman Cinques which at least one ringer of very wide experience looks upon as a model of what Stedman Cinques can be. At that time Mr. Hibbert had never rung a bell as heavy in a peal.

He was an occasional contributor to the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' A working man, and proud of it, he was denied the opportunities of education and background with which some are favoured, but he wrote with a pungency and force that is often desired but not always obtained. He had a gift for clear and lucid expression both in speech and in writing. His last contribution to 'The Ringing World,' if memory serves, was regarding the size of parish churches.

Many almost legendary stories are told of him. Perhaps one of the best was of an incident during the war at a church where he was well known. Someone tugged at a rope on an Ellacombe apparatus to stop the bells because of an air raid warning. Maurice was only concerned with the damage that might have resulted to the bell and burst down the stairs upon the hapless intruder. Maurice finished his words of wisdom triumphantly '... and in any case we have got the Rector's permission to ring.' A weak voice replied, 'I am the Rector.'

He was a delightful companion and a great ringer. I shall never think of him without a chuckle. Such men are the salt of the earth. C.

### MR. GEORGE WILLSHIRE

On November 15th Birchington, Kent, lost one of its oldest inhabitants and its oldest ringer, George Willshire, aged 90 years.

'Old George,' as he was always known throughout the county, will best be remembered for his long association with Quex Park tower.

The interment took place on November 17th at the Parish Church, members of the local band being present. The bells were rung half-muffled at intervals throughout the afternoon.

To deceased's memory 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled at All Saints', Birchington, on November 18th by Miss Groves 1, Miss Reid 2, Miss Solly 3, T. Milsted 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, H. Luck 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8. H. L.

### AUSTRALIA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' of August 17th, just to hand, conveys, as an item of news, that two young ringers, John and David Boutland, of Chester, departed for Australia on August 8th. Your correspondent does not give the name of the ship or the port of destination, although he probably knew both.

You have published similar news items several times during the past five years. If ringers in Australia received this news early enough, they could contact the ship by letter at Fremantle and, if possible, meet the traveller when disembarking at one of the capital cities, with a friendly welcome.

Australia is a very big country. Perhaps your contributors do not realise that the distance from Perth to Sydney is roughly equal to London to Jerusalem or New York to San Francisco. The capital cities are large; the population of Sydney exceeds 1,250,000—which compares with Glasgow and Manchester.

W. SMITH,  
Captain, St. James' Ringers.  
Tarramurra.

### PEAL CORRECTIONS

We have received the following corrections to three peals, the contents of which have been questioned:—

Mountsorrel, Leics, July 28th. Peal of Doubles. One extent each of April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Spliced (Reverse St. Bartholomew's, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire). 36 extents of Grandsire and 240 Morris' arrangement.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics, August 2nd. Peal of Doubles: One extent each April Day, Place Bob, Spliced (St. Bartholomew's, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire), four extents Plain Bob, two extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one extent Southrepps, 32 Grandsire.

Barrow-on-Soar, August 7th. Peal of Doubles: One extent each Spliced (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and Morning Star), Spliced (Grandsire and St. Dunstan's), Spliced (Chase and Antelope), Place Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, London No. 1, 34 extents of Grandsire).

## NOTICES

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### BIRTH

WEBB.—On Monday, November 12th, 1951, to Barbara (née Edmond), wife of James S. Webb, a son.—The Grove House, Standish, near Wigan, Lancs. 9866

### PERSONAL

PLEASE PRAY for John G. M. Scott, to be made Deacon of Exeter on Sunday, December 23rd, and to work in the parish of St. Thomas, Exeter. Address after ordination:—14, Princes Street South, Exeter. 9762

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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COULSDON SURREY.—All letters concerning ringing, etc., should now be addressed to: D. J. Parr, 44, Tollers Lane, Coulsdon. 9802

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### MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m.—T. G. Myers. 9760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Also please note A.G.M., January 26th, Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9823



**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Dorking, December 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Nomination of District officers for 1952 made at this meeting. 9822

**HERTS and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. Kemp, Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford; G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Barming, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, in Church Hall, 5.—Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Dittton, Maidstone. 9775

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting follow. 9800

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverell (6) on Saturday, December 1st. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford. 9841

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—Meeting at Wimbledon on Saturday, December 1st. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45; St. Mary's, Putney, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Nominations for District officers, 1952. Names for tea to Mr. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Street, S.W.19.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9779

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8). Saturday, December 1st, 3.30 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 9820

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice, Monday, December 3rd, 7.15 p.m.. St. Mary's Lambeth. General meeting, January 7th, Fulham. Annual meeting, February 2nd, Southwark Cathedral. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9874

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, December 3rd, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9835

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Hemsworth, December 8th. Bells (new ring, light eight) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than December 5th, Mr. C. Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, near Pontefract.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9871

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, December 8th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9863

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Annual, Dunster, December 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea at Memorial Hall 4.45.—G. Stacey, Park Street, Minchard. 9867

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, December 8th. Bells 2.30. Cafes nearby.—H. W. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 9867

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Polesworth, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than December 3rd.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, BULKINGTON, Nuneaton. 9862

**CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Joint Branch practice meeting at Crosthwaite (8), December 8th. Bells from 2. Tea 4.30. Names, by December 5th, to J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 9837

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Ilkeston, Saturday, December 8th. Meeting 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shaw.—D. R. Carlisle, Hon. Sec. 9832

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by December 6th, to A. E. Parsons, Circular Road, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 9877

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst (8), December 8th. Tea opposite church. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett, hon. secretary. 9846

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Fulbourn, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9859

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 9824

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), December 8th. For tea, advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 9840

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), December 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by December 5th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9856

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, December 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. The new Guild service as arranged between Norwich and Guildford Guilds will be used for the first time. Names for tea by December 5th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 9834

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by December 6th, to Mrs. B. Barker 18, Vicarage Road, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9875

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9818

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A social meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing during afternoon, from 2.30 p.m., at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., to be followed by social evening. Tickets, including tea and refreshments, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained from the undersigned, not later than Wednesday, December 5th. Cash with order, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9819

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting on December 8th at St. Mary's, Lewisham (8). Ringing 3 till 8 p.m. Tea at Lyons.—Miss M. F. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 9873

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North West District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 8th, at St. Michael's, Flixton, Lancashire. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please notify by Wednesday, 5th. Miss E. Collier, c/o 258, Flixton Road, Flixton, Lancashire. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Frances M. Laffin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 9870

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol (8), on Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, British Restaurant, Castle Street, only if notification received by Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5, before December 5th.—Mrs. Parfrey Hon. Sec. 9861

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Annual meeting at Woolton, December 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (orice 1s.). Names to Miss Hilda Price, 39, Woodrock Road Woolton. Followed by social, 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets from Miss Price 2s. 6d. each, include cost of tea at meeting. All welcome.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9869

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—1951 annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church December 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Election of Branch secretary. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 9849

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, December 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 9864

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 8th. St. Wilfrid's, Standish. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify, by December 6th, Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish.—J. Burns. 9872

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Ibstock (6), December 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Church Room. Names, by December 5th, to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock.—C. W. Hall. 9855

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Steeple Claydon, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9857

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ifley, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, December 4th, to Mr. L. Busby, 54, Littlemore Road, Cowley, Oxford.—M. R. Cross. 9865

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 6—9 p.m. 9843

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, December 8th, at 3. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 9854

**SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—The Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris, M.A., will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. P. Harris, 26, High Street, Silsoe, Beds. 9852

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, December 8th. Names for tea, by December 5th, to Mr. A. Crawford, Rampton, Retford. Please try to attend. Lincolnshire bus at 3 p.m. for East Retford Church. Brumptions bus at 2.15 and 3.45 from Anchor Inn.—H. Denman. 9852

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Burry Port, December 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by December 1st, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 9836

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, December 8th. St. Mary's bells (8) at 3 p.m. Norman tower (10). Tea 5 p.m. Send names for tea, by 7th, to W. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 9842

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Blythburgh, Saturday December 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by December 5th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold.—R. S. Payne. 9844

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, December 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, by Thursday, December 6th, to R. F. Pomney, 21, Woodlands Road, Hasocks. 9853

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern District.—A combined practice at St. Mary's, Brecon, Saturday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m.—W. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9845

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Ringing, Cathedral 6.30 p.m. Names, by December 12th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road Exeter. 9798

**DUDLEY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesday, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers by December 11th please, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9847

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**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin. Saturday, December 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin 9858

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Upchurch (6) on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me by Wednesday, December 12th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9876

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Rippingale, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Grand tea provided, so do not forget your card by Monday, December 10th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9860

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Liversedge, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea—apply, before December 12th, to F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9839

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—'Coming of Age' Celebration Dinner at Leicester, Saturday, January 26th, 1952, 6 p.m., St. Philip's Hall, Evington Road. Tickets 10s. 6d., from C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna. Early application, with remittance, advised. No tickets after Wednesday, January 16th. Ringing arrangements later. 9851

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 1952.—Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec. 9833

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## SLOW PROGRESS

**M**OST readers of this journal will have noticed the announcement that the first hundred new postal subscribers have been enrolled. That is an indication that interest has been stimulated in the efforts of 'The Ringing World' Committee to keep the paper at its present price. Some readers are of opinion that we are fighting a losing battle and that we should follow the present trend and increase the price at once. If we thought it was a solution of our difficulties we should be wrong in delaying to do so—but is it? Let us look at the position squarely. Many readers think that the price is high enough already—and we have to remember that a large number are men in quite humble circumstances. Some of this number would, as a protest against increased price, cease to take the paper. Previous experience, when the price was raised to 4d., has proved this to be so. We have no reason to suppose that would not happen again if the price were increased to sixpence, and if it did we should be very little better off, financially, and worse off by the loss of these readers. That, at any rate, is the conclusion reached by the committee.

Alternatives have to be found to keep the paper solvent, and already the advertisers have been called upon to pay more for space. The results from this are gratifying, but still not sufficient to make up the weekly deficiency. An appeal for 1,000 more postal subscribers has been launched and the first hundred have been enrolled—we are hoping the remaining 900 will come in due course—but every week that goes by with that target not reached makes the deficiency greater. We need all the help from the rank and file to rope in these other 900 subscribers, and earnestly appeal to every reader to do his utmost to influence any waverers.

Many suggestions have reached us from well wishers as to how the difficulties of the present time can be overcome. One was that we should offer 5s. shares in the paper to anyone who cared to take them up. Another was to raise a loan free of interest. Scores of letters have been received from all quarters suggesting a levy of varying

amounts on peals published, and we should like to say a word or two on this matter. As was mentioned in a footnote to a letter published recently, the committee, whilst possessing full powers to act, do not feel empowered to take such a step. It is possible that objectors to a levy would not send reports of their performances and the peals analysis would therefore be an incomplete record of peals achieved.

Some readers object to the idea of such a levy, on the ground that it is not usual for news contributors to pay for publication, whilst others think that as peal ringing is a kind of self-advertisement, those ringing them should help to defray the cost of printing.

The committee is of opinion that an imposed levy is impracticable, but they point out there is nothing to prevent well-disposed peal ringers from voluntarily levying themselves if they care to do so. All peal reports, whether accompanied by a donation or not, will be published, and the same applies to quarter peals, so far as space permits. It is not, and never has been, a condition that payment should be made to ensure insertion in this paper. Times have changed, however, and we now very gratefully accept donations which are sent in to help tide us over the weekly deficiency. The committee deeply appreciates the help accorded by those far-seeing readers who have sent donations, and now appeal to all who value the paper to make a united effort to increase the number of subscribers. That 900 more **must** be obtained, and we believe it is within the capabilities of the Exercise to get them.

We shall continue to make every effort to provide interesting articles and news, and hope in the near future to commence a series of articles of an elementary nature which will be specially intended for beginners. A very prominent ringer, who is one of the most accomplished conductors in the Exercise, has promised to contribute these and is already at work on them. We headed this article 'Slow Progress,' and we hope readers will agree that with the necessary effort all round progress could be speeded up.

Any suggestions or constructive criticisms will be carefully considered by your servants, the committee. Are we in too much of a hurry? Well, the debt is piling up and it's **your** help we want to get that other 900.

J. F. S.



## TEN BELL PEALS

## BRISTOL.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BRO. FREDK. G. LEAKER, St. Kenya Lodge (1833)	.. .. Treble
BRO. FREDK. J. BAILEY, Trisant Lodge (4154)	.. .. 2
BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, Rectitude Lodge (4727)	.. .. 3
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge (6789)	.. .. 4
*BRO. EDWARD V. WILLIAMS, Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality (589)	.. .. 5
BRO. WILLIAM H. COLES, Hillingdon Lodge (3174)	.. .. 6
*WOR. BRO. FRANK E. HANSFORD, Brotherly Love Lodge (329)	.. .. 7
WOR. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, St. Clement Danes Lodge (1351)	.. .. 8
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge (632)	.. .. 9
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge (6789)	.. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the recent installation of the Grand Master.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	.. .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE	.. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	.. .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH	.. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	.. .. 3	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH	.. .. 8
JOHN HILL	.. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	.. .. 9
HARRY G. WAYNE	.. .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH	.. .. Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT	.. .. Treble	RICHARD G. BELL	.. .. 6
*TERENCE G. MORTON	.. .. 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	.. .. 7
REGINALD ROWLEY	.. .. 3	STEPHEN H. HOARE	.. .. 8
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AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	.. .. 5	*EDWIN J. UPTON	.. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5408 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	.. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	.. .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON	.. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN	.. .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER	.. .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY	.. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY	.. .. 4	JOHN WORTH	.. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung on the first anniversary of the 21,600 Bristol rung at this church. The composition was taken from the original peal.

## WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 35½ cwt. in D flat.

CYRIL WRIGHT	.. .. Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON	.. .. 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD	.. .. 2	FRANK REED	.. .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY	.. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	.. .. 7
*PHILIP COOTE	.. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY	.. .. Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Little Bob Major.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

*FREDERICK SCOTT	.. .. Treble	REGINALD L. SILLS	.. .. 5
†AUDREY EWINS	.. .. 2	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	.. .. 6
†WILLIAM BUTLER	.. .. 3	†DAVID H. PEARCE	.. .. 7
†BRIAN TAYLOR	.. .. 4	†LEONARD MILLARD	.. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Bob Triples.

## GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	.. .. Treble	*THOMAS BOREHAM	.. .. 5
THOMAS NEWMAN	.. .. 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	.. .. 6
THOMAS PRICE	.. .. 3	LESLIE BARRY	.. .. 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	.. .. 4	CHARLES LARNER	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. the Dean, Sidney Romans (83) and Miss Sheila Borcham.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE	.. .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER	.. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN	.. .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	.. .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	.. .. 3	BERT GOGLE	.. .. 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	.. .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON	.. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, by the Association and on the bells

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5152 WARMHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	.. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	.. .. 5
MURIEL REAY	.. .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	.. .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	.. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE	.. .. 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	.. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN	.. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Five-part.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN I. ANDERTON	.. .. Treble	JOSEPH E. WILSON	.. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	.. .. 2	JAMES SKEATS	.. .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	.. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	.. .. 7
THOMAS WILSON	.. .. 4	JOHN BENSON	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. Rung for the marriage of Rev. A. C. F. Davies, M.A., former precentor and ringer at Blackburn Cathedral, to Miss Beryl Ingham, which took place on Tuesday, November 20th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Leicester.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	.. .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	.. .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING	.. .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP	.. .. 6
*SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	.. .. 3	†DONALD G. CLIFT	.. .. 7
†DENNIS KNOX	.. .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	.. .. Tenor

Composed by R. J. SHARP.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Ashcad.



## WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 2	*JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 6
BRIAN PIDGEON .. 3	NORMAN MALLETT .. 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung by members resident in the county.

## WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*REGINALD H. JARVIS .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
HARRY P. FLOYD .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in method by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of music.

## LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS Treble	REV. F. A. OSWELL .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM .. 6
BRYNLEY PARRY .. 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4	DAVID CHALLENGER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

The treble ringer has now 'circled' the tower. Rung in connection with the Monmouth Diocesan Mission in the Pontypool Deanery, in which both the Rev. I. J. Richards and Rev. F. A. Oswell are missionaries.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*SIDNEY C. G. HOMEWOOD Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
†JOHN L. F. UPTON .. 2	†VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 6
†CHARLES T. HOMEWOOD .. 3	†LEONARD C. WELLS .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 4	ALBERT GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss G. K. Jarrett, sister of the conductor and daughter of the ringer of the sixth. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER .. Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	ARTHUR HATCH .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 4	JOHN JOLLEYS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

The first peal on the bells and was rung half-muffled to the memory of William Adamson, of the local company. He was accidentally killed on the railway on November 9th.

## BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN KING .. Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	*ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 6
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 7
†RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	†RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. Treble	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	†MICHAEL L. CALLOW .. 6
†DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 3	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells. A birthday peal for Mrs. J. A. L. Thompson.

## CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4	HENRY PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## CURRY RIVELL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. BEALE .. Treble	†REGINALD C. BEALE .. 5
HERBERT PERRY .. 2	FREDERICK WELCH .. 6
REGINALD BEALE .. 3	JACK W. DREW .. 7
BETTY SMITH .. 4	†GEORGE HARTLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The conductor's 50th peal. Birthday compliments to Mr. F. Welch and Miss Linda Drew.

## FOBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ALEC G. HAMMOND .. Treble	COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 5
JOAN E. M. HILLS .. 2	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 6
DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
CONSTANCE M. CHINNEY .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. R. Palmer.



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## GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,184 Rutland, 416 Cambridge, 384 Superlative, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Bristol, 288 Norfolk, 288 New Gloucester, and 160 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. .. 5
*RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Spiced in ten methods.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY GREEN .. .. Treble	MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS .. .. 5
*PETER J. CAME .. .. 2	HARRY BRADLEY .. .. 6
*J. E. G. ROAST .. .. 3	BERNARD BOVER .. .. 7
*J. WEST .. .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal.

## HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*MRS. J. J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	†HARRY HAWCROFT .. .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 6
†ARTHUR TATE .. .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. .. 7
†EDWARD PHILPOT .. .. 4	†ERNEST A. NEWHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal. A farewell peal to Capt. J. H. Hobbs (Church Army), who is leaving the parish of Howden.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED STEVENSON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 6
*NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

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

## MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 7
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4	CECIL RADDON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 5
*FREDK. S. SUTTON .. .. 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 3	§HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 7
†JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' § 350th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor and first of Major in the method.

## PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	FRANK REED .. .. 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. .. 2	ERNEST PADGETT .. .. 6
MARY WALSHAW .. .. 3	*PERCY W. CAVE .. .. 7
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Transposition.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL .. Treble	PATRICK PAGE .. .. 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. .. 6
*JOYCE COX .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
WILLIAM UPTON .. .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 5
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

## ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FREDERICK OPENSHAW .. Treble	THOMAS TURNER .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	JOHN CHARNOCK .. .. 6
IAN JONES .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
ERIC BALDWIN .. .. 4	JAMES BLACKBURN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. In memoriam Mr. C. E. Marsden, ringer at this church, who was interred November 21st, 1951.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. J. CARTER .. .. Treble	A. D. STEEL .. .. 5
MISS B. M. BROWN .. .. 2	*A. HULME .. .. 6
J. G. BURTON .. .. 3	C. H. PAGE .. .. 7
H. CARTER .. .. 4	*C. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PAGE.

\* First peal. Rung in memory of Edward Steele, late leader of St. John's ringers, also to the late Enoch Wheeldon, of Norton.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. .. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. FLATT.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Norwich to dedicate the Mothers' Union standard.



# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

GEORGE PICKERING .. .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4
PETER HALLAM .. .. 2	MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 5
J. A. WALTON .. .. 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*MONICA HOWARD .. .. Treble	BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 4
JAMES BROOKS .. .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 5
DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 3	GORDON C. HERD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal. First peal in five Doubles methods by all. A birthday compliment to the mother of the treble ringer.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and one 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Laminated.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	*WALTER SHAW .. .. 4
*MRS. S. HOUGH .. .. 2	SYDNEY SAGE .. .. 5
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 3	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOLDSWORTH.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the towerkeeper, Mr. A. Snape.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise and Morning Star, (2) Norbury and Morning Star, (3) Ockley and Morning Star, (4) Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star, (5) Capel, Oxford and London Scholars' Pleasure, (6) Capel, Oxford and Kingston, (7) Capel, Oxford and Sandal.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 4
*GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
†ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* 25th peal. † First peal in ten methods. First peal of 'Spliced' by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 4
*DONALD H. METTAM .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First 720 of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford 'inside.'

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 4
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal.



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## DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*STEPHEN K. WHEELER .. Treble	TOM GREENACRE .. 4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 3	FRED RIX .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* First peal.

## HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

PATRICIA CLARKE .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAGE .. 4
*DOUGLAS COLLINS .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 5
*DEREK WOODWARD .. 3	MAX P. PAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal in five methods. Birthday compliment to Mr. C. Page, father of the 4th and 6th ringers.

## LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. 4
BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT .. 5
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal in the method by all.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK P. WRIGHT .. Treble	†ERIC B. WOOD .. 4
*M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 5
*SUSAN M. BROWN .. 3	†RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 1,440 London, 720 York, 1,440 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

R. FRANK BAKER .. Treble	*ARTHUR CLEMENTS .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First 720 of York Surprise Minor. First peal in four Surprise methods by all except conductor. Rung on the eve of festival of St. Cecilia.

## EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE E. SMITH .. Treble	†CHARLES F. BUTLER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	†WILLIAM MEASURES .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

## ASHBY DE LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBOLD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents of Canterbury Pleasure and six extents each of Grand-sire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	W. ROBERT PARKER .. 3
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	*PETER MASON .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. 50th peal as conductor.

## FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MYRTLE A. CASS .. Treble	*KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 4
†PETER G. SHERWOOD (15) 2	*REX J. CORKE (16) .. 5
†CLIFFORD J. BEADLE (17) 3	†E. JOHN WELLS (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Average age of the band 17 years 11 months.

## GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD G. SCULL .. Treble	*GEORGE GREATER .. 4
*WALTER GREGORY .. 2	REGINALD J. FUNNELL .. 5
HAROLD SCULL .. 3	CHARLES WENSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD J. FUNNELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

## HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of York and London and three of Cambridge.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	ERNEST LINES .. 5
*ALBERT H. HINTON .. 3	†WILLIAM YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' † 50th peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the third. Also a birthday compliment to Miss K. Mary Cowley. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## INGATESTONE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY J. WRIGHT .. Treble	CHARLES J. HARRINGTON .. 4
*GEORGE A. ROGERS .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HARRY TURNER .. 3	JOHN SITCH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal.

## LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*JOHN EALES .. Treble	ROY C. SPRING .. 3
STEPHEN J. SUMMERS .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 4
	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal.

## RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN DEAN .. Treble	JOHN BAGLEY .. 4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS .. 5
GEORGE WILSON .. 3	L. JOHN EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss Joan Griffiths on attaining her 21st birthday.



## MILLAND, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

JOHN H. HUNT .. .. Treble	*NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 4
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	*JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HELLESDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At 87, REEPHAM ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER FORD .. .. 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5-6
HERBERT J. LASKEY .. .. 3-4	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,728 Plain Bob, 1,296 Gainsborough Little Bob, 864 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, and 432 Little Bob, with 377 changes of method,

ROY C. HURST .. .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal in five methods. The conductor's 50th peal of Spliced Major 'in hand.'

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Nov. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5-6
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7-8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

## CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Home of G. WIGHTMAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor size 13 in E.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 1-2	FRANK L. FISHER .. .. 5-6
WILLOUGHBY MAULDEN .. .. 3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of William Wightman's first peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At The Wayside, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

At 38, SWALEDALE AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twenty-one 120's of Grandsire (six callings) and twenty-one 120's of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor size 11 in G.

*THOMAS COOKE .. .. 1-2	ROLAND PARK .. .. 3-4
IRENE PARK .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal on handbells and first of Doubles.

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## PRACTICAL ENCOURAGEMENT

With one in three of the quarter peals and  
one in five of the peals published in this issue, a  
donation was sent to meet the added cost of  
production. This is practical encouragement to  
'The Ringing World' Committee.

As has been customary  
in past years, we are re-  
serving a page in the issue  
of December 21st for Christmas greetings. The  
charge is 3s. for 30 words.

Errata:—The peal at Waltham Abbey on  
November 17th was Mr T. J. Lock's 150th peal  
for the Middlesex Association and not his 150th  
on the bells.

The six bells of St. Michael's, Tunstall, near  
Woodbridge, Suffolk, have been retuned and  
rehung in complete new fittings and will be  
dedicated on Sunday, December 9th, at 2.30  
p.m.

Latest applicant for stuffed owls to keep bats  
out of his belfry is the Rev. Arnold Mallinson,  
Vicar of St. Frideswide's, Oxford, and the ad-  
joining parish of St. Margaret, Bilsey. We  
were under the impression that bats were blind  
and gained their sense of direction by sound.  
Such an application coming from the 'seat of  
learning' probably will cause us to amend our  
knowledge.

The Editor thanks Mr. T. Marshall, of  
Wrightington, near Wigan, for his letter. The  
organisation of the event was outside the juris-  
diction of local ringers. There are hopes that  
by a process of education in the ways of the  
big fraternity of church bell-ringers a better  
understanding will be eventually established and  
when the building is completed opportunities for  
ringing will be available.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob  
Major at Wolborough, Devon, on November  
22nd, was of special interest to the county and  
the Guild of Devonshire ringers as it was only  
the second time that a peal in the method had  
been rung by resident members of the Guild.  
The first time was on January 20th, 1937, at  
Buckfastleigh, and was conducted by Mr. C. R.  
Lilley. Mr. E. J. Taylor and Mr. T. G. Myers  
rang in both peals.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Our overseas mail this  
week contains a chatty  
letter from L.A.C. Weare,  
B.A., who formerly rang in the Wells, Somerset,  
district, and whose address is now No. 395  
M.U., R.A.T.G., Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. He  
tells us the timing signal on Radio Rhodesia is  
the record of Grandsire Caters by St. Mar-  
garet's, Westminster. 'You can guess how  
much this record means to me and I listen to  
it at every chance I get,' he adds. He enquires  
when the record was made.

A peal attempt for Cambridge Surprise Major  
at Longstanton, Cambs, on November 24th,  
was brought to an abrupt end with only two and  
a half courses to ring. A man rushed into the  
belfry shouting we should be responsible if any-  
one got killed. It was found one of the band  
had left his car with no lights on. The band  
was as follows:—C. W. Cook 1, C. A. Hurst  
2, G. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, R. Brooker 5,  
J. G. Jipson 6, H. L. Martin 7, E. G. Hibbins  
(conductor) 8. It was a big disappointment for  
2 and 7 as it was their first attempt for a peal  
of Surprise Major.

Mr. Edward ('Ted') Harding, of Fulmer,  
South Bucks, celebrated his 84th birthday on  
Saturday, November 24th, in true ringer's style.  
The bells were kept going from 3.30 p.m. until  
8 p.m. excepting for the break for tea. This  
and handbell ringing were thoroughly enjoyed  
by 17 of his ringing friends, several of whom  
are members of Chalfont St. Peter's band and  
included Mr. G. Swift, their captain, and Mrs.  
Swift. Mr. Harding did not achieve his am-  
bition to score another quarter peal of Bob  
Minor, but consolation was forthcoming by a  
successful attempt at 720 Plain Bob, the ringers  
being Mrs. Swift 1, E. Harding 2, George  
Swift 3, Kenneth Vickers 4, W. W. Wolsten-  
croft 5 and William Gutteridge (conductor) 6.

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## RECORD PEAL OF 21,600

## BRISTOL

## Anniversary Gathering

On Saturday, November 3rd, the record peal of 21,600 Bristol was commemorated by a peal of 5,408 Bristol, at Over, taken from the original peal, by the band standing in the same order.

After the peal had been rung, touches were rung by visitors and a short service held to dedicate a tablet recording the record peal. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson), and the tablet was unveiled by its donor, Mr. Fred Dunkerley.

The Master of the Chester Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and its secretary, the Rev. J. Kingdon, were present at the ceremony, as well as many other ringers and friends, including Mr. S. Jones, jun., of Chester, who took part in the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob rung at this church and conducted by Mr. R. Sperring.

Later in the evening a commemoration dinner was held in the Wheatshaf Hotel, Winsford, at which the Vicar, wardens and local ringers, the Master and secretary of the Guild, the peal band and their wives and friends were the guests of Mr. Dunkerley. After an excellent meal had been partaken of and the loyal toast honoured, the gathering became more informal.

The theme of the speeches was, of course, the achievement of the previous year, and in his speech the Vicar referred to the numerous letters he had received from all over the country expressing appreciation of his permission for the attempt and he felt that Winsford was now 'on the map.'

The churchwardens in their speeches also referred to the widespread interest in Over which the peal had caused and one of them referred to the fact that Over Church serves two parts of the township of Winsford, between which there is keen rivalry, but he was glad to say that the half which contained the Parish Church now had something which the other half could not surpass since they had no ring of bells.

During the evening handbells were rung but the real high spot of this part of the proceedings was the attempt to ring a course of Grand-sire Triples by the long-peal band. The system used was that seen at the Central Council meeting at Chester in which each member has one bell. The bells are struck in order from right to left in every change, the changes being produced by the ringers changing places. After a few practices the band succeeded in almost reaching the first lead end but as a bob was called there a trip followed which proved impossible to sort out.

Just to show, however, that they could ring Grand-sire Triples, four of the band rang a course double-handed. The gathering broke up at about 9.30 with expressions of thanks to Mr. Dunkerley and regrets that Mrs. Dunkerley had been prevented at the last moment by sudden indisposition from being present.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Editorial Committee gratefully acknowledges the following contributions received towards meeting the added cost of production of 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—J. S. Webb 2s., L. Trevor 5s., Mr. Ted Harding's birthday party 3s., L. Bailey 5s., Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers 2s. 6d.

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## DEDICATION

## NEWTON ST. CYRES (DEVON) BELLS

The beautiful Church of Newton St. Cyres was filled to capacity on November 10th when the rededication of the eight bells by the Bishop of Crediton took place.

The Vicar (the Rev. D'Arcy Ward) conducted the service which was very impressive: Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, was present.

Mr. Frank Weeks, captain of ringers, asked the Bishop to bless the bells. Mr. Weeks has completed over 50 years' ringing at this tower.

The Bishop gave a most delightful address which was much enjoyed by all present.

Newton St. Cyres had a ring of five bells, which were cast by William Evans, of Chepstow, in 1733, until 1908 when a new treble was added. During the past 30 years this grand ring of six has been rung most regularly twice a Sunday and every Tuesday evening. It was found necessary to have the bells rehung, the bearings having become worn; at the same time it was decided to complete the octave.

The new treble was given by Mrs. W. M. Pearce in memory of her daughter Helen; the new second was given by the ringers and the work entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The great gathering of ringers from all over Devon was unanimous in the opinion that a perfect splice has been made and excellent workmanship in the rehanging given; Mr. Dyer attended on behalf of the firm.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

		wt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	F sharp	4	3	14
2	E sharp	5	0	0
3	D sharp	5	1	18
4	C sharp	5	2	8
5	B	6	1	4
6	A sharp	7	2	2
7	G sharp	9	0	14
8	F sharp	12	3	22

After the service at 2.30 the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

A splendid tea, served by the ringers' wives, was enjoyed by well over 100 visitors, and the event was followed by an entertainment in the Village Hall.

## IMPRESSIONS OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

By Mr. Albert Walker

As one of the visiting bands invited by the Dean and Chapter to take part in the ringing of the new Cathedral bells following the Hallowing of the Bells service, the St. Martin's Guild band arrived in Liverpool at 11.50 a.m. and no time was lost in getting to the Cathedral where we were due to ring at 12.20 p.m. for twenty minutes.

We were more fortunate than the College Youths, apart from the walk from and to the station, that we had the use of the tower lift to the first landing stage with still a long climb to the vast ringing chamber above, where we were welcomed by that famous Liverpool ringer, Mr. George R. Newton, and his band and a host of ringing friends, with orders to start the ringing.

Our effort was three courses of Stedman Cinques which, on completion, we were informed was the first touch on the bells. The band was as follows:—G. W. Critchley 1, A. Walker (conductor) 2, G. Shepherd 3, W. C. Dowling 4, T. H. Hampton 5, A. V. Pearson 6, S. O'C. Holloway 7, F. E. Haynes 8, H. H. Fearn 9, J. Pinfold 10, G. E. Fearn 11, W. F. Moreton and R. Edwards tenor. This was followed after lunch by two courses of Stedman Cinques with Wilfrid Moreton ringing the tenor single-handed.

## HOW GOLDHANGER SAVED THE BELLS

'The very small village of Goldhanger (population less than 400) was faced with the task of raising the sum of £900 to restore its ring of six bells,' writes Mr. E. C. S. Johnson.

'A fund was launched on December 5th, 1950, and was given a good start by a local resident, R. Wakelin, who gave £100 on condition that five others would give £25 each. This was immediately forthcoming and with various concerts, whist drives, collections, etc., the sum of £635 had been raised by Saturday, December 1st, 1951.

'Then came our great effort in the form of a "Bells Fair" held in the Village Hall, Goldhanger, on December 1st. Never before in the history of the village has there been such a wonderful show. All the stalls were laden with good things made and given by local residents and their friends.

'The sale was given a great send-off by Miss Rachel Kempson, the well-known actress wife of Mr. Michael Redgrave, the actor, who declared the fair open. This wonderful display, not only of articles for sale, but also the great spirit of co-operation and goodwill, realised the sum of £278, a wonderful achievement for so small a village.

'I think that a special mention should be made of the bell-ringers' effort. Last Christmas they toured the district "carolling" with the handbells, raising no less than £50. Their part in the "Bells Fair" was very noteworthy. Under the supervision of Mr. Charlie Mann (father of ringers) the ringers set to work. With the aid of some pit saws nearly 100 years old, resurrected and skilfully sharpened by Mr. Mann, the ringers sawed up the huge oak beams (350 years old) of the old frame. Then other ringers, assisted by Mr. W. H. Mann and Mr. C. H. Briggs (son and son-in-law respectively of Mr. Mann, but not ringers), turned the pieces into standard and table lamps, trays, stools, candlesticks, etc., and sold them as souvenirs of their old frame; this effort raised £54.

'We now have a very nice ring of six bells hung in a good metal frame, which will be dedicated on December 15th by the Archdeacon of Southend.'

The acoustics in the ringing room at present are none too good as it is not easy, when ringing, to hear the bells individually.

The hanging of this mighty ring is perfect and the bells themselves go splendidly: a worthy tribute to those responsible for the design and support of the reinforced concrete frame and to the bellfounders. The writer would have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that the bells are at once pealable with two men on the tenor.

The effect outside when the twelve bells are being rung is that the four back bells are more subdued than the front bells and no doubt this will be corrected in due time; also it may be the vast Cathedral itself may prevent hearing all the bells clearly in the vicinity of the building.

However, it was a memorable day. The honour of being privileged to take part in the ringing as a band, a hearty welcome and meeting of many old and new friends, the excellent lunch at the Adelphi Hotel, kindly provided by the Dean of Liverpool, all was very worth while. After our second touch we had to dash to the station for the return train to Birmingham. The sound of these grand bells following, and it was very noticeable that approximately three-quarters of a mile away the bells came over the air much more clearly than in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral.

Birmingham was reached at 9.30 p.m., just in time for a very welcome refresher!



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'REBELLION'

Dear Sir,—After reading paragraph 4 of the leader in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated November 23rd (several times), I was amazed to read 'Many, indeed most, of the members go to the Central Council meeting, knowing that it is most unlikely that they will have an opportunity to speak . . . . But the primary function of every member is not to speak, not to vote, not to serve on a committee, not to submit a report, but directly or indirectly, to represent the ringers in every belfry.'

Having not had the opportunity to be such a member, I would indeed like to know why a member of a Council is to keep silent, being his primary function.

If all members took up this attitude, we should have a most peculiar Council, all sitting up looking at one another and doing nothing.

Is it a fact that a member of the Council, attending the annual, has to refrain from voting?

If the contents of para 4 are as recorded, then it is high time that we had a Council of Church Bell Ringers who are permitted to voice the feelings of those they represent, with whom they do their Sunday duty and who are, after all, the people that really matter.

What a state of affairs!

CROMWELL.

NOTE.—The right of comment is open to any member of the Central Council providing the customary rules of debate are observed. We feel certain that P. A. C., who himself made useful contributions to the debate at Chester, never intended the paragraph to indicate a passive, non-voting Council, but to emphasise that the Council is truly representative of all the ringers of the land.—Ed.

## THE CATTISTOCK CARILLON

Dear Sir,—The incumbent at Cattistock is reported in your journal as saying at a recent meeting of ringers that the task of reinstating the tower and bells has been completed. As there is yet no sign of the replacement of the carillon—the only one in an Anglican church—it is difficult to understand how the work can be regarded as finished; it was the expressed intention to recast the carillon. Has this project been abandoned?—Yours very truly,

FRANK P. PRICE.

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## HERTFORD BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I have written to the Methods Committee in order to check the names of the methods here called Medium Bob Royal and Hertford Bob Royal but I have not yet received notice of their findings so I am submitting the report as it stands.

Medium Bob Royal is a plain seconds place method with the treble hunting to 6th place and back again. It has been rung by the Cambridge University Guild (and probably by others). Hertford Bob Royal, to the best of our knowledge, has never been rung before, so we have named it ourselves. A lead is given below:—

123456789r  
21436587r  
24163857r  
426183r597  
46281r3957  
6482r19375  
684r291735  
86r4927153  
684r297513  
86r4925731  
684r295371  
86r4923517  
684r293157  
86r4921375  
8r69412735  
r896147253  
r981674523  
9r18765432  
91r7856342  
197r583624  
19r7856342

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SLANEY.

Jesus College, Oxford.

## YORKSHIRE SURPRISE AT RATBY

Dear Sir,—The composition of the 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major which I called at Ratby on August 27th, 1951, is a transposition of a peal by Gabriel Lindoff.

Mr. Nolan Golden (over whose name the above peal was published) has discovered this since giving me the figures and has asked me to make it known, so that those concerned may make the necessary alteration in their records.

—Yours, etc., NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
Broom, Rotherham.

## A RINGERS' PRAYER

Sir,—May I make a suggestion that the following prayer be adopted as the 'Ringers' Prayer'? It has just been written by 86-year-old Alfred Worth, A.T.C.L., for many years a ringer and still an accomplished organist.—Yours faithfully, F. STUART WORTH.

## A CALL TO WORSHIP

Go when the morning shineth  
Go when the noon is bright,  
Go when the day declineth,  
Go in the hush of night;  
Go with pure mind and feeling,  
Cast earthly things away,  
And in the chamber kneeling,  
Do thou in secret pray.  
Remember all who love thee,  
And all that are loved by thee.  
And pray for those that hate thee.  
If any such there be;  
Then for thyself in meekness,  
A blessing humbly claim.  
And link with each petition.  
Thy Great Redeemer's name.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Rathborn J., Miss F. Wyman 2, Miss E. Lounen 3, E. R. Rapley 4, J. Branch 5, L. Stilwell 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Canon F. S. Farebrother as Vicar of this parish.

## COUNCIL'S DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Decisions published on October 26th, may I make the following observations:—

Conditions required for peals: The figure of 6,000 for peals to surpass previous peals should be 6,720, i.e., the length of 30 courses in Major, and as agreed by the Committee at Chester.

In further condition (iii) the Committee agreed that the word conductor should be deleted.

Spliced Peals: A pedantic point here; for 'sixes' read 'divisions.'

I would also point out that the wording of the Decision on peals of Minor has been altered from that agreed upon but I have no quarrel with the alteration.

With regard to Mr. Barnett's letter in your issue of November 9th, according to my notes the Committee agreed to the following amendment: 'Singles in Treble Bob methods MAY only be used when the DESIRED result cannot be obtained by bobs.'

As all this took place towards the end of a lengthy session, I am not surprised the Committee have missed these small but important points.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

## FORTY YEARS ON

Dear Sir,—May I say how interesting I found 'Forty Years Ago' in your issue of November 16th? Mr. L. Duffield, who with his sons, took part in the peal at Tasburgh, Norwich, on Sunday, October 22nd, 1911, is still, happily, with us with an undiminished zeal for ringing our lovely church bells. His name and ringing reputation are well known to ringers throughout the diocese of Norwich. Sunday by Sunday, unless prevented by untoward circumstances, he is to be found in the ringing chamber of his parish church, Stratton St. Mary's, and his advice and guidance in the matter of the bells are freely given.

May I say, as a footnote, how much I enjoy 'The Ringing World,' to which I was introduced by Mr. Duffield, and I enclose a small donation to help with its continued existence.—Yours sincerely,

(REV.) H. W. ST. LEGER-CHAMBERS.  
Rural Dean of Depwade.

## THE EXETER PEAL

Dear Sir,—My knowledge of the work of the Central Council and its members is very small but I do support the excellent leading article in 'The Ringing World' of November 23rd.

For brevity, I will take only one quotation: 'Firstly, by writing a letter in reasonable terms for publication in "The Ringing World," remembering always that it is useless to criticise a thing unless you have something better to put in its place.'

The Exeter peal of Grandsire Triples could not be published because the men engaged on the tenor did not comply with 'the Central Council rules, not that the peal was false in the ringing or composition.'

Some member of the Council in the days to come may want this ruling altered now that the service of dedication of Liverpool Cathedral bells has taken place.

In honour and fairness to every ringer who took part in the Exeter 'peal,' and all ringers in Devonshire and the West of England, I suggest that you publish this 'peal' on the back page of 'The Ringing World' with a footnote 'not to be included in the Peal Analysis report.' By this means you will win the esteem of the whole band, the ringers of the West Country and beyond; it may also help to achieve the extra 1,000 readers—who knows? Give encouragement, do not withhold it.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Gresford.

NOTE.—Details of the performance were published in 'The Ringing World.'—Ed.



## DITCHED IN DORSET

## Adventures of Bristol University Band

Friday, November 16th, witnessed the start of a week-end's ringing outing to Dorset for six Bristol University students—Heather J. Tesson (the organiser), Mary I. Kennelly, Frank D. Mack, Robert J. Stokes, Ivor H. Trueman and 'the scribe.' Our means of transport was a seven-foot-high ex-Metropolitan taxi of 1934 vintage, which caused much amusement to all and sundry throughout the week-end, and, despite our faith in it, it was due to disorganise the programme more than once.

Leaving Bristol late Friday evening, the party stopped en route at Radstock for a short ring on the easy-going six, but not before becoming involved in the Midsomer Norton Carnival when we were mistaken by some as the head of the procession! Thence on to Wimborne, our headquarters, the party being billeted at Heather's homestead.

An early start was arranged for Saturday morning when we joined forces with Brian Bladon and Tony Peake, from Swindon, and Winnie Cox and Stan Weekes, from Wimborne. But we had not reckoned on the taxi! To start with, 'the scribe' neatly reversed it into a ditch, entailing the services of a break-down lorry, and then the starter motor jammed! While these troubles were being rectified, Stan's car was sent on to the first tower, Lytchett Matravers, with a full complement on board and we joined them later on at Milton Abbas to ring the noisy octave. At Haselbury Bryan we rang the newly-retuned and rehung six which are to be rededicated next January. Many a favourable comment was passed on the new ringing gallery made of light oak (the bells were formerly rung from the ground floor).

After a hearty lunch at Sturminster Newton, the deep-toned Dobson six (tenor 16 cwt.) were soon echoing their sound across the countryside. A short trip, this time without speed wobbles, brought us to Okeford Fitzpaine, where the treble of the light six badly needs re-tuning. At Shillingstone we were welcomed by the Rector (6 feet 8 inches in height), who joined us in some rounds and Queens. Thence to tea at Blandford and afterwards a visit to the belfry of SS. Peter and Paul's. The 'go' of the eight (tenor 19 cwt.) was excellent; although the striking to Triples soon settled down, a regular 'beat' to Major was never attained (this in the opinion of 'the scribe' being the fault of the band, despite their vigorous denials!).

Once again the taxi comes into the picture. A puncture prevented a few unfortunates from visiting Sturminster Marshall while the others, not to be outdone by such a mishap, squeezed into Stan's car and left us to our fate. On the way to Corfe Mullen, where we once again joined forces, the taxi was stopped by a police patrol car on the pretext of a fused rear light but chiefly, I suspect, so that the young police officer could examine the 'wreck' at close quarters! Parting on amicable terms, Corfe Mullen was soon reached. The stiffness of the ropes caused some consternation at first—one member in particular was very nearly hanged by the rope of the next bell!

We rang at All Saints', Hampton, for Sunday morning service, a reasonable touch of Grandsire Doubles being rung by an all-ladies' band. The second bell, like the treble at Okeford Fitzpaine, is sadly out of tune. Arrangements had been made to ring at St. John's, Bournemouth, for Sunday evening service, but due to ignition and lighting trouble, the taxi contingent regretfully had to return to Bristol without that pleasure.

Thanks must be extended to all those who met us at the various towers and especially to Heather and Stan for providing the accommodation. Methods rung were Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Little Bob, Double Court and Cambridge.

L. C. I. W.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's November meeting was held at Ossett where the fine ring of ten was thoroughly enjoyed by the many visitors. The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until the break for tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Fred Bennett. After tea further ringing was enjoyed in this spacious belfry where the old peal boards, recording peals rung in 1866 and the years following, were easily readable.

The president presided at the business meeting and members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Headingley, St. Michael's, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell and Thorner and friends from Horbury.

The usual business details were completed and one new member, Mr. L. Schofield, of Drighlington, was elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, especially Mr. F. Bennett, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who referred to the difficulty of fixing the meeting and the splendid way in which Mr. Bennett had given permission and arranged tea at very short notice. This was seconded by Mr. Parkinson. Mr. Bennett acknowledged the vote of thanks and said ringing had been somewhat restricted owing to illness, but when he approached the Vicar for permission his concurrence was forthcoming immediately and any other effort he made was amply repaid if the visitors had enjoyed coming to Ossett.

The next meeting is due to be held on January 26th—the tower will be announced in 'The Ringing World.'

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of December 8th, 1911

## ODD CHANGES

Some little time ago inquiries were made as to the largest number of 720's rung for services on a Sunday. A correspondent now sends us a list of no fewer than eleven, rung at Bourne, Lincolnshire, on Easter Day, 1908. For 7 a.m. service 720 Kent, 11 a.m. 720 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse College Single, for evening service two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Single Court and Reverse College Single. The ringers were: J. T. Woolley, J. Neal, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. W. Lake (conducted 9), J. Osborn and F. Blood, of the local band, and (three) visitors.

## ASSOCIATION NOTES

## Midland Counties

The many friends of St. Andrew's Society, Derby, will no doubt be glad to see the progress this band are now making. On Wednesday, November 29th, they rang their first peal of Superlative, this being the first Surprise peal by all except the conductor. . . . We hear from a good source that Cambridge Surprise is to be next on the agenda. It is fortunate for St. Andrew's that they possess one or two good 'reserves,' as there are some people who, we hear, are not 'altogether reliable.'

[Let us hope this does not apply to the present band, who also are making very good progress.]

## REQUEST FOR LADIES' PAGE IN 'RINGING WORLD'

## Southern District's Suggestion

To the historic and beautiful Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, at Guildford, the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, on November 24th, called the first ringers' meeting to be held there since the bells, after keeping silent vigil in this ancient defence tower for more than fifty long years, were recently restored for ringing.

It was a gathering—in spite of torrential rain—to gladden the heart of any secretary. Forty-four members and friends crowded in to the church and belfry, and after ringing, ably arranged by Miss C. C. Roberts, all attended the simple but moving service conducted by Canon R. G. Clitherow who in the course of his address reminded us that it has been the women of this country who, for the last fifty years, have kept alive our Christian heritage; and as we listened to his impressive appeal to the women who 'manned' their ropes to use the occasion of their ringing to pray for the souls of their menfolk, we felt a renewal of that urge to service which has drawn so many of the women and girls of our land to an act of worship for many years barred to them. That, even now, the victory has not been fully won is evidenced by the recent decision of a worthy Dean in connection with the opening of a new and famous ring of twelve, but happily we women realise that such evils as this intolerance can best be fought by the very weapon Canon Clitherow adjured us to use.

With spirits heartened by the Canon's address and appetites sharpened by our exertions in the belfry, all forty-four of us (including among other eminent visitors the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mr. A. H. Pulling) sat down to a sumptuous tea at the Y.W.C.A. Club. When the secretary was arranging the tea, some days beforehand, the manageress of the club demurred at providing 20 sandwiches and cakes as well as sausage rolls! 'When they've had a sausage roll, a sandwich and a cake,' she said, 'most people have had enough!'

'We don't know our members,' she was told, and when she saw the food rapidly melting under the onslaughts of a hungry crowd of ringers she had to confess herself disillusioned.

After tea, St. Mary's tower was again open and Shalford bells also were very kindly made available. The men were dismissed to the towers while the ladies held a short business meeting at which, among other things, several new members were elected and arrangements were discussed for the next meeting. The threat made by the secretary at the tea table to discuss the suggestion that a ladies' page dealing with current hat fashions should be included in 'The Ringing World' was only partly carried out; the meeting was, however, definitely of the opinion that women should be catered for in some way, if only by the inclusion of half a column for 'Ladies Only.'

After the meeting some of the ladies went on to Shalford, where they had a very enjoyable evening, while the remainder rejoined the men at St. Mary's where various methods were rung, as well as rounds for the beginners, until just after 8 o'clock. The numbers then began to thin out, the ringing gradually dwindled, and at about 8.30 we dispersed into the pouring rain feeling happily conscious that the meeting had been yet another Ladies' Guild success.

W A O

NOTE.—We are always pleased to hear from lady members on subjects connected with ringing and would gladly allot a column weekly to the advancement of their views and news.—Ed.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At a well-attended meeting on November 23rd the following were elected officers for the next twelve months:—Master, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. F. E. Collins; junior steward, Mr. J. E. Chilcott; trustees, Messrs. H. G. Miles and W. H. Pasmore.

A good start was made with fourteen new members.



## UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—I am pleased that the article 'Unorthodox Performances' has aroused interest in this important subject. May I trespass on your space to make the following comments.

I gather that the second paragraph of the article has caused some doubt as to what is meant by the same coursing order throughout. It was intended to mean the same coursing order at each lead head and lead end of the plain course and not, as some construed it, the same coursing order in the interior of the lead.

The excellent letter of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd in your issue of November 9th raises the question of whether methods with irregular lead heads are prohibited since the Decisions published in your issue of October 26th make no mention of them.

The revised Decisions published on October 26th are only a portion of the Decisions included in the booklet 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' published in 1927 and now in the process of revision. On pages 21 and 22 is the Council's statement on the subject of Regular Methods and includes inter alia the following:—'The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head and lead end in the plain course.' This is, of course, a Decision of the Council no less than the others and should receive equal respect.

It will be remembered that it is only in the last year or two that peals with more than one cover bell and peals of Minor with a cover bell have been excluded from the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' because they do not conform to the Decisions of the Council. It follows, therefore, that any peal which fails to conform with any Decision of the Council must also be excluded.

I have no fear that irregular methods will be rung a great deal neither were peals with a multiplicity of cover bells or Minor with a cover bell frequently rung but we cannot admit the former and exclude the latter if we are to be logical and fair.

Added lengths. I feel this is in accord with the tradition of the Exercise. The length of a peal was fixed by the early ringers at that of the EXTENT on seven bells and I feel we should adhere to the principle of extents for peals on seven bells and under. I wonder whether Mr. Shepherd would agree to the addition of a B block at the end of a peal of Grandsire Triples for a special occasion? The principle seems to me to be the same as for Minor and Doubles. But this was not the reason which motivated Mr. J. Bray to propose the motion. His aim was to protect the Spliced Minor Records since by the addition of a plain course of Treble Bob Minor, four additional methods could be included for the extra 120 changes. The discerning would not be deceived but many others would. I supported the motion for the reason I have given.

Mr. Butler asks why the Methods Committee has not written about the peals in which Reverse Canterbury Pleasure appeared. This is the province of the Analysis Committee but I included the warning as I believe the Analysis Committee will exclude them. (May I make it clear at this juncture that any views I have expressed are not necessarily those of the Methods Committee, but my own.)

If Reverse Canterbury Pleasure or Woodbine is to be the seventh method in a peal I feel certain that a band could just as easily ring a regular method by using the knowledge they have of the other six and combining them as the following example will show:—After passing treble on the way up, ring Kent Treble Bob and after passing treble on the way in, ring Cambridge. The resultant method is Oswald Delight and the principle applies on all even numbers.

I cannot understand his dislike of little methods with the treble as hunt bell, for if used in conjunction with Alliance Methods they

add variety to Minor ringing within the Council's Decisions. I share his abhorrence of little methods with the tenor or other bell as the hunt bell, but as the Council recommends that 'for practical purposes the parting of the leads should always be understood to be when the hunt is before' (Rules and Decisions, page 27), this would mean that rounds would be in the interior of a lead if a bell other than the treble was the hunt. In view of this, I feel we are not likely to be troubled by these monstrosities and this also applies to Very Little Court (by E. Bankes James) in which the treble makes 3rds and 4ths alternately, and which is very interesting theoretically for the multiplicity of splices which it allows. By its use, 110 methods could be spliced into seven extents but wild horses will not drag the figures out of me.

As regards the bob in Kent, I would point out that it is not part of the method and need not be made when the treble leads. ('Ringing World,' October 26th, Decisions Calls, para. 1.) The late A. G. Driver and I discussed this years ago and while we agreed that it was best as it was, we had many alternatives, notably making the bobs when the treble was lying its whole pull. Apart from Kent however, the Reverse Canterbury Pleasure bob, which Mr. Butler champions, offends in this manner, also the Grandsire Doubles single.

My sympathies are with those whose 'unorthodox performances,' whether it be a multiplicity of cover bells or irregular methods, are not published in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' and I would ask all members of the Council to consider whether it would not be better to publish them in the same type as the orthodox performances under a separate heading just as handbell peals are separated. The Council could instruct its Analysis Committee to exclude them from the Analysis and each Guild could decide how to record them among its performances. The matter is not insoluble with goodwill and a desire for the good of the Exercise at large, on both sides.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(in Five Parts)

By FRED HAYES

234567

1—752634  
2—347265  
4—473  
1—524673  
S3—745236  
1—627345  
1—536427  
S1—475236  
2—364527  
5—563742  
4—635  
1—257364  
4—762

1—547362  
5—345276  
2—763524  
5—567432  
1—245367  
5—342756  
5—743625  
2—257364

1—432657  
5—634725

4—346  
1—573246  
5—275634

The whole four times repeated

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# MR. W. H. FUSSELL'S PEALS

WITH the completion of the series of articles by Mr. Ernest Morris culled from the diary of the late Mr. William H. Fussell's early ringing days it might be of interest to readers to publish his peal list which disappeared at the time of his death. Thanks to the perseverance of Mr. Leonard Stilwell, of Horsham, all Mr. Fussell's 1,151 peals have been traced and recorded.

Mr. Fussell's first peal was rung at Bicester, Oxfordshire, in 1882, and readers will recollect how he walked the 38 miles from Slough to Oxford one day and the other 15 miles or so to Bicester next morning for the attempt. When one remembers the enormous distances ringers travelled on foot in the 19th century for a practice or an attempt for a peal in a humble method, it amazes one to know that such a huge total could be amassed. It also should serve as an example to us to-day, who have change-ringing almost planted on our doorstep, or have no travelling problems to overcome.

It will be seen that Mr. Fussell was not an ardent conductor, even if a prolific peal ringer, as he conducted only 21 peals—one of Plain Bob Triples and 20 of Grandsire Triples. He was a first-class treble man and whatever else was happening during a peal the band could rest assured that the treble would be in its place and clearly struck. His list shows that he rang the treble to no less than 23 Surprise Major peals.

Although almost all his first 100 peals were of Grandsire Triples, ultimately his second greatest total was of Cambridge Major, 144 against Grandsire Triples 118, while Double Norwich headed the list with 152. He rang only seven handbell peals—four of Grandsire Triples and three of Plain Bob Major.

Mr. Fussell was probably the most travelled ringer of all time as his list of towers shows. He rang peals in 548 towers in all parts of the British Isles as well as in Australia and Tasmania. He was always proud to have been privileged to ring a peal on all three State rings of bells, viz., Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle; Imperial Institute, South Kensington; Devonport Dockyard Church. He participated in five 'William' peals—Grandsire Triples (St. Laurence's, Reading, 1885), Stedman Triples (Sunbury, 1913), London Surprise Major (St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, 1924), Stedman Caters (Isleworth, 1935) and Cambridge Surprise Major (St. Mary's, Ealing, 1936). In 1936 Mr. Fussell rang a peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, with a band all of whom rang a peal exactly two years previously at Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. Fussell's last peal in 1944 was published in the last instalment of Mr. Morris's series, but it might be of interest to single out three

more of his peals for publication with his peal list—his 'First,' his 'Thousandth' and a peal he rang with a band who were all 'thousand-pealers.'

On Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), at the Church of St. Edburg, Bicester: Job Howse 1, O. Thomas 2, W. H. Fussell 3, J. W. Washbrook 4, W. Baston 5, C. Boots 6, C. Hounslow (conductor) 7, D. Farncombe 8.

On Thursday, September 13th, 1934, on the evening before he sailed to Australia he invited seven of his dearest friends to participate in his thousandth peal in his own home tower of St. Mary's, Slough. Mr. George Martin, of Maidenhead, conducted Pitstow's peal of Superlative in 3 hours and ten minutes, the band being 1. Stilwell 1, Geo. R. Pye 2, Geo. Martin 3, W. H. Fussell 4, Frank Bennett 5, Wm. Welling 6, Harry Wingrove 7, Wm. Henley 8.

The peal in which all the band had rung 1,000 peals was rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in the City—Cambridge Major in 3 hours 16 minutes conducted by Geo. Williams. The band, with the number of peals they had rung to date was Jas. George (1,249) 1, Geo. R. Pye (1,708) 2, Wm. H. Fussell (1,055) 3, John H. Cheeseman (1,006) 4, Frank Bennett (1,350) 5, Jas. E. Davis (1,091) 6, Geo. Williams (1,397) 7, Alfred H. Pulling (1,122) 8.

Mr. Fussell's complete list of peals is as follows:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1.  
Minor.—Plain Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, Two Methods 2, Three Methods 2, Four Methods 4, Five Methods 2, Seven Methods 3, Eight Methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 118 (including 4 on handbells), Stedman 134, Oxford Bob 7, Erin 1, Plain Bob 4, Darlaston 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 61 (including 3 on handbells), Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich 152, Kent Treble Bob 79, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Cambridge Surprise 144, Superlative Surprise 124, London Surprise 48, Yorkshire Surprise 19, New Cambridge Surprise 9.

Treble to.—Ashted Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 7, Pudsey Surprise 2, Painswick Surprise 2, Lincolnshire Surprise 2, Windsor Surprise 1, Belgrave Surprise 1, Rutland Surprise 1, Chiltern Surprise 1, Norfolk Surprise 2, Melbourne Surprise 1, Newcastle Surprise 1.

Caters.—Erin 1, Grandsire 20, Stedman 78, Royal.—Plain Bob 6, Kent Treble Bob 31, Cambridge Surprise 5.

Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 44, Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 8.

Total 1,151 (conducted 21; on handbells 7) in 548 towers over a period of 62 years, with 161 conductors and four peals non-conducted.

W. B.

## 360 ERIN TRIPLES

By JAMES TOPP

Dear Sir,—Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd in his letter on page 714 refers to Erin Doubles and says that a peal in this method would be a very fine feat. Perhaps Mr. Shepherd is unaware of the fact that it is possible to obtain a 5,040 in this method which has only ordinary (Stedman) Singles. On page 272 of 'The Ringing World' he will find such a composition. I am enclosing another five-part composition of Erin Doubles which he will, no doubt, find interesting.

Although I would very much like to see a peal of these Doubles rung, I should hardly think it would be classed as an unorthodox performance if one or other (or both) of the compositions produced by myself were used.

One of the Central Council's decisions at Chester this year was that a 5,040 of Doubles should contain complete 120's or multiples of the same.—Yours sincerely, JAMES TOPP.

Frome.

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SINGLE

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24135

42513

24531

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45213

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51342 S

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14523

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25413 S

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Only first and last lead of each six used.

Only 'Stedman' Singles used.

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## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Rev. J. M. Turner's letter on the above also the several touches recently published by you, the two following may be of interest:—

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234567

2S 762453

2S 357246

2S 643725

2S 526374

2X 745632

1S 627345

2S 546732

1X 275346

1S 362475

2X 753246

1S 267453

266

234567

2S 762453

2S 357246

2S 643725

2S 526374

2X 745632

3S 357426

3X 723564

2S 467352

1X 234567

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I'm open to correction, but the 266, although a trifle unorthodox (Whittingtons at hand) is, I believe, the shortest possible containing these qualities.

Yours truly,

Beckingham, Kent.

J. BENNETT.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD Christchurch District

An interesting quarterly meeting was held at Sopley and Ringwood on November 17th. Sopley Church possesses five bells and the 20 odd members who turned up on a boisterous and wet afternoon enjoyed ringing them in various and unfamiliar Doubles methods. After tea in Ringwood Mr. David Reed presided at the business meeting in the belfry of Ringwood Church.

The annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, January 26th, at Christchurch, an arrangement which the Vicar of Christchurch, Canon R. P. Price, has been pleased to confirm. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of Sopley and Ringwood for the use of the bells. Ringing at Ringwood continued until 8.30 p.m. in most standard methods and Surprise Major.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Bristol Rural Branch

The last meeting of this year was held at the six-bell Church of St. Barnabas, Warmley, on November 24th where from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. the bells were rung in various methods.

Preb. Francis, the new Vicar of Warmley, conducted the Association service and gave an interesting address.

The business meeting, which followed tea, commenced with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair. He mentioned how impressed he was at an attendance of about 50 on such a wet, inclement day.

Details of the branch social—on January 19th, at Henbury—were announced to members, and Preb. and Mrs. Francis welcomed into the Association as honorary members. Appreciation was expressed to the Vicar, the organist Mr. Turner and the ladies for all the work put in.

N. D.



**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: 1. Briggs 1, S. Jessop 2, A. Freeston 3, F. Dewey 4, D. White 5, J. Petch 6, R. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to S. Jessop.

**Bourn, Cambs.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Pepper 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, C. W. Cook 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, W. J. Ridgeman 6, J. Gipson 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

**Bowden, Cheshire.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Beecroft 1, J. A. Brown 2, N. A. Brown 3, L. C. Wightman 4, R. Parker 5, A. J. Brown 6, D. Vincent 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

**Bredbury, Cheshire.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Robinson 1, F. S. Dodd 2, F. Dyson 3, H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, A. S. Gordon 5, Miss Beryl Waugh 6. First quarter of Doubles on the bells and for all the band.

**Buckerell, Devon.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marina Broadhurst 1, R. M. Broadhurst 2, R. C. Collins 3, J. Broadhurst 4, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Chappell 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

**Burton Latimer, Northants.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stretton (first quarter) 1, F. Hendry 2, Miss J. Walklate 3, C. Everett 4, G. Watson 5, B. Cope 6, H. Turner 7. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3 and 4. A farewell to R. Stretton before going abroad with H.M.F.

**Camberwell, London.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 1, J. Bullock 2, E. T. Beauchamp 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Outley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8. Rung for the final service of a 12-day mission to the parish.

**Cambridge.**—At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Nov. 21st, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, C. W. Cook 2, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 3, T. R. Dennis 4, C. A. Hurst 5, J. G. Gipson 6, H. L. Martin 7, J. W. R. Quinney 8. First quarter in the method for 5, 7 and 8.

**Cardington, Beds.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Kitchener (first quarter) 1, J. B. Long 2, A. Butcher (first quarter of Doubles) 3, A. Smith 4, B. Pattison (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Bridges 6.

**Clapham Common, London.**—On Nov. 25th, at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. Richards 1, Miss B. Harris 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, J. A. Hales 4, B. A. Richards 5, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, C. H. Wood 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8.

**Crewkerne, Somerset.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Pike 1, E. Atyeo 2, H. W. Pearce 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, R. Selway 5, A. Atyeo 6, A. Dyer 7, H. Pike 8.

**Dalton-in-Furness, Lancs.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, J. Askew 3, N. M. Newby (cond.) 4, J. Bagnall 5, J. E. Burles 6, T. Metcalfe 7, V. Forshaw 8. Rung for the christening of the son of the Rev. C. F. Cardale (Vicar) and Mrs. Cardale.

**Hertford, Herts.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Dore 1, T. J. Lock 2, J. Kemp 3, P. J. Coward 4, A. S. Carter 5, G. W. Slack 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung for the engagement of Raymond Wingate and Mary Kemp.

**Holywell, Hunts.**—On Nov. 17th, 4,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wylmer 1, O. Norman 2, P. Rose 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, J. Parish 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Nola Huggins and Capt. James Michelli, of Gloucester.

## LATE NOTICES

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fortieth anniversary of the Biggleswade District. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9910

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, December 15th. Bells: Watermoor (8). Cirencester (12) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Cirencester after tea. Names, by 13th, to E. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, Cirencester. 9912

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, December 22nd, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9909

## QUARTER PEALS

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cummings 1, B. R. Cummings 2, D. K. Lane 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wood (first quarter) 1, B. R. Cummings 2, D. K. Lane 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

**LEWES, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 18th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: P. Best 1, R. C. Hide 2, E. Gower 3, H. S. James 4, G. Beeny 5, F. J. Cress 6, G. P. Elphick 7, F. A. Dallaway 8, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 9, J. Wilmshurst 10. First quarter in the method for 1, 5, 6 and 10.

**Lois Weedon, Northants.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): W. Yates 1, A. H. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 5, R. W. C. Hinton 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. W. G. Hinton. Also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Busby.

**LONDON, S.E.**—On Nov. 11th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Bullock 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Outley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Panting 1, R. G. Turner (first quarter) 2, M. Elizabeth Roe 3, M. Slaney 4, P. Border 5, J. Homfrey 6. Unconducted.

**Pangbourne, Berks.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. E. Slade 1, G. Clarke (first quarter) 2, W. D. Short 3, C. H. Ward 4, G. J. Hearn (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. W. Clarke, aged 72, who loved bells and ringing, but ill health had kept him from ringing for a number of years.

**Piddlehinton, Dorset.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris M. Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, B. Cheeseman (first 'inside') 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, T. Jeanes 6.

**Rhyl, Flintshire.**—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Davies 1, Joan Griffiths 2, J. P. Griffiths 3, Geo. Wilson 4, P. Hanley 5, L. J. Evans (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Griffiths.

**Ringwood, Hants.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Parker (first quarter) 1, Joan M. Gray 2, R. Sherman 3, R. E. Tiller 4, J. Hartless (first as cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. E. Cheater 7, D. R. Reed 8. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Sherman 1, Joan M. Gray (first of Major) 2, W. Shute 3, R. E. Tiller 4, J. Hartless 5, D. R. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater 7, R. N. Marlow (first of Major as cond.) 8.

**Romford, Essex.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**Rugeley, Staffs.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Dunstan's and 780 Grandsire): B. J. Townsend 1, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 2, —. Sear 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. Fox 5, A. Harding 6. Rung for Confirmation Service, at which one member and three pupils of the local band were confirmed.

**Salford, Lancs.**—At the Sacred Trinity Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Parry 1, B. Harris (25th quarter) 2, W. L. Robinson 3, E. Nixon 4, D. Ogden 5, P. P. Carter (first quarter in the method as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day and St. Martin.

**Seend, Wilts.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Ludlow 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, R. Pearce 3, L. G. Cave 4, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 5, A. G. Moore 6. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 4.

**Southwold, Suffolk.**—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Thompson (first quarter) 1, E. G. Grindell (80) 2, R. S. Payne 3, W. Kerrison 4, C. Ainger 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**Stafford.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. B. Garbett 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, P. Fisher 5, J. Warrilow 6, C. Hone 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. E. Manton 9, H. Slinn 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 9.

**Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, Miss W. Hunt 4, H. Smith 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

**Wandsworth, S.W.18.**—At Holy Trinity, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, Miss D. Lidbetter 4, R. E. Deal 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. A birthday compliment to H. M. Page.

**Yetminster, Dorset.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Bennett (first quarter) 1, Margaret Baker 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, F. Preedy (cond.) 4, C. Vowles 5, J. Ellis 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. M. M. Godley.

## NOTICES

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### BIRTH

**COOK.**—On November 25th, 1951, to Molly, wife of Arthur Doeg, the gift of a son. 9882

### DEATH

**BAILEY.**—At Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital on December 1st, 1951, Charles Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk. 9911

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Nominations and Notices of Motion in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules should be forwarded to me before February 1st, 1952.—Robert C. Heazel, The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 9880

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.**—A page has been reserved in the issue of December 21st for personal Christmas greetings of ringers to their friends. The charge is 3s. for 30 words. Closing date December 17th.



## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Annual, Dunster, December 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea at Memorial Hall 4.45.—G. Stacey, Park Street, Minchhead.

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Cottingham on December 8th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. J. Mason, Woods Lane, Cottingham. 9904

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Ilkeston, Saturday, December 8th. Meeting 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shaw.—D. R. Carlisle, Hon. Sec. 9832

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 8th. 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 9877

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst (8), December 8th. Tea opposite church. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 9846

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Fulbourn, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9859

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9824

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, December 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. The new Guild service as arranged between Norwich and Guildford Guilds will be used for the first time.—G. S. Joyce. 9834

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9875

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9818

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A social meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing during afternoon, from 2.30 p.m., at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., to be followed by social evening. Tickets, including tea and refreshments, price 2s. 6d.—B. J. Luck. 9819

**LADIES GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting on December 8th at St. Mary's, Lewisham (8). Ringing 3 till 8 p.m. Tea at Lyons.—Miss M. F. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 9873

**LADIES GUILD.**—North West District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 8th, at St. Michael's, Flixton, Lancashire. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Frances M. Laffin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 9870

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Bells of St. Mary's, Hornsea, also available 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 9887

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ilfley, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m.—M. R. Cross. 9865

**SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—The Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris, M.A., will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. 9848

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 6—9 p.m. 9843

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, December 8th. St. Mary's bells (8) at 3 p.m. Norman tower (10). Tea 5 p.m. Send names for tea, by 7th, to W. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 9842

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Blythburgh, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. S. Payne. 9844

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, December 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 9853

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual, St. James's, Taunton, December 15th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Names for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9897

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bromborough (8), December 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9908

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Ringing, Cathedral, 6.30 p.m. Names, by December 12th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9798

**DUDLEY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers by December 11th, please, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9847

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. James's, Benwell, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 12th, to Geo. Carse, 51, Lanercost Drive, Fenham, Newcastle 5. 9883

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, December 15th, quarterly meeting, North Wingfield (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, not later than Wednesday, December 12th. Mrs. W. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. 9906

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Cottenham (6), December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also, please note A.G.M., Ely, January 5th.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9892

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by December 13th, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 9885

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Stroud, December 15th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service. Names by December 11th.—T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 9884

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—Dedication of new tenor bell on December 15th by the Archdeacon of Southend. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Buses leave Maldon 1.40 p.m., return 4.35, 6.5 and 10.5 p.m. Light refreshments after service. 9893

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Oxhey (8), Saturday, December 15th, 3. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9886

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, December 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 9858

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Upchurch (6) on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me by Wednesday, December 12th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9891

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (free) and meeting 5 p.m. Names to W. Aaron, 40, Howarth Street, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9891

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 9905

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Manchester Cathedral, December 15th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9907

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting Radcliffe, Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5. Cups of tea; own food. All ringers welcome. 9888

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Thurcaston (8), December 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by December 12th, to F. Bindley, 31, Mill Road, Thurcaston.—J. R. Smith. 9901

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden (5), Saturday, December 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, Village Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9894

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Mountsorrel, December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5 o'clock. Names, by Wednesday, 12th, to R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough.—W. Swan. 9900

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Rippingale, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Grand tea provided, so do not forget your card by Monday, December 10th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9860

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 15th, All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 5 p.m. Business and further ringing 6.30.—A. Boyack, Wanstead 1575. 9902

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Saturday December 15th. Ringing at Hadleigh from 2.45. Tea at White Lion, Hintlesham. Bells after tea. Frequent bus service. Names for tea, by the 9th, to Mr. M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 9890

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, December 15th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after. Nominations for officers for 1952 at this meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, December 13th, to Miss Mayers, Avondale, Church Road, South Park, Reigate. 9898

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, West Tarring (6), December 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by December 12th, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Boynor Regis. 9889

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Liversedge, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea —apply, before December 12th, to F. Hodgson 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—Wm. Ambler Hon. Dis. Sec. 9839

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. After tea. Cambridge practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9896

**SOUTHWELL GUILD** Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 19th, Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham. 6.30. Tickets 10s. each from District secretaries or from Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. 9899

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.** — 'Coming of Age' Celebration Dinner at Leicester, Saturday, January 26th, 1952, 6 p.m., St. Philip's Hall, Evington Road. Tickets 10s. 6d., from C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Qadby Road, Wigston Magna. Early application, with remittance, advised. No tickets after Wednesday, January 16th. Ringing arrangements later. 9851

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## SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

**W**HAT is the condition of Sunday service ringing to-day? In some places no doubt a high standard is aimed at and sometimes achieved, but very often, one feels, we could do much better. We are certainly not without a good example in this matter. If the standard of service ringing in all places were as high as at St. Paul's Cathedral we would have little to worry about. In spite of post-war difficulties and the advance of anno domini the bells of St. Paul's ring out twice on a Sunday, not to some fantastic Maximus method, but to a carefully timed touch of Stedman Cinques. The ringing starts on time and finishes on time; the middle six are lowered in a dignified manner, not hurried or scrambled, and there is sufficient time left for the mighty tenor to be tolled in. The public and the congregation know what to expect and they are not disappointed.

In contrast to this one finds, too often, that Sunday ringing is regarded as just another practice. No thought is given to the possibility of a touch breaking down because the method is too ambitious for the band. Such touches must indeed be attempted—progress lies that way—but not on Sunday morning. Far better is it to ring a touch in a simple method, better still call changes if the ringers are not sufficiently advanced, than to run the risk of bad striking.

What practical suggestions can be made to improve Sunday service ringing? The first need, of course, is an awareness on the part of all ringers that by and large a deplorable situation exists and to inculcate a general desire to bring about an improvement. It would appear that most ringers are satisfied with the present state of affairs or improvement would be spontaneous.

Given the desire to improve, the next essential is better time-keeping. A definite time, preferably at least three-quarters of an hour before the service, should be arranged and known to all. When two services are held on Sunday morning with only a short interval between it is far better to ring for the first one than to scramble the bells up at the end of the first service and restrict the ringing for the second service. This may mean breaking a long-standing

custom of the ringers, but the church also probably broke a long-standing custom when the earlier service was instituted, and in matters of service ringing it is for the ringers to consider the church and not vice versa.

Then comes the question of raising the bells. Skill in raising in peal varies in different parts of the country. This should only be attempted on Sundays when the band is fully capable of doing it properly, and in many instances it is better not attempted. If the bells are to be raised singly they should be raised in the right order—treble to tenor or tenor to treble. Given better time-keeping all the ringers would be present at the start and it would be known how many bells to raise—there is no need to raise eight bells for only six ringers.

The first touch should be something of which the less expert members of the band are capable—call changes if they cannot manage a method. If they cannot handle a bell properly they should not take part in the Sunday ringing at all except in the direst cases of lack of manpower. The first touch should always finish at exactly the same time so that local people learn to set their watches by it. The following interval also should be strictly timed and not a period varied to suit the length of the captain's reminiscences. The last touch should be the best that the band can possibly muster in a method well within the capabilities of the weakest ringer and again should finish strictly to time. The bells should be lowered in time for a proper toll-in—on the tenor for preference unless local custom decrees otherwise.

In a forty-five minute period in which the bells are to be raised and lowered and the tolling-in fittingly done there is only time for two decent touches, and it is a bad custom to fit in more touches for the benefit of latecomers who should not be considered anyway. Quarter peals on Sundays should only be rung at definite intervals or on special occasions, just as the choir would ring an anthem. A quarter peal on Sunday for anything not connected with the church is indefensible, and nothing could be more incongruous than 'Rung for Confirmation service and the tenor ringer's birthday.'

Many readers may regard this article as a trip to Utopia, but the writer owes much to a 'stoney' tower where, in its heyday, change ringers could have learned a great deal about the dignity of Sunday service ringing. P. A. C.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Treble	*ROLAND PARK .. .. 7
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE .. .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
JOHN HILL .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus. 50th Surprise peal this year by the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 11
HERBERT LANGDON .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	†WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 7
*AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 2	†FRANCIS KIRK .. .. 8
DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 3	HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 9
*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 4	†FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 10
†REGINALD W. DARVILL.. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.. 11
†HERBERT G. MASON .. 6	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTT.

Conducted by THOMAS T. J. SOUTHAM.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve as conductor. First peal on twelve bells by a St. Albans band. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus for the Association by a band resident in the county.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

No. 3 Version.	
PETER LAELIN .. .. Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells and in the county of Yorkshire. First peal of London Surprise Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and Mr. Alfred Barnes, of Reddish, Stockport.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 ar. 11 lb.

*MRS. S. H. JONES .. Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 6
†ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 2	JACK BAILEY .. .. 7
*WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	*MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 8
*DAVID MARSHALL .. 4	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 9
†JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5	†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

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

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR DAY .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.. 7
*MISS M. PROCKSON .. 3	HAROLD P. BURTON .. 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 9
A. RONALD LING .. .. 5	RICHARD KENDALL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*CLARE J. BILLEN .. Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 5
†C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO 2	†LEONARD G. TOOKE .. 6
EILEEN BRACEY .. .. 3	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 7
†FRANK C. ARNOLD .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

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

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Taylor's Six-part.	
CLAUDE CORDEROY .. Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 5
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 3	HAROLD G. ALDRIDGE .. 7
CHARLES B. ALDRIDGE .. 4	CECIL CORDEROY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. J. Siderfin.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*MARY FULLER .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal on eight bells.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CROFT .. 5
LEONARD FIDLER .. .. 2	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 6
*PETER W. CROFT .. .. 3	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 7
GEORGE CHERRY .. .. 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. H. F. Webb-Bowen to commemorate their 25 years in Barkway. Also a birthday compliment to the Vicar and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bysouth on their silver wedding.



### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 5
†H. E. ALLUM .. 2	*GRANHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 6
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
†ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	†HERBERT G. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.  
\* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Triples.

### PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
*MARJORIE BROWN .. Treble	RAYMOND JOHNSON .. 5
NORMAN TOMKINS .. 2	ALAN WARD .. 6
*GEOFFREY TAYLOR .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. Conductor's 350th peal. To celebrate the rededication of the Manchester Regiment's Chapel in Manchester Cathedral; also the birth of a son (Peter) to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

### ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT .. Treble	JOHN PAGETT .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	*ALFRED GLAZZARD .. 6
*GERALD BOWEN .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING .. 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal of Major.

### SEFTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LESTER GRAY .. Treble	JOHN ROBERTS .. 5
*THOMAS R. BUTLER .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. G. R. Newton.

### CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
DENNIS BERESFORD .. Treble	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 5
*JUNE BRINDLEY .. 2	†WALTER J. COPE .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 7
PETER BERESFORD .. 4	*MARK N. CULLING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. Chapman, wife of Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Luke's.

### FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.  
The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

### CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

#### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. (7th observation).	Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
*LEONARD J. MULLER .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 6
†A. RYAN PRICE .. 3	WILLIAM DARE .. 7
HAROLD C. CASSEL .. 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN STERRY .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 2	HENRY HUBBLE .. 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL .. 4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.  
Rung for the patronal festival. The 121st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

### SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

PETER ANGER .. Treble	MARIE R. CROSS .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS .. 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
Rung on the feast of St. Andrew. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

### BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
ROY K. MOWFORTH .. Treble	ROGER HAWKESWORTH .. 5
*BENJAMIN T. CHEADLE .. 2	*EDMUND MALIN .. 6
*ROY BASTONE .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
†CHARLES S. A. HONE .. 4	*JOSEPH W. WARD .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

### CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.



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### CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RONALD J. SANDERSON .. Treble	F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 5
DAVID G. JACKSON .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
*DOREEN SMYTHE .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	GIBSON JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' A farewell peal to Mr. S. Harrison, a ringer at this church for 35 years, who is leaving the district.

### EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

IREDA OLDERSHAW .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 5
*FRANK TAYLOR .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 6
†W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. 7
†WM. B. DAWSON .. 4	†HORACE BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* 75th peal. † First peal in the method.

### KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	PETER ANGER .. 6
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (No. 172). Conducted by A. R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. Rung within the octave of the feast of St. Andrew.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	JOHN HILL .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

### MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. 5
*JOAN M. GRAY .. 2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	DAVID R. REED .. 7
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

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

### OAKHAM, RUTLAND. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 5
†J. HARRY COOK .. 2	REGINALD SCOTT .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. 3	†RONALD HILL .. 7
†FREDERICK J. STIMSON .. 4	†GEORGE H. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major in the method.  
† First peal. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Edgar Higgs, captain of Oakham tower.

### UFFORD, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
*PATRICIA CLARKE .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER .. 6
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

\* First peal of Major.

### HENLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL PIZZEY .. Treble	†DOUGLAS COLLINS .. 5
†ROBERT LESTER .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 6
DEREK WOODWARD .. 3	†GEOFFREY F. PAGE .. 7
RONALD STEWARD .. 4	†MAX P. PAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.  
First peal of Major as conductor.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### OAKLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALBERT LAWES .. Treble	LEWIS J. BATLEY .. 4
*BARBARA FILBY .. 2	ROBERT PLUMMER .. 5
†CHARLES BROWN .. 3	GEORGE C. FILBY .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS J. BATLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

### DENFORD, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

LESLIE GROOM .. Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 4
BRYAN S. COPE .. 2	HARRY RICHARDSON .. 5
GEORGE W. JEFFES .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* 100th peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years and the first in seven methods. In memoriam the Rev. F. H. Lang, former Rector of Twywell, chairman of Thrapston branch, 1923-1940, and a vice-president of the Guild. His funeral took place this day at Twywell.

### NORTH CAVE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in G.

LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK .. 4
HENRY RODMELL .. 2	†JOHN G. HOBSON .. 5
*RONALD DUCKER .. 3	CHARLES BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.

### BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN

Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob and 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

BRO. RUSSELL W. CURSON (Gurney Lodge) .. Treble	
BRO. HERBERT C. BOGGIS (Perseverance Lodge) .. 2	
BRO. ROBERT E. LESTER (Perseverance Lodge) .. 3	
P.M. LIONEL A. LESTER (Perseverance Lodge) .. 4	
P.M. REGINALD H. DRANE (Perseverance Lodge) .. 5	
BRO. H. WILLIAM BARRETT (Feeling Heart Lodge) .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

First peal by six members of M.U.I.O.O. for Norwich Association.  
A silver wedding compliment to ringer of 5th and Mrs. O. M. Drane.



## MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. 28, 29, 34, 48, 49, 50, 51). Tenor 7 cwt.  
 \*KATHLEEN PROCTOR .. Treble | DENNIS ALLSOPP .. .. 4.  
 MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5  
 †PETER J. THOMAS .. .. 3 | PETER HALLAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER HALLAM.

\* First peal of Bob Minor on treble. † First peal 'inside' of Bob Minor.

## SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.  
 FREDERICK C. JOHNSON .. Treble | \*H. JOHN LARWOOD .. .. 4  
 ALBERT E. DIXON .. 2 | PETER J. WOODCOCK .. .. 5  
 \*IRENE M. TAYLOR .. 3 | GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

\* First peal. A farewell to the ringer of the fifth on joining the R.A.F. All members of local company except tenor ringer.

## STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.  
 PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble | DENNIS KNOX .. .. 4  
 J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 2 | ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 5  
 JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 3 | CLIFFORD W. IZZARD .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung on St. Clement's Day and for Stagdsen Feast.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

REV. F. F. RIGBY .. .. Treble | ERIC NIXON .. .. 4  
 \*PETER E. PARRY .. .. 2 | DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5  
 \*PHILIP P. CARTER .. .. 3 | BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung in memory of Mrs. W. Ogden, grandmother of the conductor.

## BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

\*KENNETH EDWARDS .. Treble | RONALD A. POCKLINGTON.. 4  
 JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 2 | WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND.. 5  
 GORDON HALLS .. .. 3 | JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the patronal festival of this church.

## CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Treble | FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 4  
 GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2 | \*WILFRED RILEY .. .. 5  
 HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in three methods. Fastest peal on the bells.



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STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.  
Cecil T. Clarke .. .. Treble | Frederick W. Sweet .. 4  
Arthur H. Reed .. .. 2 | William G. Gigg .. .. 5  
Ronald D. Short .. .. 3 | Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

\*Anne Holmes .. .. Treble | †Michael Fuller .. .. 4  
Hildegard I. G. Bird .. 2 | John E. Cannell .. .. 5  
\*Mary Fuller .. .. 3 | Ralph Bird .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 11 cwt.  
Leonard E. A. Davies .. Treble | Albert E. Jones .. .. 4  
Thomas W. Nash .. .. 2 | Arthur C. Nason .. .. 5  
Hubert Jones .. .. 3 | William Nason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Nason. Mr. Nason has been a member of Ludlow tower for 50 years.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Fred Ingall .. .. Treble | Peter Mason .. .. 4  
Evelyn M. Wright .. .. 2 | Ronald Applewhite .. 5  
Donald H. Mettem .. 3 | W. Robert Parker .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

Rung to welcome the Rev. P. H. S. Raine, Rector of Blankney.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

\*M. Wright .. .. Treble | W. Swain .. .. 4  
E. G. Holdgate .. .. 2 | E. J. Sterland .. .. 5  
H. Franklin .. .. 3 | P. H. Wright .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. STERLAND.

\* First peal. Best wishes to the conductor on joining the R.A.F.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby and Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Arthur Champion .. Treble | Eric Stainrod .. .. 4  
\*Raymond Crossland .. 2 | Herman Rusby .. .. 5  
Roy Brogan .. .. 3 | Noel F. Moxon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Double Court, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4 and 5) Combined Kent and Oxford, (6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Joseph Wm. Cotton .. Treble | \*William Thornley, Jun. 4  
Ernest Morris .. .. 2 | John E. Cook .. .. 5  
\*Winifred M. Burton .. 3 | Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and eight 120's and one 240 of Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Raymond Winter .. Treble | Geoffrey Gammon .. 4  
Jean Tattersall .. .. 2 | Claude Tarr .. .. 5  
William Slocombe .. 3 | Harry Commins .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

First peal in five methods by all.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

Ronald Steward .. Treble | Robert E. Lester .. 4  
\*Douglas Collins .. .. 2 | †Max P. Page .. .. 5  
Geoffrey F. Page .. 3 | Garnham A. Blaxcell .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal in six methods. † 25th peal for the Guild

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, St. Simons, Lynsham, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Leonards, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Gordon C. Herd .. Treble | \*William Butler .. 4  
\*Brian Taylor .. .. 2 | David H. Pearce .. 5  
Reginald L. Sills .. 3 | Geoffrey W. Ashdown Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* 20th peal together. First peal in 21 methods by all and on the bells. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

BLEDLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (eight callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*Allan Plumridge .. Treble | †John Hunt .. .. 3  
Aubrey J. Seymour .. 2 | Allan Strathdee .. 4  
\*Richard Witney .. .. Tenor

Conducted by AUBREY J. SEYMOUR.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by all local men. Rung as a thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery and as a farewell to the ringer of the tenor, who leaves for service in Germany; also compliments to the oldest inhabitant, a regular churchworker, on her 94th birthday, and birthday compliments to the Right Hon. Lord Carrington's son and heir.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*David T. North .. Treble | Harry Purchase .. 4  
Arthur H. Reed .. .. 2 | George Sparkes .. 5  
Claude Tarr .. .. 3 | William G. Gigg .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

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



## SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble | LEWIS HENSTOCK .. .. 3

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2 | FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4

CLARENCE BRIGGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

In THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF 5220 SPLICED ROYAL

Consisting of 2,880 Plain Bob, 312 Little Bob, 468 Medium Bob, 780 St. Clement's Bob, and 780 Ashbourne College (five methods), with 195 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1-2 | MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. 5-6

M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. 3-4 | \*JOHN GUY .. .. 7-8

†FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

Umpire: PETER BORDER, who checked the coursing order throughout.

\* First peal of Royal and first peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spiced. First peal of Spliced Royal by the whole band and for the Society. The greatest number of methods yet spliced in a peal of Royal.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

At SALTLEY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3-4

\*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 110, NOEL STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

\*BRIAN BUSWELL .. .. 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 7-8

Holt's Original. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Triples and in the method.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. 1-2 | \*ROY C. HURST .. .. 7-8

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | \*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 9-10

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6 | \*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 11-12

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

\* First peal on twelve bells. First of Maximus in Bournemouth, and may be for the Guild, 'in hand.'

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

In ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 16 in B.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 1-2 | FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 7-8

FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3-4 | HARRY POYNER .. .. 9-10

ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5-6 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At 110, NOEL STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

\*BRIAN BUSWELL .. .. 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. 7-8

FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

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Memories of the Austra-  
lian tour of 1934 are still  
fresh. Mr. and Mrs. A.  
Pedder, of New Town, Hobart, write enquiring  
the address of Mr. G. Martin, who was one of  
the tourists.

An extended appreciation of Mr. C. F. Bailey's  
services to ringing will appear in our next issue.

Our next issue will contain a Christmas mes-  
sage by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of  
St. Michael's, Southampton, and Kewsett's  
Christmas Quiz.

Those interested in spliced ringing will be  
pleased to hear that Mr. J. P. Fidler, who took  
a prominent part in the development of this  
absorbing section of ringing, has written a  
special article on the history of spliced ringing.  
This we hope to publish at an early date.

In reply to the comment on his front page  
article, 'Rebellion,' P. A. C. writes: 'It's a  
good job the Lord Protector is not on the  
Central Council. It would be very depressing  
to have to sit round in silence all day on Whit  
Tuesday looking at that awful wart on his nose!'

Mr. Peter G. Parrott, whose home tower is  
St. John's, Deptford, but who also spent two  
years at St. Helens and a year at Ipswich, is  
studying American Production technique at the  
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena,  
California. He is anxious to get hold of two  
gramophone records which do justice to Eng-  
lish ringing. His address is 1571, Oakdale  
Street, Pasadena 4, California, U.S.A.

Liverpool is to have another ring of twelve.  
A faculty has been granted for the recasting and  
re-hanging of the bells of Liverpool Parish  
Church, which was destroyed by enemy action  
in 1941. The new church is rapidly approach-  
ing completion and it is hoped the bells will be  
hung in time to be consecrated at the same time  
as the church.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

All postal subscribers  
will this week receive a  
subscription reminder for  
1952. Mr. Jeater has already received 300 re-  
newals. We trust that those subscribers who  
have paid will accept our apology for receiving a  
reminder slip. To separate would entail much  
work.

Christmas Greetings will be featured in our  
next issue. The charge is 3s. for 30 words.

Farnham District of the Guildford Guild  
propose to start a class for training ringing  
masters.

The peal recorded in our last issue at Long  
Buckby was 5,040 Doubles and not 5,040 Grand-  
sire Doubles as printed.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Cam-  
bridge Surprise Major at St. Mary-within-the-  
Walls, Chester, on November 16th, was Mr.  
Harry W. Howard.

The Oddfellows' peal at Bergh Apton, Nor-  
folk, on November 18th, was arranged by Mr.  
Lionel A. Lester. The band wish to thank him  
and Mrs. Lester for kindly entertaining them  
to tea.

Peals are rare at Denford, Northants, the last  
previous to the peal on November 15th being  
24 years ago. Ringing the 2 cwt. treble, a very  
difficult bell, was Mr. Leslie Groom, whose  
last peal was one of Keht Treble Bob Major  
which he conducted from the 25½ cwt. Oundle  
tenor on April 7th, 1934.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston and other correspon-  
dents write that 'A Ringer's Prayer' that Mr.  
Stuart Worth submitted to us was the hymn.  
'Go, when the morning shineth,' that appears  
in 'The Church Hymnal for the Christian Year.'  
and according to the footnote, was written by  
Mrs. Jane C. Simpson and appeared in the  
'Edinburgh Literary Journal,' 1831, and in  
'Lyra Britannica' 1867.

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# WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S DINNER

## Memories of Early Stalwarts

**E**ACH year the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association shows a steady increase in the numbers attending and on Saturday, October 27th, a company of 140 assembled at the Guildhall, Worcester, under the genial chairmanship of the president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester. Supporting him were the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, Rector of All Saints', the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Holt.

Among the visitors present were:—Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tyler (Bristol), Mr. S. Jones (Newport), Messrs. F. C. Lyne and R. C. Chapman (Stratford-on-Avon). Apologies were received from The Mayor of Worcester, the Rev. J. M. Wayle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman, Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. L. Evans (Eardisland), Miss F. Raybould (Cradley), Mr. F. Greenhall and the Halesowen band, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wilson (Beoley), Mr. B. C. Ashford (Clent), Mr. R. Savory (Badsey) and Mr. G. J. Lewis (Powick).

Following an excellent dinner, the 'Loyal Toast' was honoured on the call of the chairman and Mr. J. D. Johnson proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' 'So many speakers,' he said, 'looked upon this toast as an opportunity to criticise the clergy, erroneously considering them as the Church, quite forgetting they were all part of that Church. He suggested that for a change they might look at themselves and consider how much more they could do towards solving the present problems of the Church. They, as ringers, had obligations which they did do their best to honour, but they also had tremendous privileges the like of which were not granted to any other body of Church workers, and he reminded them that these privileges were granted entirely by the goodwill of the clergy. He referred to a recent statement in 'The Ringing World' where a clergyman from abroad was reported as expressing the opinion that in this country either the clergy were afraid of the laity, or the laity of the clergy. He would have liked to invite that gentleman to Worcestershire where relations between the two were invariably of the happiest.

The Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, who for several years has so cordially welcomed the Association for its annual meeting service at All Saints', replied. Calling on his wide experience of life in Nigeria, he gave instances of the uses to which bells are put in Africa; their use as clocks, and, among the natives, as a summons to family prayer. The natives would save for years in order to buy a single bell for their church, and in the meantime various instruments such as drums and tom-toms were used as substitutes. But there was no country in the world to emulate the skill of British ringers. The ringers were the partners of the priest, and the Church owed a debt of gratitude to generations of ringers. He himself felt especially thankful that they had recently been able to rehang the bells at All Saints', and he was grateful to Mr. T. W. Lewis for his work in teaching a new band.

## THE MISSION: CHURCH'S GRATITUDE

At this point the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, who was also organising secretary of the recent Diocesan Mission, said he wished to say a word of real gratitude to the Association for the close co-operation with the Mission which resulted, among other ringing, in six peals and ten quarter peals being rung. It was a grand example of the co-operation of clergy and laity—the Church—a co-operation which would result in the extension of the Gospel outside.

Introducing Mr. A. Walker (Master of St. Martin's Guild), the chairman said it gave him particular pleasure and was very appropriate since the Rector of St. Martin's had been preaching at the Cathedral in connection with the Mission. In proposing the toast 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. Walker thanked the Dean for his kind remarks and said he also brought with him a message of kind regards and greetings from the Rector of St. Martin's. He had very happy memories of the early stalwarts of the Association—J. Barber, W. Barber, who had called his (the speaker's) first peal of Stedman Caters 53 years ago, W. Short, who had called the then record 11,111 Stedman Cinques. All these came from Clent and Worcester's loss had been Birmingham's gain. Then there were T. Salter, R. Matthews, A. E. Parsons, at whose home the first handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques for the Association were rung. J. Hemming—how proud he would have been of the new ring of twelve at Evesham, which should be such a useful addition to the Association. All these had passed on but they still had with them J. R. Newman (a former general secretary) and W. Ranford (82 years young and still going strong); and coming to the present generation, the Master (C. Skidmore), whom he wished a successful term of office, their present secretary and Mr. S. T. Holt. It was to men of such calibre that the Association owed its prosperity.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S FRIENDSHIP

Mr. S. T. Holt, replying, said they must feel honoured by the glowing account of past and present members and the high esteem in which the Association was held. They were fortunate in having as near neighbours the St. Martin's Guild for there was one occasion in his own early ringing career which stood out in his memory above all others—that when he heard twelve bells rung for the first time and the bells were manned by the St. Martin's band. They were grateful too for the help of St. Martin's on their periodical Sunday evening visits to Worcester Cathedral. The Association was doing its best to keep the towers fully manned but more recruits for the belfries were

always needed. He concluded by wishing success to the Bishop's Mission.

Proposing 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. C. Skidmore said it was both a privilege and pleasure to extend a welcome to their visitors that night. He trusted they would spend a happy evening and would come to look on the Worcestershire dinner as an annual event—and bring with them even more friends. It was part of their British heritage to make friends. Mr. Skidmore went on to give examples of the welcome he, personally, had received on his visits to Manchester and London to Police Guild meetings and wished to assure them that the Worcestershire welcome was equally cordial and sincere.

Replying for the visitors, Mr. A. M. Tyler thanked the Association and said he could perhaps claim some minor distinction in common with Mr. Walker. He recalled with pride that his own first peal—Stedman Cinques—had been rung with a Worcestershire band and conducted by their secretary and he believed eight of the band were in the room that evening. He was glad to be able to renew friendship with them after a lapse of some 15 years. He was always impressed by the welcome extended in every tower to visiting ringers and stressed that happy relations between Associations were essential to the art.

The toast list concluded with 'The Chairman' accompanied by musical honours rendered in no uncertain manner, and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Following the innovation of recent years, the entertainment was kept as a separate programme with Messrs. D. H. Watson and T. W. Lewis as M.C.'s and Mr. L. Bedenham as accompanist. Selections of popular airs and their spectacular 'rise and fall' were provided by the Brierley Hill handbell band; songs, all well received, were given by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, W. C. Dowding and H. Homans; and a course of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, A. M. Tyler 7-8 and J. Thomas 9-10.

It may be of interest to members and friends to know that, before leaving, the secretary booked the Guildhall for the next dinner for Saturday, October 25th, 1952!

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, 1911

### ODD CHANGES

The Middlesex Association have been in luck's way, so to speak. They had the use of a 12-bell tower in London on each of the last three successive Saturdays—and scored a peal of Stedman Cinques each time, at Southwark, Cripplegate and Cornhill.

The Ancient Society of College Youths made a good attempt for Cambridge Maximus last Saturday at St. Saviour's, Southwark, but the peal came to grief just after two hours' good ringing.

[This would have been the first peal of Cambridge 12 in London. It was successfully accomplished in Southwark in March 1912, conducted by the present secretary of the College Youths, Mr. Alfred B. Peck. Peals of Cambridge Maximus were few and far between in those days—and still are, so far as the London area is concerned.]

The first quarter peal on the Cathedral bells by the Truro Diocesan Guild was rung on Tuesday week. It was 1,260 of Grandsire Triples on the back eight and occupied 50 minutes. The tenor is 33½ cwt. E. Ham 1, F. Michell 2, H. C. Harris 3, W. P. Trestrain 4, J. Thomas 5, Dr. J. Symons (conductor) 6, W. H. Sheehan 7, E. Lindesay tenor.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Midland District

Despite unfavourable weather, a successful meeting of the Midland District was held at Burton-on-Trent on November 24th.

After attending a short service conducted by the Vicar, about 55 ringers and friends enjoyed a delightful tea.

Thanks were expressed by Miss Thompson, the vice-president, to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and in particular to Mr. B. G. Key, for making all the local arrangements to ensure a good meeting. Mr. Key suitably replied.

At the business meeting which followed, members were present from Anstey, Aylestone, Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's), Castle Bromwich, Claverley, Cossington, Duffield, Ibstock, Leicester, Nottingham, Syston and Thurstaston.

It was proposed and seconded to hold the next meeting at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on February 23rd. One new member was elected.

It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation extended by Mr. F. Bennett, of Wombourne, to visit Kingswinford early next year. A meeting will be held there on April 26th.

During the evening a plain course of Stedman Caters was brought round by a band of ladies.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## IRREGULAR METHODS

### Methods Committee's Views

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I be allowed to answer one or two points which have been raised during the past few months?

Firstly, we are very grateful to those who answered our appeal for their views on our Extension of Methods Report. These are receiving full consideration.

Secondly, comments on other parts of our Central Council Report which have appeared in your columns (e.g., on Doubles Methods), have also been noted.

Thirdly, and in answer to those who have asked about Union Triples and Canterbury Pleasure Major, we feel we should state that this committee has no mandate to say what should or should not be rung, although we are always pleased to offer advice and give our opinion. The Rules and Decisions of the full Council are the ultimate authority and, according to these, both the above methods are irregular and if these rules are strictly adhered to, peals in these methods could not be recognised.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage,  
Southampton.

## WELLS TENOR

Dear Sir,—May I send my hearty congratulations to Mr. A. P. Cannon on ringing Wells tenor for three and a half hours. I rang her in October, behind, and she sure is a lump, but a beautiful bell.

Better luck next time, Pat.—Yours sincerely,  
FRANK HOPGOOD.

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse Mr. Bassett's letter re 'Railwaymen's Peal.' As a matter of fact a peal was rung at Exeter (St. Thomas's) on Saturday, December 22nd, 1928, comprising seven railwaymen—five from the Southern Railway and two from the Great Western Railway. It was to have been an 'all railwaymen's peal' but owing to one of the band having his duty altered practically at the last minute a substitute filled the vacancy. No doubt there has been a railwaymen's peal rung but I cannot remember seeing any account recorded in 'The Ringing World.' It would be very interesting to know how many railway ringers there are. In and around Exeter there are ten.

I would like to suggest a step further than a peal attempt. What about forming a British Railways Ringers' Guild?—Yours faithfully,

E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, Exeter.

## AUSTRALIAN VETERAN'S DEATH

Dear Sir,—In your issue of December 14th there is a letter from Arthur Barnes under the heading 'Forty Years Ago.' Mention is made of a peal attempt of Grandsire Triples calling Holt's Original which failed owing to the tenor man falling from his box. Recently Mr. R. H. McDonald, the only surviving member of the band, passed away, aged 95. He rang his only peal—Grandsire Triples—at St. Chad's, Birmingham, around 1880. With him goes the last link of the early part of the century.

Mr. Albert Lancefield has just arrived in Sydney and took part in the first course of Cambridge Minor rung by a local band for well over 40 years; he will be a member of the band who are attempting a peal of Bob Major at St. Jude's, Randwick, in memoriam to the late Mr. R. H. McDonald.—Yours faithfully,  
W. M. ROWE.

Five Dock,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

## MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, as an outsider, and an objective reader of 'The Ringing World,' solely through the courtesy of one who passes it on, express appreciation of the contribution by F. E. H. on page 673, and the letter by S. H. G. on page 683? It seems difficult to imagine the possibility of producing any finer music from bells than a touch of Cinques.

We are all liable to suffer from frayed nerves at times, but if only those who find themselves getting 'hot up' every time they hear bells 'going up' could for a few minutes in imagination shut themselves in the stone vault of Beethoven's deafness, with music that could never gratify hammering in the brain; or in the iron blackness of Helen Keller's prison of blindness, deafness and dumbness, yet with an intelligence that could pierce such barriers and communicate with fellow creatures, they might then be glad to drink in a good dose of a vigorous noise as a—shall I say it?—sort of drastic antidote to some of the infernal rows that accompany the increase of knowledge foretold by Daniel (ch. 12).

To my thinking, to hate all bells because one lives close to a ring is as unprofitable as it is dangerous for a herdsman to hate all bulls because through no fault of his own he was once savaged by one.—Yours faithfully,

'C'

## PEALS OF MAJOR AT SYSTON

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated November 23rd there is a report that the peal of Braunstone Surprise was the first peal of Major at Syston, Leicestershire, since 1933. This is not correct. A peal of London Surprise Major, conducted by F. H. Dexter, was rung in June, 1935, and in November, 1949, there was a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, conducted by W. P. Whitehead. The peal of Braunstone is, however, the first peal of Major to be rung on these bells for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Syston.

## 'VILLAGE BELLS'

Dear Sir,—Members of the Exercise are asked to note that the excellent little book of instruction, 'Village Bells,' is now distributed by me on behalf of the Council. Orders should not be sent to Miss Howes.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON,

Hon. Librarian.

Osmington School,  
Tring, Herts.

## RAISING THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—Having recently read Mr. R. Alsop's letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 30th re 'Pulling up the Tenor,' I feel it my duty to add a few remarks.

Most ringers are aware of the shortage of paper for printing purposes and we realise that the little space we have the pleasure of filling in 'The Ringing World' should be of useful and interesting correspondence. Who on earth is interested in how many pulls a tenor of 25 cwt. is raised in, in an attempt to create a record or surpass another individual? What satisfaction is gained?

No, my friend, it is not the aim of our art to test one's strength against someone else and such ideas should not be encouraged in ringing. Your time would be better spent in seeing how quickly you could get a learner through his first Plain Course and I, for one, should admire such a person.

A. A. R.

Crediton, Devon.

## 'SILENT PEALS'

Dear Sir,—We have had three references during the last few weeks to peals rung by the Midland Counties Guild in a peal-ringing tour which took place in the summer of 1950.

I am in no way connected with these peals but because of the distortion of facts in the references, and because I am a friend of all the ringers involved, I am moved to reply.

I quote from 'The Ringing World' report on the 1951 annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—'especially those rung in Leicestershire. He had always understood that a non-conducted peal was a silent peal. In these Leicestershire peals, everybody was allowed to say something except "Bob." In his opinion a non-conducted peal should be a silent peal.' This was from the speech of the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, replying to the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.'

Mr. A. H. Pulling, in his letter commenting on the above speech, expected a reply of denial or explanation and appeared to understand from the speech that 'everyone was allowed to talk in their so-called silent peals' and he hoped the ringers involved would withdraw their claim of 'those four Silent Surprise Peals ...'

Mr. F. H. Dexter referred to the above comments and after stating that no Leicester Cathedral Society ringers took part in the ringing, wrote 'If any other Leicester ringers did take part, I do not remember.'

The reader who was not aware of the facts, or with a short memory like that of Mr. F. H. Dexter, would assume from the above that a band of ringers of doubtful integrity, but not of the Leicester Cathedral Society, had rung four Surprise peals in Leicestershire during which anything had been called except 'Bob' and these peals had been claimed as silent.

The facts were that three peals were rung non-conducted and an additional one was claimed to be 'silent.'

I will assist Mr. F. H. Dexter's memory by saying that at least one of the bands comprised four Leicestershire ringers, two Stoke ringers, one Repton ringer and one Nuneaton ringer, and also that one of the Leicestershire ringers must have been a great friend of Mr. Dexter as well as a friend of a large number of ringers all over the country.

No one would wish to deny Mr. Cross his opinion, but it is my contention that most ringers believe a non-conducted peal to be one in which no calls are made, but that the ringers may assist one another over mistakes in striking and method as in other ordinary peals. In a silent peal it is generally understood that no word is spoken, no sign made to assist any ringer and that an umpire is required if the claim of 'silent peal' is to be made. We have had several examples of the former in recent years and a very few examples of the latter.

Then, if my contention is true, the ringers involved made one mistake in ringing etiquette; they claimed one peal as silent without having an umpire. The peal may very well have been a near perfect example of a silent peal, and knowing the standard of the ringers in question, I am quite prepared to believe that was the case, because the other three peals were not claimed as 'silent.'

Is it fitting, then, that the respected Master of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths should, perhaps inadvertently, cast doubts on the integrity of these ringers? I know he has caused a great deal of distress to one of the kindest-hearted and best-respected men in the Exercise and it is for that reason I have written this letter.

I think the ringers showed restraint in keeping silent after Mr. Cross's allegations, but the two subsequent letters on the subject have made a reply necessary. It would have been better to have forgotten the matter as we have enough bitterness amongst ringers without deliberately trying to add to it.

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derbyshire.



## DUFFIELD ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query when the last peal of Duffield Royal was rung, an answer may be found in the old report of the then Midland Counties Association of 1888 edition. A peal in this method was rung at All Saints', Duffield, on Monday, March 19th, 1888, in 3 hours and 23 minutes, composed and conducted by (as then) A. Percival Heywood.

Also in the same report another peal was rung on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1888. The composition is by the same composer; both peal compositions are given in full.

Footnote under the first account says:—This peal, which has the sixth at home throughout, is the first ever rung in the method on ten bells.

It would be of interest to many ringers to see some of these forgotten methods printed in full in 'The Ringing World' once again with instructions to conducting and compositions. Then perhaps opinions would follow as to the quality of music obtained from those forgotten methods and the many new methods receiving new names of to-day.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. STEVENS.

Loughborough.

P.S.—The old methods I refer to are Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Royal, Canterbury Pleasure Caters, Darlaston Bob Caters and Forward Royal.—L. W. S.

## SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Referring to reprint 'Forty Years Ago' in issue of 'The Ringing World' dated December 7th, 1951, re eleven 720's rung for Sunday service at Bourne in 1908, it may be interesting to know that on Easter Day, 1912, I myself assisted in ringing no less than 14 720's at Tunstall, Kent, as follows:—For 8 a.m. service, a peal of Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. For 6.30 p.m. evensong the performance was repeated. There was also ringing for 11 a.m. service, but whether any 720's were rung I cannot now remember, as for that service I was ringing at my own neighbouring tower of Sittingbourne.

Perhaps our old friend, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, now of Oxford and formerly of Tunstall, who took part in the two peals, would remember if any 720's were rung for the 11 a.m. service.

Incidentally, before the following Sunday, we had the sadness to follow to his last resting place one of the ringers taking part in the above, Albert John Day, who passed away suddenly on the Tuesday following Easter Day.—Yours sincerely,

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

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ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Short 1, Miss M. Charter (first quarter) 2, F. J. Jackson 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, T. McKay covering.

## BELLS IN CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Which church has the largest number of bells? At Boston Stump eleven more bells have been added to the four quarter bells. On these, 15 bell tunes are played daily at every third hour from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. These bells are in addition to the ring of ten. Has any other church tower 25 bells?—Yours faithfully,

W. E. CLARKE.

## 5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major

By GEORGE FREEBREY (Derby)

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42635			x
63425	x		x
63254		B	x
25634	x		x
62534			x
53624	x		x
65324			x
36524			x
52364	x		x
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23564			x
45236	x	x	x
24536			x
52436			x
43526	x		x
54326			x
35426			x
42356	x		x
34256			x
23456			x

## A Silent Peal at Leicester

Mr. W. T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, Hants, has been prompted by Mr. F. H. Dexter's letter re silent peals to forward us a copy of a handbell peal rung at the King and Crown Townhall, Leicester, for the Midland Counties Association, on Monday, October 8th, 1900. The peal was 5,010 Stedman Caters, rung in 2 hours and 49 minutes, the band consisting of John O. Lancashire 1-2, George Cleal 3-4, Samuel Cotton 5-6, William Willson 7-8, John Buttery 9-10; composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. A silent peal.

A footnote reads; This is the first non-conducted peal on ten bells ever rung either on handbells or tower bells. Umpires: C. H. Fowler—who called 'go'—J. W. Moorhouse and J. Morris, all of whom checked the figures throughout.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

## An Attempt at 11,360 Changes

Mr. Frederick William Grocott, of Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, gives us notice that on Saturday, December 15th, at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, a peal of 11,360 Superlative Surprise Major will be attempted.

Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition, which is given below, will be used.

The existing longest length is 11,232 changes rung at Bolton on January 29th, 1927.

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26354	—	—	—
65243	—	—	—
54632	—	—	—
*32654	—	—	—
*46532	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—
53254	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—

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64523	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—
*56234	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—
*56423	—	—	—
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42635	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—

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23456 B

All courses with the exception of those marked with an asterisk are called 5th/4th (treble, front/behind) and 5th/4th (treble, behind/front).

Courses marked with a dagger include three calls 'before' (treble, behind/front/behind).

Courses marked with an asterisk are three calls 'before' (treble, front/behind/front).

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AT BRIDPORT

## West Dorset Branch.

The West Dorset Branch held its annual meeting on December 1st at Bridport attended by nearly 40 members.

Canon G. C. Clare, the Rector, conducted the service and had to express his disappointment that the preacher who had promised to come had not arrived! However, he ably filled the gap himself, speaking of the ringers' relation to the Church of the Living God.

At the business meeting after tea, presided over by the chairman (Canon C. Carew Cox) all the officers were re-elected and the following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. Darby, A. Loving and W. Hill (Burton Bradstock), M. Bishop (Evershot) and Ian Godfrey (Powerstock).

The hon. secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy from the Branch to Roger Keeley who was in hospital as the result of a bicycle accident and Mr. J. H. Hayne asked that the Dorchester Branch might be associated with this.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Brad-

pole in February, Chardstock in April, Broadwindsor in July and Whitchurch in September.

The suggestion was approved that one or two bye-meetings should be held to include South Perrott.

In the absence of complete returns from the affiliated towers the full statement of accounts was held over until the next quarterly meeting.

The chairman appealed for wider support for 'The Ringing World' emphasising the untold loss which would be felt by all ringers if they had no such publication and expressing the hope that the response would enable the Editorial Committee to avoid raising the price of the paper. The Rev. O. Willmott, vice-chairman, spoke of the appeal and suggested that all towers which had a Belfry Fund should provide one copy from it for the use of their members.

Thanks were accorded the Rector of Bridport for his kindly welcome and address; also to Mr. B. Elsworth, the Branch organist, and to Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary) for his admirable arrangements.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in call changes and many methods up to Surprise Major.



# THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## South-West Branch

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on December 1st, members and friends being present from Bude, North Tamerton, Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, Totnes, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Broadclyst, 'a ringer in exile' from Beaworthy, Okehampton and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel).

The Guild form of service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. B. Chapman). The lesson was read by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), and the organist (Mr. F. W. Gilbert) accompanied the singing.

The Vicar gave a short address and based it on the inscriptions on Emmanuel Church bells. This was both interesting and informative to most of the ringers present.

Fifty enjoyed a splendid tea served in the Church Hall, provided by Mrs. Chapman and her band of lady helpers. The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas (Branch chairman), and supported by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. E. N. B. Chapman (Vicar of Emmanuel), Mr. G. H. Myers (vice-president), Mr. F. C. Smale (vice-president) and Mr. A. L. Bennett (general treasurer).

The chairman commenced the business by extending a warm welcome to all the visitors.

The president, in reply, said he always looked forward to the meetings of the South-West Branch where he had so many friends, and where good ringing was one of the chief attractions. He felt sure he was speaking on behalf of all the visitors present.

The secretary had received apologies for absence from the Rev. H. E. Bennett (Rector of Plympton St. Maurice), Messrs. W. G. Lavers, P. S., Worth J. Rich and E. J. Taylor (general secretary of the Guild). These were accepted with regret and the secretary was instructed to reply on behalf of the Branch to Messrs. F. S. Worth and W. G. Lavers.

The secretary, in his report on the year's work, stated that it had been a most difficult one. The outstanding event was the recent peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Plympton St. Maurice in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the present church. The regular service and practice ringing was again recorded for the two Plymouth towers. It was regretted the

country members had been unable to support the meetings arranged during the year and the hope was expressed that this would be rectified in 1952.

The treasurer's financial statement, showing a balance of £11 4s. 10d. in the general fund and £3 6s. in the instruction account, was considered satisfactory.

The chairman called on the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) to present four Guild proficiency certificates to the following members of Emmanuel band: Mrs. W. J. Godard, Miss M. Stoneman, Mr. P. A. Oram and Mr. F. R. Hocking.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-election of all the retiring officers, with thanks for past services.

The secretary's suggested programme for 1952—March 1st, Meavy; Easter Monday (annual meeting of the Guild) Combe Martin; June 28th (joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch at Berry Pomeroy and Totnes; September 27th, Kelly; December 6th (branch annual meeting at Plymouth (St. Andrew's), all subject to necessary permission being obtained—was unanimously adopted.

Three new members were elected as associates, viz., Miss Pettit, of Bickleigh, and Messrs. R. G. Perkin and D. A. Baldry, Emmanuel.

The chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. E. N. B. Chapman, Mr. F. W. Gilbert and Mr. J. P. Sims, the respected leader of the local band. This was carried with the usual round of applause.

Under the heading of unannounced business, the hon. secretary made a plea for more support for 'The Ringing World,' and went on to explain what all readers of our journal know only too well, the serious financial position the paper is in.

Two items of interest were on show at the meeting. One was a copy of the brochure issued in connection with the new bells of Liverpool Cathedral (a gift to the secretary by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool); the other was a very fine photograph of the assembled company of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of their 314th anniversary celebration dinner.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. As one of the visitors was heard to remark, 'Some of it was fit to broadcast.' T. G. M.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Chew Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at All Saints', Wroxall, on December 1st. Ringing on the fine octave there (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.) preceded the Association form of service which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Briggs, who gave a few words of welcome, and the choral parts were conducted by Mr. C. Kortright. A collection towards repairs to the north aisle realised the sum of 23s.

Tea was served at the Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton, and was followed by the business meeting at which the Rector took the chair. All the existing officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and two new members from Portishead, one from Winford, three from Kingston Seymour and one probationary member from Wroxall were elected.

It was decided that, subject to permission being given, the next quarterly meeting would be held at Barrow Gurney in April, with monthly practices at Tickenham, Chew Stoke and Clapton-in-Gordano for January, February and March respectively. The bi-annual Corporate Communion will be held at Easton-in-Gordano on April 27th. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had helped to make it a success.

There were 35 ringers at tea from Barrow Gurney, Brimington, Chew Magna, Clapton-in-Gordano, Keynsham, Kingston Seymour, Locking, Long Ashton, Melksham, Nailsea, Portishead, Publow, Winford, Wroxall, Wrington and Yatton, and about 20 more joined in ringing during the evening. M. J. H.

### 5,184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB By NOLAN GOLDEN

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Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, August 30th, 1951.

## 5,956 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. MIDDLETON

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62417853	87541632
64271835	85714623
46728153	58176432
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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

### President's 80th Birthday Honoured

On Saturday, November 24th, the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at St. Mary's, Gateshead. This meeting for the most part followed the same lines as other District meetings. There was ringing to cater for all, a service conducted by the Rector and an excellent tea provided by the local ladies.

But this was not 'just another meeting,' for the Rector, Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., is president of the Association and has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. When the ringers adjourned for tea the table was found to bear a large cake. It was beautifully iced and the design incorporated a bell and expressed the Association's best wishes.

Before tea commenced the general secretary of the Association (Mr. Denis A. Bayles), in the absence of the District vice-president, made a short speech. He said that it was usual for the clergy to introduce their remarks to the laity with a suitable text. He retaliated on this occasion with Psalm 132, v. 16: 'Her priests also will I clothe with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.' This text put in a nutshell the reason for and nature of the function. The only difficulty was that, so far as he knew, the Bible did not mention ringing and 'saints' had to be considered synonymous with 'ringers' on this occasion. This might well lead the Rector to reply with Psalm 19, v. 13: 'He hath put my brethren far from me; and mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.' He recalled how Canon Stephenson's membership dated back to 1907 and his long and active interest in bells and ringers and concluded by asking him to cut the cake.

While the cake was being cut, four members rang the appropriate number of changes (a bobbed course of Bob Major) on handbells.

The Rector replied thanking the donors for the cake and the members for their good wishes. He said that the ceremony had come as a complete surprise to him as no one had breathed a word. He went on to recall his long association with bells and ringers but added that his doctor had warned him in his early days against doing any ringing as it was likely to strain his heart. Looking back he thought he could have managed it.

Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, to the donors of the cake and the ladies who had provided the tea.

Canon Stephenson was born on November 4th, 1871, in Bombay. He was educated at Sherborne School and did not come north until his ordination in 1895 but he has never desired to move away since. His first parish was Willington, Co. Durham, where there are five steel bells. In 1900 he moved to Allendale and remained there until 1909. While he was there the original six bells were installed in a frame that would hold eight. The 'folly' of providing two extra pits caused much shaking of heads but it proved to be foresight as the pits have been filled for many years now.

His first five years at Gateshead were spent at Christ Church, where he was without bells but since 1914 he has been Rector of Gateshead, with his eight bells at St. Mary's. During his incumbency these bells have twice been rehung, the last occasion being in 1939 when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank transferred them to a steel frame.

Canon Stephenson was made an honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral in 1922 and is now the senior by many years. He became a King's Chaplain in 1938 and a Freeman of Gateshead in 1946. His membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association dates back to 1907 and his election as president in 1950 was an expression of the high esteem in which the Association holds its staunchest supporter among the clergy.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JOHN E. WHEELDON

#### Well-known North Staffs Ringer

The esteem in which Mr. John E. Wheeldon, of Norton, Staffs, was held was marked by the large congregation which assembled at the Cartmoundside Crematorium on Thursday, November 22nd, and which included representatives from a number of churches in the surrounding district as well as the officials of the North Staffordshire Association of which Mr. Wheeldon was one of the oldest members.

The Rector of Norton, the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, officiated at the service and members of the Norton helfry acted as bearers. In addition to the family mourners the following were present:—Mr. R. Anderson (chairman, North Staffordshire Association, of which Mr. Wheeldon (secretary of the Association), Messrs. R. Preston and W. Fradley (Bucknall), F. Wilshaw (St. Peter's, Stoke), A. Hall (Cheddle R.C.), J. Cottrell, W. Hazeldine and J. Stanway (Biddulph), H. Sutton and J. Martin (Cheddleton).

During the evening members of the Norton tower rang touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and on Saturday, November 24th, met to ring a quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were H. Wolley, W. Corfield, F. Triner, J. W. Walker, O. Williams, C. S. Ryles (conductor), J. A. Jack and J. Walley.

Mr. Wheeldon's death occurred suddenly, although he had been in failing health for the past 12 months. He was 83 years of age. His active interest in ringing terminated some four years ago when, after serving for 46 years as leader of the St. Bartholomew's, Norton, band, he resigned. Although his active ringing had ceased, he continued to interest himself in the theory and also continued with one of his hobbies, the writing of method books, a work in which he took much pride. He was a beautiful calligrapher.

Mr. Wheeldon had an interesting career which commenced at Bucknall (St. Mary's). He was the last survivor of a Bucknall band which rang the first silent Surprise Minor peal ever to be rung in England. While not a prolific peal ringer, he had 129 peals to his credit, most of which were rung in North Staffordshire towers.

A keen member of the North Staffordshire Association he did much useful work in it and when he was in his heyday few meetings were complete without him.

In his own tower he was beloved not only for his abilities as a leader but as a man of great personal integrity. As a churchman he set an example to his ringers by his regular attendance at all services, a practice only discontinued by advancing years.

He travelled hundreds of miles in the interest of ringing and as recently as May accompanied his ringers to Worcester and Gloucester on their annual outing.

A list of Mr. Wheeldon's peals is as follows:—Minor 93, Triples 4, Major 25, Royal 2. Of these, 27 were rung in his own tower at Norton and 24 at Bucknall.

### MR. H. R. LEACH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Hilary Ronald Leach, of 80, Saunton Road, Rugby, who was killed when his motor-cycle left the road and crashed into the railway bridge at Church Lawford on Tuesday, November 27th. Mr. Leach, who was 38 years of age, received multiple injuries. His pillion passenger, Mr. Louis Jents, of 36, New Street, Rugby, had his skull fractured. Both Mr. Leach and his passenger were at the time on their way to work at the Coventry Tool and Gauge Company.

Mr. Leach was a ringer at St. Mark's, Bilton, and the account he wrote of the village of Bilton was featured in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th, 1950. His death is deeply regretted by his ringing friends and at St. Mark's, Bilton, where he was formerly assistant scout-

master of the church troop, and at one time sidesman at the church. Mr. Leach was looking forward to his first peal at the end of the month.

A quarter peal to his memory appears in our quarter peal columns.

### MR. C. F. BAILEY

The death occurred at Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital of Mr. Charles Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, on December 1st. He had been in indifferent health for the past five years and was first taken ill in London while on holiday, and taken to Central Middlesex Hospital. He joined the Norwich Association in 1897, and later the Suffolk Guild on its formation.

Charles was one of eleven brothers, nine of whom were ringers. He was conductor of the peal in 1911, Bob Major, by eight brothers. In 1914 he conducted his youngest brother's first peal and this also was rung by eight brothers.

A great friend of Gabriel Lindoff, nothing gave him greater pleasure than ringing new methods or compositions sent him by Mr. Lindoff. In his last peal of Bristol I rang with him: he rang the treble and called it. By this peal he had called a different Surprise method and composition from each bell at Leiston.

His many peals include: Bristol 93, Superlative 47, London 39, Cambridge 44, Double Norwich 39, Rochester 13, Guildford 0, Suffolk 5.

Mr. Bailey was a great lover of handbells and would always welcome a touch with visitors. Some few years ago he retired from active ringing and also from business, having worked 50 years with one firm. In retirement he led a quiet life but was still very interested in ringing and was always pleased to read of others and their achievements.

He was buried in Leiston Cemetery on Wednesday, December 5th. R. K.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob. 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, Miss H. J. Tesson 2, Miss J. A. Rose 3, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 4, R. J. Stokes 5, L. C. J. Watson 6. First in two methods for 2, 3 and 6, and first 'inside' in two methods for 5. Rung for members of the University of Bristol Society.

**ALPHINGTON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willmington 1, D. Reekes 2, W. Panter 3, A. Tapley 4, G. Betts 5, F. Wreford 6, W. Reekes (cond.) 7, C. Burnett 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**—On Nov. 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, Miss J. Carter 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, P. P. Carter 4, P. E. Parry 5, B. Harris 6, J. Carter 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 21st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Willis 1, E. Morris 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, Mrs. H. J. Poole 4, J. Cooke 5, C. Weston (first 'inside') 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Weston 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Peter W. Jennings, aged 24, killed in a road accident.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 24th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Wardell 1, A. W. Beard 2, R. W. Stephens 3, M. Stephens 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5, D. W. Beard 6, S. Holgate 7, G. Cottis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael and All Angels, on Nov. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Huddleston (first quarter) 1, A. Smith 2, Miss J. Gorton 3, E. F. Gilbert 4, Mrs. J. Weaver 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (first quarter as cond.) 7, N. Grover 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,320 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 600 Grandsire): J. A. Tole 1, Miss E. Burnell (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, Miss R. M. Cooper (first quarter) 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. R. Leach, ringer at this church, who was suddenly called to rest.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICS.**—On Nov. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jackson 1, L. B. Box 2, F. Finchbeck 3, J. W. Kilton 4, C. H. Jallands 5, J. Glover 6, A. W. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8. Birthday compliments to J. Glover and L. T. Keel.

**BRETFORTON, WORCS.**—On Dec. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Chamberlain 1, R. Jelfs 2, T. Hands 3, C. Tompkins 4, S. Betts 5, J. Hall 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, J. Court 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to John C. Perkins, for 63 years a member of the local band.

**BRISTOL.**—At Emmanuel Church, Clifton, on Dec. 1st. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, Miss J. Holloway 2, Miss J. A. Rose 3, R. J. Stokes (first in the method 'inside') 4, Miss B. E. Lloyd Roberts 5, I. H. Trueman 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, F. D. Mack 8.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis (first quarter Grandsire) 2, J. Hayes 3, J. E. Usher 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (first quarter Grandsire as cond.) 7, J. E. Ellis (first quarter Grandsire) 8. Rung for Advent Sunday.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On St. Andrew's Day. 1,344 Single Oxford Major: J. Bray (cond.) 1, C. A. Harrison 2, H. Morwood 3, A. Tomlinson 4, R. Chaffer 5, H. Hall 6, P. Barnes 7, G. W. Moody 8. First in the method by all. Rung for the church's patronal festival.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bellamy 1, J. Walls 2, S. Wyburn (cond.) 3, E. Parker 4, A. J. Chubb 5, Major H. J. Cann 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook.

**COLEBROOKE, DEVON.**—On Dec. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burnett 1, Miss P. Willmington 2, W. Panter (cond.) 3, W. Ashdown 4, F. Willmington 5, A. C. Thorne (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. S. Thorne son of the tenor ringer, and member of local band.

**CORFE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford (first as cond.) 1, R. Shire 2, B. Burstow 3, D. North (first of Stedman) 4, A. H. Reed 5.

**COSSINGTON, LEICS.**—On Nov. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Carpenter 1, Diana Seal 2, L. Lovett (cond.) 3, W. Swan 4, W. Draper 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Alderman P. F. Astill, churchwarden for 50 years.

**ELTHAM, S.E.9.**—On Nov. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming 2, E. Crowder 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. Long 8. Rung for the engagement of Mr. E. Long and Miss M. Rimmer, of Chorley, Lancs.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Marwood (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, E. A. Marsh 3, W. Linter 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Noble 6, A. H. Sturgess (first 'inside') 7, A. J. Dye 8.

**FLITTON, BEDS.**—On Nov. 18th. 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Allen (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, J. Wallis (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, G. Kirby 6.

**FRESHWATER, I.O.W.**—On Nov. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, E. Riddett 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5, L. Lacey 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

**HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.**—On Nov. 10th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Southward (first quarter of Major) 1, F. J. Jackson 2, J. Ling 3, G. Tembey 4, A. Eilbeck 5, G. McKay 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. E. Freeman, Vicar of Hensingham, 1918-1940, and Mr. J. I. Nulty churchwarden.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.**—On Nov. 20th. 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Mansley 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley (first quarter in method) 4, J. E. Briggs (first quarter in method) 5, F. Stead (first quarter as cond. and in the method) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Vicar (Canon B. E. Hughes, M.A., B.D.), who was interred at Lampeter, Cardiganshire, earlier in the day.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th. 1,260 Spiced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: S. Meadows 1, H. Warboys 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in two Triples method by all. Rung for the patronal festival.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—On Nov. 25th. 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8, C. W. Outley 9, J. Bullock 10.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. J. Catton 1, Miss M. Munt 2, R. Hall 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Bringshaw 6. Rung for St. Andrew's Day and the patronal festival.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Weddell (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Outley 7, J. Bullock 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, S. Smith 3, F. Day (first in the method) 4, F. Borcham 5, W. Jarvis 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, L. Offord 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's, on Advent Sunday. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Josiah Morris 1, E. Morris 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Winifred M. Burton 4, S. Burton 5, J. M. Thorley 6, E. J. Clements 7, G. A. Olliffe 8, J. R. B. Plain 9, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Plain Bob Royal for 3, 4 and 5.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. T. G. Fox 1, C. R. Smith 2, T. G. Fox 3, C. A. Hughes 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. First in method by 4 and 7.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, H. Prout 5, A. W. J. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, J. F. Allen 8. Rung for Confirmation.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin 2, S. Lloyd-Evans 3, R. Fraser 4, C. W. Ward (cond.) 5, W. Vince 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, B. Chessman 3, Christine Davis (first quarter) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, F. C. Davis 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Williams, of St. Wenn, Cornwall, on the birth of their daughter. Piddlehinton was the first tower in which Mr. and Mrs. Williams rang together as husband and wife.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 4th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Sims (first quarter in the method) 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, H. W. Milford 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, H. F. Myers 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, C. A. Jones 8.

**RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.**—On Advent Sunday. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Pichall 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, C. Poulter 3, W. Prockson 4, A. Hunter 5, P. Thrift 6, Tom Collins (cond.) 7, W. Bunce, jun., 8.

**STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 1st. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Etherington (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curtis 2, F. W. Lewis 3, B. J. Luff 4, B. W. Farhall 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Dec. 2nd. 1,260 Double Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancelife 5, M. S. Lancelife (cond.) 6. Rung as a New Year greeting to the church.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

### Southern District Annual at Aberavon

Although starting late owing to a funeral service at the church, a very successful meeting was held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on December 1st, where over 40 members from a wide area really enjoyed themselves.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Morgaun (the Ven Lawrance Thomas), who was assisted by the curate. An excellent tea followed which was provided by the ladies of the church and the young ringers of the local band did their best in helping them.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Archdeacon. The hon. District secretary and the hon. District auditor were both re-elected and thanks accorded for their past services. Particulars of the proposed trip to the festival at Knighton were read and it was unanimously agreed that the committee carry on with the arrangements.

A report was given by the Master of the Guild on the various towers and the work being done by the local bands. The bells will ring again at Devynock.

After a letter had been read from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' re ordering further copies, it was agreed to give a donation of 21s. towards the added cost of production.

The handing-over, by the hon. general secretary, of the 'Illuminated Address' for Mr. Ernie Stinch then took place.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, also for the excellent tea. The Archdeacon, in his reply, remarked that the Guild had a very appropriate form of service.

On the return to the tower the bells were kept going to various methods including Cambridge, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major and with our well-known friend, Mr. Jack Pitman, on the treble, the bells were brought to rest at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Duffy, Neath, in March.

J. A. H.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### Wirral Branch's Annual Social

This very popular function was held this year at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Oxtown, Birkenhead, on November 24th and attracted a gathering of over 200 ringers, relatives and friends. Ringers were present from Neston, West Kirby, Capenhurst, Upton, Bidston, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Wallasey St. Nicholas', Birkenhead St. Mary's, Oxtown, Port Sunlight, Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham and Chester.

The very pleasant hall was filled to capacity and coloured lights, balloons and beautiful floral decorations (kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton) added to the gaiety of the occasion.

A varied programme of games, dances and novelty items had been arranged and entered into with obvious enjoyment but, as usual, the time from 7 p.m. till midnight passed so quickly that the programme was never in any fear of being exhausted. Soloists were Messrs. Cyril Smith and Ian McDonald while the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Rockley, delighted all with his rendering of two very fine bass songs.

Once again the refreshments proved one of the highlights of the evening, there being both quality and quantity to satisfy the needs of youth. The function ended at midnight and in view of the shocking weather conditions all were thankful that late transport was provided. The Social Committee are to be warmly congratulated on once again arranging such an enjoyable function and, as before, the question on everyone's lips is 'How can so much be provided at so little a charge?' The answer, as in all bellringing matters, is 'Co-operation.'



## BELLS AROUND LIVERPOOL

With news of the dedication of Liverpool Cathedral bells, the following contribution from Mr. E. L. Humphriss regarding the bells of Childwall is apposite:—

The sound of church bells has been heard over Childwall Valley, now fast losing its rural characteristics, for over four centuries. Childwall, reference to which, incidentally, is made in the Domesday Book, purchased three bells cast by Rich. Selioc, of Nottingham, and installed them in the Church of All Saints in 1517. An ancient rhyme sings their praises thus:—

Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride.  
Three parish church all in a row,  
Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride,  
Childwall for ringing and singing beside.

The smallest of Childwall's three bells, weighing 41 lb., is recorded as having been sold about the middle of the 16th century, and there are records concerning the remaining bells, weighing 417 lb. and 518 lb. respectively, having been cracked and recast on numerous occasions. By 1721 the ring had been augmented to four bells, and needing repair they were again recast and augmented to five by Rudhall, of Gloucester. An additional treble was added in 1751. The tower was rebuilt in 1810, but the six bells—all by Rudhall—remained until 1912 when John Warner, of Spitalfields, was entrusted with the work of recasting and re-hanging in a new steel frame.

On the rising ground across the valley stands the square-stoned battlemented and pinnacled tower of St. Michael's, worthy of Huyton's pride; its origin unknown, but with the date 1664 inscribed on the top. Huyton's first bells, a ring of four, were acquired from the King Majesty's Council in 1553, the accompanying record informing us that 'two only were paid for.' The reason for them being thus purchased was probably due to the cessation of the bell-founding industry on the Crown's acquisition of monastery bells during the Reformation. In 1846 Huyton's four bells were augmented to six, but the old tenor bell was of unsuitable tone and in 1850 was presented to Roby, where a new tower was built for it. Cast in 1512, most probably in the foundry from which Childwall's original bells came, it is reputed to be the oldest bell in the diocese. The present tenor at Huyton bears the date 1606.

The rhymester's 'Prescot for poverty' is certainly not applicable to the church, St. Mary-the-Virgin. It is the fourth church to be built on the site. On the installing of eight bells by Mears, in 1845, the previous ring of six (recast 1638) is believed locally to have been presented to a Rainhill chapel.

## QUARTER PEALS

**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 20th. 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): R. Giles 1, W. Pether 2, G. Guess (cond.) 3, A. Sorenson 4, M. Hooton 5, H. Eaton 6. Rung for St. Edmund's Day.

**SPARSHOLT, HANTS.**—On Nov. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brewer (first quarter) 1, R. M. Currie 2, T. Toccock 3, P. Corfield (first quarter) 4, H. D. Buckingham (cond.) 5. Rung for rededication of the tenor.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 18th. 1,304 Little Bob Royal: T. J. Southam 1, Miss O. Martin 2, D. G. Clift 3, R. W. Darvill 4, H. G. Mason 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to G. W. Debenham.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Bond (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, Joan Hills 3, Constance Chinnery 4, A. Howell (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, S. Bull 6. Rung for St. Cecilia's Day.

**SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Gregory's, on Nov. 21st. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Dixon 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. Ambrose 3, H. Herbert 4, W. Scott 5, L. Johnson 6, L. Mills 7, A. Haynes (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Lever, a lifelong member and chorister of this church.

## NOTICES

### New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual, St. James's, Taunton, December 15th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Names for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9897

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The December meeting of the Association will be held at Saltburn, not Skelton, on Saturday, December 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 9915

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Cottenham (6), December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also, please note A.G.M., Ely, January 5th.—Miss M. Grain. Dis. Sec. 9892

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 9885

### TO MEETING ORGANISERS

Owing to the Christmas holidays the last date for receiving notices of meetings for the issue of 'The Ringing World' for Friday, December 28th, is

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, is

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

Please make allowance for postal delays and send copy as early as possible.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gt. Staughton, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. And please note A.G.M., January 26th, Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9923

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—Dedication of new tenor bell on December 15th by the Archdeacon of Southend. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Buses leave Maldon 1.40 p.m., return 4.35, 6.5 and 10.5 p.m. Light refreshments after service. 9893

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Saturday, December 15th, 3. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9886

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Upchurch (6) on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. W. May. 9876

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 15th, All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 5 p.m. Business and further ringing 6.30.—A. Boyack, Wanstead 1575. 9902

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, December 15th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify on or before 14th. Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9916

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Saturday December 15th. Ringing at Hadleigh from 2.45 Tea at White Lion, Hadleigh. Hintlesham bells after tea. Frequent bus service. 9890

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, December 15th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after. Nominations for officers for 1952 at this meeting. 9898

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no meeting at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, December 22nd.—A. B. Peck Sec. 9924

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, December 22nd. Opening of bells after rehanging on hall bearings. Dedication service 2.30. Tea in Village Hall 4.45. Please notify, by December 19th, Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road Sapcote. 9922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, December 22nd, 6.30 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough. 9921

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting Alresford, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. After tea, Cambridge practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9896

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice of annual general meeting, Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 19th.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 9913



**HARBORNE SURPRISE ROYAL**

By ARTHUR CRAVEN

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, November 1st, 1951.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hawkins 1, R. Coleman 2, J. Weadon 3, Miss M. M. Legg 4, Miss M. Legg 5, Rev. H. F. Warren 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, D. Harris 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Rung for the celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. A. Pool, of Weston-super-Mare.

**WOOLWICH, LONDON, S.E.18.**—On Nov 25th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 3, A. Grove, sen., 4, T. Culver 5, R. Johnson 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Woolwich and for the Rural Deanery Choir Festival.

**WOOKEY, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robinson 1, D. Rice 2, G. Salmon (cond.) 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Roberts 5, A. Weare 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

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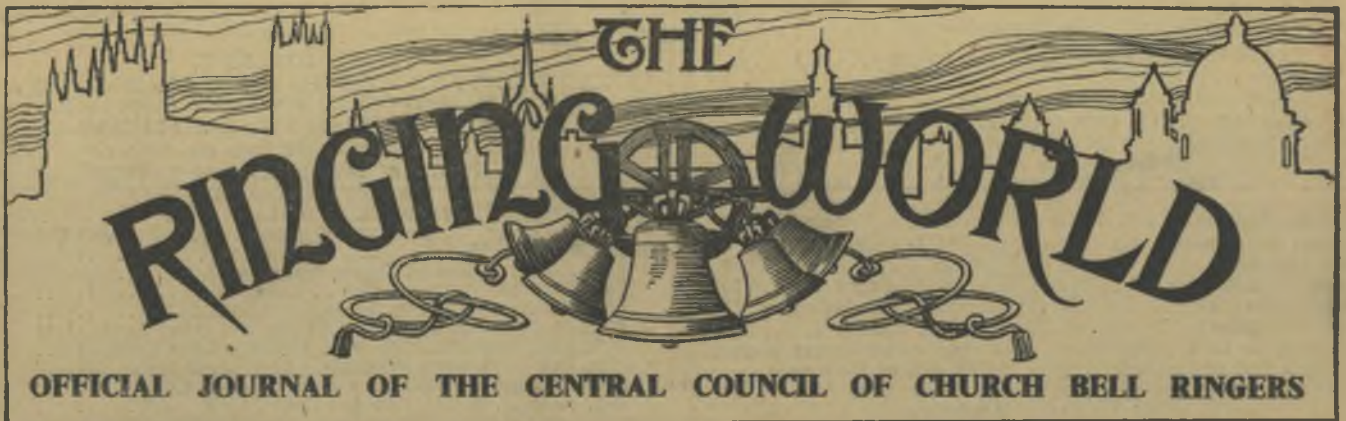
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## CHRISTMAS, 1951

By THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

**S**OON, in this year of grace 1951, the bells will be ringing to welcome the Babe of Bethlehem, the Saviour of the world, the Incarnate Son of God, on His birthday. Once again we shall hear the angels' wonderful message of hope and comfort, 'On earth peace, goodwill toward men.'

From east to west, from shore to shore,  
Let every heart awake and sing  
The holy Child whom Mary bore,  
The Christ, the everlasting King.

What a wonderful privilege we ringers have in leading this 'singing' in honour of our Lord with the music of the bells. What joy we should have in our hearts at the knowledge that we have been thus called to greet Him on this happy morn. But how much more wonderful still if this leads us to the truth which perhaps we lose sight of too often, that this privilege and joy should not be true only of Christmas, but should be there on every Sunday and feast day of the year. On all these occasions we are ringing in honour of our Lord and, as Christians seeking to serve Him, how eager should we be to offer Him our art in humble praise of His glorious Name and in thanksgiving for our salvation. With this thought ever in mind, we shall be showing to the world around that principle which must be longed for by all at some time during this happy season—the wish that such peace and serenity could remain throughout the whole year. It must be a hard heart which doesn't feel that at some time or other. And it **could** remain if man truly worked for it. It is only man's fault which allows this happiness to leave him. True, it would mean effort and sacrifice, and perhaps that is what man is not prepared to give. Our ringing, if it is to give the lead in this, as one so much hopes, means effort and sacrifice. Nothing worth while can be accomplished without these in any part of life. As a nation, isn't it just the lack of these qualities at this time which has brought us to our present state? So many people seem to wish for, yes, and expect the necessities of life without giving in return. There is no surer or quicker way to bankruptcy of both material

and spiritual things. And yet, isn't it so obvious that our joy and happiness at Christmas time comes more from our **giving** than from receiving? How blind we are not to realise that this will be true at all times too, and so to put it into practice.

There is a second way in which we ringers can give a lead to the world from this message of Christmas. When our Lord was born, kings and shepherds came to worship Him—the high and the low, rich and poor, far and near, for in the presence of the King of Kings all are equal in the homage due to Him. This equality is also apparent at the altar, when all sorts and conditions of men kneel together to receive the precious Food of His most holy Body and Blood—lord and lowly, master and servant, mistress and maid. That is the Christian teaching—the brotherhood of man and that every human soul has the same preciousness in His sight. Of course, this doesn't mean that we should expect or aim at all men being identical in life, for the Lord gave to one man five talents, to another two, and to another one, and these talents can be worldly possessions, mental powers or spiritual gifts. We are all endowed with some gifts, however small or however great, and what matters is how we use those gifts. As we take our places at the bells, we see again a reminder of the first Christmas with rich and poor, high and low, standing to worship the Lord in making the heavens ring with His praises. Some are gifted conductors of amazing mental power—let them not despise the weaker brethren, for those who find the learning difficult but yet attain proficiency through sheer hard work will have more merit in God's sight than the most accomplished ringer who finds the path to the heights easy, for they will have made the most of their 'talent.' No, all are not equal in talents, but all are brothers giving of their best to serve Him, and may this example of brotherhood be given to the world which so badly needs such a relationship between men.

This, then, is our Christmas message for 1951, and as we ring the glorious news may these thoughts and resolves be in our hearts. A happy and blessed Christmas to all ringers.

All glory for this blessed morn  
To God the Father ever be;  
All praise to Thee, O Virgin-born,  
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.

Amen.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

### A PEAL OF 5007, STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 10
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 11
JOHN F. BUTLER .. .. 6	FRANK E. HAYNES .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

\* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques. † 50th peal of Stedman.

### SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 4 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour,

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 2	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 9
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 10
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 11
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all except ringers of 7, 9, 10 and tenor. Rung as a thankoffering for the recovery of H.M. the King.

### WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	†MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
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\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

‡ 800th peal. § 50th peal this year.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	†SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 7
*JOYCE LEWIS .. .. 3	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
†WILFRID G. WILSON .. 4	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 9
†MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\* First peal on ten. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. ‡ Fiftieth peal. A birthday compliment to the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston S. Churchill, and also Mr. Harry Brooks, father of the ringer of the 5th and member of the local company of ringers for over 46 years.

### STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

CATHARINE M. TRIST .. Treble	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	*ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
*BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

### YEovil, SOMERSET.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BRO. FREDK. G. LEAKER, St. Keyna Lodge, 1833 .. .. Treble	
BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER, Druids Lodge of Love and Liberty, 589 .. .. 2	
*BRO. FREDK. J. BAILEY, Trisant Lodge, 4154 .. .. 3	
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge, 6789 .. .. 4	
BRO. WILLIAM H. COLES, Hillingdon Lodge, 3174 .. .. 5	
WOR. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, St. Clement Dances Lodge, 1351 .. 6	
WOR. BRO. FRANK E. HANSFORD, Brotherly Love Lodge, 329 .. 7	
WOR. BRO. J. HOWARD FREEBORN, Chorleywood Lodge, 3247 .. 8	
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge, 632 .. .. 9	
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge, 6789 .. .. Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th, W.M. of his Lodge at Yeovil, and to commemorate the investiture of Wor. Bro. Canon J. E. Staley, M.A., as P.A.G.C.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BRIAN L. STEVENS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 5
*BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. 2	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 6
GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 3	PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 7
HENRY C. WEAVER .. 4	R. PETER WOOD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

\* First peal.

### EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At Christ Church,

### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

A. H. WINCH .. .. Treble	*GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
*ALAN SMITH .. .. 2	*BERNARD HAWKINS .. 6
ARTHUR SMITH .. .. 3	*FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 7
EDWARD COWARD .. .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

### ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Priory Church of SS. MARY and BEGA,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*A. REX AGG .. .. Treble	JOHN A. HAILE .. .. 5
*DAVID G. H. MARTINDALE 2	†JOE LING .. .. 6
GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 3	HAROLD WILSON .. .. 7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. 4	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. Marston, Mr. Marston having been a ringer at the above church for 50 years and tower captain for 20 years.

### WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF 5184 BRINKLOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANCESTER .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.



## CHERITON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. Treble	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.. 6
WILFRED W. RING .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*WILLIAM P. GARNER .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

## CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MRS. H. M. R. KIMBER.. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. 5
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN.. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
FRED SAVAGE .. .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4	FRANCIS POWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal of Triples. A baptismal compliment to David John, son of the ringer of the 4th.

## DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LIONEL WOODS .. .. Treble	W. R. BARKER .. .. 5
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 2	DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 6
DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD .. 3	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD .. 7
*IAN CAMPBELL .. .. 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* First peal. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to L. Woods and N. Fleetwood, ringers at the above church.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

F. J. LAMBERT .. .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE .. .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE .. 6
HELEN GORRINGE .. .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
A. H. KEMP .. .. 4	J. G. POWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Rung for the coming of age of Miss Helen Gorrings.

## HEMSWORTH, PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

WILLIE GREEN .. .. Treble	†IRVIN SLACK .. .. 5
*HAROLD CHANT .. .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 6
†MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3	ERNEST SHORT .. .. 7
ARNOLD COLE .. .. 4	DANIEL SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

\* 150th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on the bells.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 960 each of London, Rutland and Wembley, 800 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
†RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Association. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. C. W. Sinfield, who has been churchwarden here for 50 years.

## MEOPHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Treble	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 5
*EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
*WILFRID S. PALIN.. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of all Oxford Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. A. Naylor and Mrs. W. Easter, of Gillingham.

## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALAN TAYLOR .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. T. KING .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7
†DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by PHILIP H. WHITAKER.

\* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. † 100th peal. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE .. .. Treble	JOHN ORME .. .. 5
*CHARLES WARD .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	*ROBERT B. P. HULSE .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 4	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise. Rung for the centenary of the installation of the bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN M. MYATT .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	*†BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 3	*WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	*JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. † 50th peal.



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### HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS LEE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. 5
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 4	*EDGAR WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Slee, a former churchwarden and for 25 years clerk at the above church.

### BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST H. MASTIN .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 5
FRANK DEWEY .. .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
SYDNEY JESSOP .. .. 3	JACK PETCH .. .. 7
EDWARD BARKER .. .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

### CRAYFORD, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT (No. 15). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

### DRAYTON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD C. BEALE .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5
JACK W. DREW .. .. 2	*FREDERICK WELCH .. 6
REGINALD BEALE .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 7
MRS. E. S. POWELL .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCKE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

### HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 7
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* 350th peal.

### KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 36.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
EDWARD B. SMITH .. Treble	LESLIE D. MILLS .. 5
*DONALD L. MILLS .. 2	GORDON F. CLARKE .. 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 3	GEORGE WATERMAN .. 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4	RONALD G. BUGG .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal on eight bells, aged twelve.

### KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Huddersfield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CLIFFORD AARON .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. 5
GEOFFREY GEE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 6
ARTHUR ROGERS .. .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7
FRANK LINFOOT .. .. 4	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal in the method for all except conductor. Rung to celebrate the installation of the new clock, purchased by public subscription.

### LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

#### THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLARKE .. Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 5
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM .. 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
REV. F. A. OSWELL .. 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH .. 7
ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 4	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

### MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR .. 5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 6
*MARK J. BARKER .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	†REV. R. J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal (aged 69).

### NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*CHARLES TAYLOR .. Treble	JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 5
*NORMAN HAYES .. .. 2	†ROY FAITHFULL .. 6
ALICE REED .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
WALTER GLASSPOOL .. 4	REGINALD A. REED .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Nicholas.

### WESTERHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	†RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Composed by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

### SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 2	*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS .. .. .	Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. .	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. .	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. .	5
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .	3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten extents of April Day, twelve extents of Plain Bob, twenty extents of Grandsire Doubles, calling all the different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR STREET .. .. .	Treble	*ROBERT BARRATT .. .. .	4
†WILLIAM McDOWELL .. .. .	2	*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. .	5
†ARNOLD WORTH .. .. .	3	†GEORGE BARBER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal. A wedding compliment to Ian Davidson and Cynthia Smith, married at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Also his farewell peal.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GEORGE SISSON .. .. .	Treble	WALTER D. POOLEY .. .. .	4
JOHN CHURCH .. .. .	2	EDWIN C. BUCK .. .. .	5
JACK S. DEAR .. .. .	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of two 120's of Stedman, five of April Day, five of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*WESLEY MOORE .. .. .	Treble	†DAVID J. GAY .. .. .	4
A. JOHN SUMMERHAYES .. .. .	2	CYRIL J. STEVENS .. .. .	5
GORDON WALFORD .. .. .	3	†MARK LONG .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles.  
‡ First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS .. .. .	Treble	GORDON C. HERD .. .. .	4
†FREDERICK SCOTT .. .. .	2	BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. .	5
RUTH TABRAHAM .. .. .	3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

GREAT HAZELEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ADAMS .. .. .	Treble	VICTOR HOLLOWAY .. .. .	4
ROBERT ARNOIT .. .. .	2	HARRY JONES .. .. .	5
THOMAS BOWLES .. .. .	3	SAMUEL ARNOIT .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY JONES.



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## HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.  
\*JOHN B. IBBOTSON .. Treble | †HAROLD PARKER .. 4  
GEORGE DOWLING .. 2 | †JAMES A. PARKER .. 5  
THOMAS SOUTHWICK .. 3 | THOMAS H. HUDDLESTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DOWLING.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.  
First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to the Rev.  
George Storer, for 25 years Vicar at Hutton Cranswick.

## LANGLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob,  
and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.  
FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble | WILLIAM BUTLER .. 4  
BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2 | DAVID H. PEARCE .. 5  
JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. 3 | A. JAMES GLASS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

## LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS .. Treble | \*DAVID \*WALLIS .. 4  
\*A. RONALD GROVES .. 2 | \*JOHN BUTCHER .. 5  
\*WILLIAM GLOVER .. 3 | FRANK L. HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt.  
PETER MASON .. Treble | W. ROBERT PARKER .. 4  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5  
MOSES BILLINGS .. 3 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for  
the Guild.

## STANTON DREW, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman, twelve of Old, eight of Plain Bob  
and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.  
ALFRED G. HAZZARD .. Treble | RONALD G. BECK .. 3  
ROBERT D. JOHNSON .. 2 | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4

EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin,  
Wickendon, Northrepps, Southrepps, three extents of April Day, five  
extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eleven  
extents of Grandsire, with six 240's (Morris's arrangement).  
Tenor 10 cwt.

\*JOHN NEALE .. Treble | †GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 4  
†ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5  
†F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 3 | FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in ten methods. ‡ 25th peal  
together.

## WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge and two 720's each of Norwich and Bourne.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.  
MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | \*PETER MASON .. 5  
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 3 | W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* First peal in three Surprise methods.

## WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, London, York, and Cambridge  
Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*CONNIE M. DAVIS .. Treble | †BRIAN SUTTON .. 4  
†MONICA A. DAVIS .. 2 | HAROLD V. COOPER .. 5  
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON .. 3 | FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. A 21st birthday com-  
pliment to Monica A. Davis. All are local service ringers.

## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.  
\*CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble | E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4  
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2 | ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5  
JOHN W. MEADE .. 3 | \*BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

\* First peal of Minor. A welcome to the Rector and Mrs. G. R.  
Barnett on their return from New Zealand.

## APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, (2)  
Chester, Munden, (3) Bourne, Netherseale, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth,  
(5) Beverley, Surfleet, (6) York, Durham, (7) London, Wells.

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
JOE HOBBS .. Treble | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4  
\*DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 2 | †WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5  
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3 | WALTER AYRE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in more than seven methods. † First peal in 16 Sur-  
prise methods. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Shepherd,  
a ringer at Hemel Hempstead until the last war.

## TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.  
\*ERIC FLINTHAM .. Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4  
EDWIN FISHER .. 2 | FRED BISHOP .. 5  
†HAROLD J. YARDLEY .. 3 | JOHN R. YOUNG .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to treble  
ringer's wife.

## MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.  
\*COLIN BENNETT .. Treble | \*JOHN RATNETT .. 4  
†PETER THOMAS .. 2 | GEORGE HOLLICK .. 5  
DENIS ALLSOPP .. 3 | ARTHUR MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLLICK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'



**HANDBELL PEALS**

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
At 15, FIRST AVENUE, FIVE DOCK,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

JOHN J. CUMMINS .. .. 1-2 | THOMAS W. GOODYER .. .. 5-6  
WILLIAM M. ROWE .. .. 3-4 | EDMUND J. FOWELL .. .. 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

First handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,  
At 15, FIRST AVENUE, FIVE DOCK,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**Four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.  
\*EDMUND J. FOWELL .. .. 1-2 | WILLIAM M. ROWE .. .. 3-4  
THOMAS W. GOODYER .. .. 5-6

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

\* First peal away from tenors. First handbell peal of Minor by all the band and for the Association. Rung in memoriam Edmund S. Paul, who was buried this day from St. Mark's, Darling Point; he was a patron of the N.S.W. Association and the donor of the bells at St. James', Turramurra.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,  
At SALTLEY COLLEGE,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of St. Simon's and Grandsire, and thirty-eight of Plain Bob (four different callings). Tenor size 10 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3-4  
BRIAN R. SUTTON .. .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
At 160, BROCKWELL LANE,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.

WM. J. THYNG (79) .. .. 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD (78) .. .. 5-6  
CLEMENT GLENN (68) .. .. 3-4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER (77) .. .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness: SIDNEY BRIGGS.

A veterans' peal on William J. Thyng's birthday. Average age of band 75 years 9 months.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At 40, FUCHSIA LANE,***A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 13 in E.

\*GEORGE A. FLEMING .. .. 1-2 | \*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6  
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 3-4 | \*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* 450th peal. † First peal in method 'in hand.' ‡ 200th peal for the Guild.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2 | \*JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 5-6  
\*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4 | \*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 7-8

\*JOHN F. PEDLAR .. .. 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLAR.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal on the bells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At 85, DERBY ROAD,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 1-2 | JACK BAILEY .. .. 5-6  
PETER NIX .. .. 3-4 | ALFRED MOULD .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

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## A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

A year's subscription to 'The Ringing World'  
(£1 2s. 6d.) is an ideal present to your ringing  
friend. Send remittance to Mr. J. E. Jeater,  
11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

Runcorn, where the cen-  
tenary of the installation of  
the bells was celebrated by  
the first peal of Cambridge on the bells, has  
eleven Sunday service ringers. These include  
a lay reader, verger, two choirmen two church  
councillors and two sidesmen. The band which  
rang the peal was local with one exception, Mr.  
J. E. Bibby.

A correspondent enquires what carols can be  
played on eight handbells.

The peal of London at St. John's, Erith, on  
November 23rd, was the 100th together by Mr.  
Herbert E. Audsley and Mr. Philip A. Corby.

Mr. F. Stuart Worth writes that he must have  
misunderstood his grandfather when he sub-  
mitted 'A Ringer's Prayer.' He tenders his  
apologies.

The Universities Association Ringing week  
for 1952 will be held at Nottingham from Fri-  
day, August 15th, to Saturday, August 23rd.  
Accommodation has been booked at Wortley  
Hall, one of the University halls of residence.

The Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and  
Bristol Association probably have the first lady  
chairman in the Association's history, Miss  
Doris Sheppard, who was elected on Saturday.

The St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, hand-  
bell ringers, led by Miss E. Kingcote, enter-  
tained the Prestbury band with carols in the  
belfry and gave a very good performance which  
was much appreciated.

It was intended to commemorate the birth-  
day of Mr. Walter Ayre with a peal at Apsley  
End. Unfortunately the death of Mr. William  
Shepherd, of Hemel Hempstead, necessitated a  
change to an in memoriam peal. Special con-  
gratulations were extended to Derek E. Latch-  
ford on his achievement in this 16 Surprise  
method peal so soon after returning from the  
Forces.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Miss Helen Gorrings's  
coming-of-age peal at  
Hawkhurst, on December  
1st, was a happy affair. Her father and god-  
father, Mr. J. G. Powell, participated in the  
peal, and the ringers and friends were after-  
wards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Gor-  
ringe. On Sunday Hawkhurst ringers presented  
Miss Gorrings with a cake basket, the  
'Ringer's Diary,' and Mr. R. H. Dove's 'Bell-  
ringers' Guide.'

Mr. George E. Fearn, the popular secretary  
of the St. Martin's Guild, rang his 800th peal  
on December 8th.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and  
Mrs. I. Marston, of St. Bees, Cumberland.  
Their years of married happiness coincided  
with Mr. Marston's years of service as a ringer  
at St. Bees Priory Church.

In the belfry at Wisbech, Cambs, there is a  
'Ringing World' box into which the ringers  
and visitors can drop a coin. The quarter peal  
from Wisbech was financed from the box to  
the extent of 5s.

The peal of 5,088 Plain Bob Major at Bos-  
ton, Lincs, on December 5th, was rung after  
an unsuccessful attempt on November 3rd in  
honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank H. Hicks  
and Miss Evelyn M. Capon, at Hellingly, Sus-  
sex. Although belated, the good wishes of the  
company are as equally sincere as those whose  
peals were successful on this happy occasion.

Congratulations to Lt.-Col. the Rev. R. J.  
Morris, D.S.O., Vicar of Melbourne, Derby-  
shire, who, at the age of 69, has rung his first  
peal, one of Stedman Triples, from the tenor.  
Lt.-Col. Morris started ringing three and a half  
years ago, and his keenness, spirit and deter-  
mination surpass that of many ringers in  
their teens. He is one of the most active of  
the elderly ringers in the Derbyshire Associa-  
tion. Can any other clergyman claim to have  
rung his first peal at the age of 69?

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# A CHRISTMAS QUIZ FOR RINGERS

By KEWSETT

Kewsett again presents his popular Christmas Quiz. A book token is offered to the competitor sending the best solution by January 10th. Envelopes to be addressed: 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. A. Pryme Phacter, in the middle of calling a peal of Bob Major in which the tenors were not parted, was amusing himself by working out in his head the factors of each change, when he came to one which is divisible by all the odd numbers up to 15. What was the change, and in which course?

2. How many of the changes on five-bells have no bell in its home position?

3. After ringing his first rounds on ten bells, young Alan asked the pretty girl on the treble for her name. She replied: 'You should 3214 a bit more 5264 when you 843, 76 you will 96421 your 8320, my 970.' What was her name?

4. In our tower the treble is one cwt. lighter than the second, the second two cwt. lighter than the third, and so on, the seventh being seven cwt. lighter than the tenor bell. In addition the heaviest four bells have a total weight of three times the lightest four. Four of the bells swing East-West, and the other four, including the treble, swing North-South. The total weights of these two sets are the same.

What is the weight of the tenor, and which way does it swing?

5. Why is a bad Stedman ringer like a man with toothache?

6. They had rung 5,025 Stedman Caters. John Parry said: 'That's curious, Mr. Stephens, if you divide the difference in the cubes of our ages by the difference in our ages you get 5,025.' How old were both?

7. The eight at Much Bashing are hung in the order of tittums, 15263748, and the locals always start touches by ringing them in the order of hanging. A visiting conductor wanted to call a touch to bring up Queens. What change must the touch contain if rung ordinarily?

8. Thirteen ringers decided to attempt thirteen handbell peals, four taking part in each attempt. How can the bands be arranged if no two ringers may be together in more than one attempt?

9. How many of the 40,320 changes on eight bells are divisible by 99?

10. What will be the date of issue of No. 5,040 of 'The Ringing World'?

11. Six bells toll in order, starting with the treble, at intervals of one second, the tenor bell tolling five seconds after the treble. If the treble continues tolling at intervals of 13 seconds from its first toll, the 2nd every 15 seconds, the 3rd every 17 seconds, and so on, the tenor tolling every 23 seconds, how long will it be before they all toll together?

12. The treble of the six at Orful Dynn is so flat, and the third so sharp, that the first three bells sound alike. How many different changes can be rung on the bells?

## 9,568 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN TEN METHODS

Dear Sir,—I am writing to inform you that on December 29th an attempt will be made by the Chester Diocesan Guild at the Parish Church, Over, Cheshire, to ring 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major in 10 methods, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, London, Kendal, Watford, Wembley, Hanbury, Ealing and Bristol. The composition by A. J. Pitman, is given below.

	23456	M	W	H	
	26354	2	—	—	L B K Wat (3) K Wem
	32654	—	—	—	E H S
	65324	—	—	—	S H E
	35426	—	—	—	Wem X C S P
A	52364	2	2	—	L B K Wat (3) K B L
	36524	—	—	—	P S C X Wem
	53624	—	—	—	E H S
	62534	—	—	—	S H E
	52436	—	—	—	Wem X C S P
B	23564	2	2	—	L B K Wat (3) K B L
	46532	—	—	—	P S C X Wem
	54632	—	—	—	E H S
	63542	—	—	—	S H E
	53246	—	—	—	Wem X C S P
	34256		A		
	45362	2	2	—	L B K Wat (3) K B L
	35264	—	—	—	P S C X L
	46253	—	—	—	P S C X Wem
	24653	—	—	—	E H S
	65243	—	—	—	S H E
	25346	—	—	—	Wem X C S P

Whence rounds are produced by 2A, 2B, 2A, B.

X=Cambridge or Superlative

Yours faithfully,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

## RINGERS HONOUR 86th BIRTHDAY OF MR. J. W. JONES

Members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association visited the ancient but very beautiful church of St Cybi, Llangibby, to ring a peal in honour of the 86th birthday of that 'grand old ringer,' namely, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport.

Mr. Jones himself still continues to ring at his church and was well enough to take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the eve of his birthday. He also journeyed to Llangibby to welcome the ringers before the peal and join them afterwards for a little refreshment.

Mr. Jones first began his ringing career at Caerleon in 1888, under the guidance of the late Mr. Evan Davies, who was one of the founders of the above Association. After having rung his first peal on Caerleon bells in January, 1889, Mr. Jones went on to ring more than 500 peals throughout the country, and has rung in well over 600 towers. Throughout his energetic life Mr. Jones has devoted endless time to the tuition of new ringers and has given much to the instruction of change ringing in most towers of Monmouthshire, and many elsewhere.

Mr. Jones also gave faithful service to the interests of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, of which he was secretary for nearly 50 years, and has also been Master on two occasions. The Association still has the benefit of his valued opinions, as he attends all the Association meetings, and is still one of the representatives on the Central Council.

When the bells were installed in his church, All Saints', Newport, in 1898, Mr. Jones took over the leadership of the All Saints' Guild of Ringers. The bells of All Saints' were first dedicated in May, 1902, and gave valued service to the church until they were returned and

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rehung in 1947. And so Mr. Jones has thus had the unusual experience of participating in two dedications of bells in the same church.

Ringers everywhere will be pleased to learn that Mr. Jones now enjoys improved health following his fall of several months ago and will join in the good wishes of his local ringers upon this, his 86th birthday, and the hope that they will have the pleasure in honouring a similar occasion next year.

## ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, ABERDEEN

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, have been informed by the City Architect of Aberdeen that the Town Council has agreed to place with them the contract for recasting the entire carillon of 37 bells and refitting them with modern fittings, new steel framework, clavier, electro-pneumatic tune-playing machine, etc.

The 37 recast bells will total approximately 249½ cwt. with a Bourdon of about 4½ tons, note G, and the latter will be hung with electro autoswinging mechanism.

The present carillon of Belgian bells, which was little known, was installed in the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. It was never satisfactory and has rarely been used in consequence with the exception of the clock chimes. The carillon is the property of the City of Aberdeen although housed in St. Nicholas' Church tower. This will be the largest bell contract placed in the British Islands since the war.

## CHATHAM ROAD TRAGEDY

At the request of the Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev. Thomas Crick, D.D., the bells of Rochester Cathedral were rung half-muffled to the memory of the Royal Marine cadets killed at Chatham. The funeral service was held on December 12th in the Cathedral, conducted by the Bishop of Rochester and assisted by the Dean.

A quarter peal of 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled by D. Norris 1, T. Beaumont 2, Miss G. Jarrett 3, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 4, H. Springate 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, R. E. Norris 7, V. A. Jarrett 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, G. Davis 10. All are members of the Cathedral Society.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## IRREGULAR PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—It is several years since I wrote to 'The Ringing World' as I have a mortal dread of adding myself to the list of people which I have mentally prepared, who perform a similar operation, writing occasionally varied types of campanological balderdash, in order to see their names in print.

However, the argument concerning regular and irregular lead ends in Minor ringing, which seems to have been resuscitated, is one in which I feel compelled to make some observations.

The letter by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis in the current issue (December 7th) misses some interesting points, and it is obvious that he approaches his subject with an open mind.

I live in an area where there are a good many Minor ringers and the Barnsley and District Society, to which I belong, was founded for the express purpose of forwarding this branch of the art. We are close lead or 'cartwheel.' Minor ringers, and I think I may safely say that a fairly high standard of striking is observed.

But apart from a few isolated cases, multi-method ringing is not developed to any great extent. Methods like Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, New London and Merchant's Return are rung and enjoyed in many towers, and will, I have no doubt, continue to be rung by many ringers to whom the 'Central Council' is, rightly or wrongly, but a name in 'The Ringing World.'

Many of them attend regularly every Sunday to ring for service, and go through life ringing perhaps one or two peals. These peals are matters of great moment to the ringers concerned and likely as not will contain one or more methods with irregular lead ends in order to ensure that the peal is rung in seven methods. Be it also remembered that only two methods, Oxford and Kent, possess a complete slow work and regular lead ends on the Treble Bob system.

It is insufficient to point out to them, as Mr. Lewis has done, that they 'could just as easily ring a regular method by using the knowledge they have of the other six and combining them.' I and several others have been advocating that for over 20 years! Also in many cases it just isn't true.

Why shouldn't they ring these irregular methods? Because the Central Council says so?

Irregular methods sound just the same outside the tower. In a small village where the ringers are known personally to all the inhabitants the ringing and striking of the parish bells is a far more intimate and communal affair than it can ever hope to be in a town, and arbitrary regulations by faraway and (to them) obscure councils, to use a modern idiom, 'cut no ice.' We might lead them but they won't be driven. I feel that this is true not only of this locality.

Here, with close leads, even 6, 5's at back-stroke don't matter, and by calling 'tenor without fifth' the fifth can be brought home at the part end even in an irregular method.

Personally, when ringing a peal in seven (or more) Minor methods, I have always avoided irregular methods wherever possible, but I see no reason why a less advanced ringer (method-ically speaking) shouldn't be allowed to choose the methods he knows and loves, when he attempts a Minor peal, providing, of course, that there is no falseness.

I think that the crux of the matter is that many of the rules formulated by the 'Central Council' in connection with Minor ringing are passed by 8-, 10- or 12-bell ringers, many of whom have but an academic interest in the subject.

The final paragraph of Mr. Lewis's letter contains a practical suggestion which shows his good sense. I would, however, go further than this. I would suggest that in regard to **Minor**, the whole question of irregular lead ends be reconsidered and the rules amended so as to include many of the old favourites. They will still be rung anyway. Why not ring them in peals?—Yours faithfully

H. CHANT.

Ryhill,  
Wakefield, Yorks.

## UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Much is discussed, re above, but providing each extent is true the performers can please themselves. Perhaps I started reading too early records, but it is not true that the proficiency of a ringer was his ability to ring 5,000 changes of a given method? It appears that the principle of to-day, unfortunately, is to make rules to suit whatever may be offered by certain people. I am still waiting for a **real, true and complete** peal of 5,040 Bob Triples.

By the way Springfield is not new, I drew the line many seasons ago.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

## BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat shocked at the ignorance of your applicant for stuffed owls to keep away bats and if it isn't a joke I hasten to ask you to let your readers know that the little Pipistrellus bat is the greatest friend of ancient buildings and should be encouraged. It does no harm whatever and preys on all insects including the death watch beetle. It is not blind but when blinded it has some power to avoid all obstacles in flight.

To kill and stuff an owl is another evil. This bird does nothing but good and is mostly engaged in killing small vermin and has been known to take rats. On the other hand I don't think the clever little bat would be scared away; they live too near the woods to be frightened by a stuffed owl.

Although this is not ringing news, I do hope that if any ringer encounters bats in belfries or churches they will let them go unharmed.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

## CATTISTOCK CARILLON

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the letter from Mr. Frank Price, carillonneur at the Peace Tower, Ottawa, on the subject of the Cattistock Carillon.

In my report I stated that the tower has been rebuilt and a fine ring of bells installed, and in a later paragraph dealing with the Rev. — Deane's address recorded his expression of satisfaction on the completion of the work.

These two statements were meant to convey (as I hope they did) a ringer's point of view, in so far as from that angle, viz, the rebuilding of the tower, and the hanging of the bells, the work is obviously complete, and it is well to remember that Mr. Deane was addressing a congregation composed of change ringers.

The Rector did tell us, however, that the money available for the restoration would not cover both ringing bells and carillon, and in these circumstances the people of Cattistock chose to install the ring of eight and, although as Mr. Price says, it is their intention to replace the carillon, there is no doubt that such a small community will require a great deal of financial assistance before their hopes can be realised.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. HAYNE.

Hon. Sec., Dorchester Branch,  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Lancashire Association I regret having to write to you regarding the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells.

Many ringers have written to me expressing dissatisfaction at the arrangements made, totally excluding any but named ringers from the belfry. It is regrettable also that ringers who had travelled long distances were unrewarded for their efforts.

In fairness to our Association, I must make it quite clear that so far as the Lancashire Association is concerned no official intimation was given to either the president or myself that the bells of Liverpool Cathedral were to be opened on that day. In fact, officially, the Association does not even know they are there.

Again I must say I very much regret having to write in this strain but feel it my duty to inform all ringers so that the Lancashire Association's prestige will not suffer.—Yours sincerely,

F. DUNKERLEY, Secretary,  
The Lancashire Association  
of Change Ringers.

## ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the query of Mr. L. A. C. Weare, of Bulawayo, Rhodesia, the record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells was made in 1930 and is a 12-inch H.M.V.—No. C2098—a Plain Course of Stedman Caters on one side and on the other a Bob Course of Grandire Caters, with some rounds. A Plain Course of Grandire was too long to go on (132 changes).

Good luck to the Cambridge Royal record attempt. I was in the present record peal which was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, 1923, which has stood for 28 years.—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

## OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The following touch of Oxford Bob Triples contains Tutlums, Queens and Whittingtons changes, with the use of ordinary Grandire Singles. Can any reader produce a shorter touch containing these changes?

196  
234567

S 432675 2  
S 574632 1  
S 625743 3  
S 346725 1  
S 463257 2  
S 364572 2  
S 723564 1  
S 467523 1  
S 234567 1

Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

## 'HERTFORD BOB ROYAL'

Dear Sir,—I have just received a reply from the Methods Committee saying that the method which was rung in the peal of Spiced Royal on November 9th and which was published in 'The Ringing World' December 7th, as 'Hertford Bob Royal,' is a true extension of Ashbourne College, and should therefore, of course, go by that name.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SLANEY

Jesus College, Oxford.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett has received replies from all over the country regarding a railway-men's peal. Unfortunately an embankment on his section of track has subsided, and for him life for the past three weeks has been just work, eat and sleep. As soon as things return to normal he will deal with his correspondence. He apologises for the delay.



## DEDICATION

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DROGHEDA

The eight bells in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, Ireland, were cast by John Rudhall in 1791 and were hung in a native oak frame. Apart from the recasting of the tenor (22½ cwt.) by Taylor's in 1889, and minor repairs, the bells remained in the same fittings until last April.

For the past few years the bells were not in a safe condition to ring, so a fund known as the Bi-Centenary Fund was started with a target of £2,000 to redecorate the church and renovate the bells. The fund was opened in 1948 and is due to close next September on the bi-centenary of the church. There are only about 200 souls in the parish and they have contributed in subscriptions, sales, etc. up to the present, just over £1,000. Other efforts are pending which, it is expected, will bring in another £300. This will just cover the cost of renovating the bells and work associated therewith. The redecoration of the church, in consequence, must be deferred unless a fairy godmother turns up.

The Most Rev. J. A. F. Gregg, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, attended at St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, to dedicate four churchwardens' staves which had been made and presented by the Bellringers' Guild, parts of which were made from the old bell frame. His Grace then rededicated the bells and subsequently preached an appropriate sermon on the history of Irish bells.

After the service the bells were rung by visiting ringers from Hillsborough, Holywood, Belfast, Dublin, Bray, as well as by the local company. Touches of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the evening. All were very pleased with the excellent job carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Amongst those present were Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, and Mrs. Taylor, and Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon.

While the bells were in Loughborough the local bellringers were not idle. As well as making the churchwardens' staves they erected a wainscoting, new stairs, mirrors and a cupboard in the ringing room. They also redecorated it throughout in pleasing colours, all materials having been supplied by the ringers.

## 5,136 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In Five Methods  
By NOLAN GOLDEN

P. L.—, P—	M H	64352
L. D—	H	26452
L. P. D—, R. L—	W H	45362
L. P. D. R. L—	H	34562
L. P. D. R. L—	H	53462
L. P—, D. R. L	M	43265

L. SC—, SC. L—	B H	43652
P—, L. P—	W H	65432
L. D—	H	46532
L. D—	H	54632
P—, L. P—	W H	63542
L. D—	H	56342
L. D—	H	35642

L. SC—, SC. L	B H	35426
L. P. D, R. L—	H	43526
L. P. D, R. L—	H	54326
P. L—, P—	M H	63425
L. D—	H	46325
L. D—	H	34625
L. SC—, SC. L	B	42356

P=Plain, 1,344 changes. L=Little, 1,392 changes. D=Double, 1,248 changes. R=Reverse, 576 changes. SC=St. Clement's, 576 changes.—=Bob at end of lead.

Contains the 120 course ends tenors together and 353 changes of method.

Five times repeated, singles halfway and end. Rung at St. Miles', Norwich, September 3rd, 1951.

## ANOTHER RING OF TWELVE FOR LIVERPOOL

WHEN Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas) was burnt out as a result of enemy action in 1941, the tower and bells were undamaged. As a safety measure, the bells were then taken down and removed to the Bell Foundry at Loughborough, where they have been ever since. The foundation stone of the new church (incorporating the old tower, of course) was laid in May, 1949, and the building is now approaching completion.

A faculty has just been granted for the recasting and rehanging of the bells and Messrs. Taylor's have been entrusted with the work. The recast ring of twelve will have a tenor of 42 cwt. in C, and will be hung in a new iron frame. A flat sixth is to be added, to give a light eight for practice.

For various reasons the church has been re-oriented; that is, the tower will be at the geographical west end of the new church, but the liturgical east end. The doorway which used to lead from the base of the tower to the church will be filled in and the high altar will stand just in front of it; the base of the tower will form a chapel. At the other end of the church there is to be a low vestibule and over this a refectory and library. Access to the latter rooms will be by a spiral staircase in a kind of turret, and it is in this turret that it is proposed to hang the sanctus bell. It will then be possible to chime the latter from a position near the main entrance to the church, which will be much more convenient than if it were in the tower with the other bells.

Messrs. Taylor's have recently weighed the bells, and readers of 'The Ringing World' will be interested to know that the present tenor is actually three and a half cwt. lighter than it was supposed to be.

Treble: \* Reputed weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb., actual weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.; 2nd: 7 cwt. 4 lb., 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 3rd: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.; 7 cwt. 6 lb.; 4th: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.; 7 cwt. 3 lb.; 5th: 8 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.; 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.; 6th: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.; 8 cwt. 7 lb.; 7th: 11 cwt. 12 lb.; 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.; 8th: 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.; 14 cwt. 2 qr.; 9th: 19 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.; 18 cwt. 18 lb.; 10th: 20 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.; 19 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.; 11th: 29 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.; 27 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.; tenor: 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.; 36 cwt. 22 lb.; total weights: 183 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., 170 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

At the present rate of progress, the new church will be finished some time next summer and it is hoped that the bells will be hung in time to be consecrated at the same time as the church.

\* The weights of the front eleven bells are taken from Cheetham's book, 'The Bells of Lancashire,' while the weight of the tenor is that given by Warner's, who recast the bell in 1911.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

## Tewkesbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Kemerton on December 1st. Visitors were welcomed from Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud and Worcester. The Vicar of Kemerton, the Rev. W. J. Tooth, preached and took the service and was also host at the tea which was held in the Crown Inn, Kemerton.

At the business meeting which followed, Group Captain Lister was re-appointed chairman, Mr. J. Beech hon. secretary, and Mr. D. Beacham was elected representative on the Management Committee in place of Mr. E. T. Newbury, who retired.

An enjoyable time was spent by all, the following towers being represented: Tewkesbury Abbey, Kemerton, Deerhurst, Pinkney, Chaceley, Leigh, Beckford and Twynning.

J. B.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Harlington Meeting a Great Success

The South and West District risked the weather by holding a country meeting on Saturday, November 24th, and the 30 or more ringers who attended had a most enjoyable time, despite the heavy rain in the evening. Harlington was the afternoon's choice, at a most attractive old church with a fine 12th-century doorway, 15th-century tower and a famous yew tree nearly a thousand years old. The old six were augmented since the war by two Meas trebles, into a pleasant, light eight (tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.).

The bells were set going to a variety of standard methods, Cambridge and up to four Spliced Surprise Major, with quite a good standard of striking. There must have been a scarcity of peals being attempted in the London area, judging by the number of 'pealsters' present.

After an excellent tea, generously provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall, the quarterly meeting was held. Miss Joyce Lewis (Hemel Hempstead), Brian Taylor (Clewes) and Roy J. Diserens (Reading), were elected life members. After discussion it was agreed to hold the December meeting after Christmas, i.e., on January 5th, at Brentford and St. Mary's, Ealing, and the annual meeting early in February, at Acton, subject to the towers being available. It is hoped to avoid clashing with other annual meetings at about this time.

The secretary announced that a questionnaire is to be sent out to all bellfries in the District, requesting information on the bells, their condition, standards of ringing, ringing customs still surviving and membership of bands. From the scope of the questions, a suggestion was made that the colour of the captain's eyes should be included! Some of the information will be included in the annual report of the Association—not, it is hoped, only towers in the area which are considered to be in affiliation, but all the towers. Some will be for reference only, e.g., addresses, bell customs, etc. It is asked that the questionnaire will be returned by January 12th.

A shuttle service of cars was used to convey all those who wanted to get to Harmondsworth in the evening, the village otherwise being rather inaccessible. The church here has a beautifully-carved Norman door, 14th- and 15th-century hammerbeam roofs, 16th-century oak pews, 12th-century font, a beautifully-kept first edition of the Authorised Version of the Bible and a fine Tudor brick tower with six bells (tenor 16 cwt.).

Normally these bells are not considered to be easy-going, but thanks to the efforts of the tower captain, they were found quite easy to manage. Many methods were rung or attempted and it was very amusing to see well-known Spliced Major experts almost completely lost in four Spliced Surprise Minor! How much nicer it sounded when Tony Price surprised everyone by ringing 1-2 to Spliced London and Cambridge!

Mr. P. Newton, the tower captain, and his wife invited the ringers to their home afterwards, where an excellent supper awaited them. Handbells were brought out and some remarkable London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were attempted. Then home, through the rain and the darkness.

So ended a very enjoyable meeting, thanks to the kindness and generosity of the incumbents, tower captains and ringers of Harlington and Harmondsworth, two villages which were threatened with extermination by their new neighbour, London Airport.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (1 Oxford and Sandal, 2 London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal): E. Dobb 1, Joan Smith 2, D. H. Rooke (first quarter Spliced as con.) 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter of Spliced for 1 and 2.



## QUARTER PEALS

## ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—

On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Ingram 1, Miss J. Ainsworth (first quarter in the method) 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, J. L. Gray 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, G. Davis (first quarter as cond. in the method) 7, H. Dickens 8. A compliment to Miss J. Ainsworth on her forthcoming marriage to W. R. Smith, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 8th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Goakes 1, W. Barker 2, L. Witten 3, G. Bush 4, G. Jeffs 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

**SALOME, OXON.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Absalom 1, W. Absalom 2, F. Absalom (cond.) 3, F. Selwood 4, R. D. Wells 5, C. Douglas 6. Rung half-muffled after interment of E. Wells, ringer of above parish for 60 years.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, A. R. Greenough 2, C. Aldridge 3, H. Aldridge 4, G. F. James 5, C. Corderoy (first in method as cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 9th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, R. Charge 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. R. Winterton 6, J. W. Euston 7, J. Clifford 8. Birthday compliment to R. H. Begrie.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Statham 1, Miss E. Baddeley 2, F. Bennet (cond.) 3, A. W. Gravett 4, J. Whitehead 5, W. Hart 6, A. W. Bond 7, M. Thomas 8.

**BUCKLAND, SURREY.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. H. Winch 1, A. P. Cannon 2, C. J. Champion (first of Minor as cond.) 3, F. T. Hoad 4, G. Oliver 5, R. Bird 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Westrup).

**CARMARTHEN.**—On Dec. 9th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mayhook 1, Mrs. D. Curtis 2, J. Thomas (first quarter) 3, W. L. Williams 4, D. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. Curtis 6. Rung for the King's thanksgiving day.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Poolman (first quarter) 1, P. J. Lewis 2, C. King 3, W. J. Poolman 4, L. H. Lewis 5, D. C. Bowen 6, J. Bonney (cond.) 7, E. Marshall 8. A 21st birthday compliment to W. J. Poolman.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Friswell 1, Gwen Friswell 2, R. K. C. Wilkins 3, W. D. Prockton 4, R. Newman (cond.) 5, D. Harman 6, C. E. Willington 7, D. A. Lydenham (first quarter of Triples) 8. Rung for the dedication of the Children's Corner, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Newman.

**COWLEY, OXON.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Busby (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss C. Hall 3, T. Bowles 4, L. Busby 5, J. Sutton (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 50th birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Whye).

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James', on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 4th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Haynes (first quarter) 1, R. Oliver 2, L. J. Baldock 3, R. W. Pankhurst 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, J. W. Rollison 6, P. H. Rollison (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. Rung for Confirmation Service.

**FAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Woodley 1, B. L. J. Brown 2, G. Bishop 3, M. Bishop (first quarter as cond. and of Plain Bob Major) 4, H. Bishop 5, J. Gordon 6, T. F. East 7, A. H. Webb 8.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, C. W. Haslop 2, J. S. Bedlington 3, W. N. Atkinson 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8. A thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery.

**HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, Miss B. Bates (first quarter of Major) 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, W. H. Taylor 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, E. Holdsworth 6, J. G. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8.

**HEENE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Worsfold 1, D. Smith 2, P. Craig 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, R. Wilson 5, S. White (first 'inside') 6, B. Cowper 7, H. Weaver 8. First quarter on eight bells by 1, 2, 3 and 7. A thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter in method by all except conductor. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. H. Donnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

## HUNTINGDON.—

At All Saints', on Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): R. Peacock 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter in 2 methods) 3, C. J. Young 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, Alan Smith 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. V. Young 4, B. Hawkins 5, G. Peter 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Winch 1, Alan Smith 2, G. Peter 3, G. Marriner 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. Smith 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, J. Williams 8.

**LONDON.**—On December 9th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, E. Fenn 3, Doris E. Liddet 4, K. W. Mackintosh (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 5, H. Belcher 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, R. F. Deal 10.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. D. Poole 1, H. Buckingham (83) 2, M. Spracklin 3, E. D. Poole 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung for thanksgiving service to H.M. the King, also in honour of Mr. F. O. Nicholls, 60 years member of the Oxford Guild.

**MIDDLEZEY, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Clifford, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Bawden 1, F. Sweet (cond.) 2, R. Short 3, C. Davis 4, C. Clark 5, S. Emery 6. First quarter in 5 methods for 1, 4 and 6. First quarter in 5 methods on the bells. Specially rung for the installation of electric light in the church and tower, dedicated a few days previously.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, W. Baker 2, A. Cavell 3, R. Stone 4, G. J. Gammon 5, R. Winter 6, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 7, F. Burton (first quarter of Triples) 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. J. Gammon.

**NEWINGTON, KENT.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. Soles 4, R. J. Birch 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. A. Slingsby, a ringer at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on his 80th birthday; to Mr. and Mrs. J. Soles on their 17th wedding anniversary; and to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson on the birth of a son.

**NEWPORT MON.**—At All Saints', on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, B. Parry 2, Jacqueline Evans 3, D. King 4, D. Clarke 5, R. Smith 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, J. Fitzgerald 8. In honour of J. W. Jones' 85th birthday.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Miss J. Cordwell (first 'inside') 2, O. Moores 3, Miss M. J. Jagger (first quarter as cond.) 4, A. F. Taylor 5, G. Taylor 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Howard (first quarter Triples) 1, J. Burt 2, C. Heskins 3, J. Croombs 4, D. Stone 5, J. Brooks 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, G. Herd 8.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Cheeseman 1, I. Coombes 2, J. H. Haync 3, W. G. Trevelt 4, N. B. Davis (14 years) 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2; first of Minor 'inside' for 4 and 5; first of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Walden, a member of the local band.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World, December 2nd, 1911

## ONE THOUSAND PEALS

'The Exercise has never seen a greater ringer than William Pye, and . . . his thousand peals, completed last Saturday, set the seal, as it were, to a career which is unparalleled.

'Only once before has an individual reached four figures in his peal total. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, in his long career as a ringer, passed a thousand, and everyone considered him a marvellous man. In very truth, he was, but . . . William Pye's 1,000 peals are a still greater accomplishment. When one considers the proportion conducted (752), the quality of the methods (more than 420 Surprise peals, to say nothing of 400 odd peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques), the weight of metal often handled . . . William Pye's achievements mark him as our premier ringer—a position in which he is to-day unassailed and unassailable. . . . Mr. Pye has, during his career, helped over 50 ringers to ring their first peal of London Surprise, nearly 40 their first peal of Bristol, and over 60 their first of Stedman Cinques. . . . Nobody, probably, has done more for peal aspirants, and (he) has reached a point which will remain of historical interest to the Exercise.'

[William Pye was born on August 14th, 1870, and was thus 41 years of age. His brother Ernest completed 1,000 in 1915 at the age of 39, and these two remain the youngest to have reached this total. Before his death in 1935, William had taken part in only about 30 short of 2,000 peals. His first was not till he had been a ringer for eight years.]

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Swindon Branch

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 8th and in addition to branch members, visitors attended from Aldbourne, Fairford, Faringdon, Painswick, Shrivenham, Thame and Wootton Bassett.

The company was entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers and this was followed by the playing of some records of Christ Church bells. At the business meeting satisfaction was expressed of the work of the retiring officers and all were re-elected.

It was suggested that the next meetings be held at Highworth, St. Mark's, Swindon, and Malmesbury. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

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**OBITUARY****MR. ERNEST DUMPER**

After a long period of ill health nobly borne, Mr. Ernest Dumper died peacefully in his sleep on December 8th.

He had been a ringer at North Stoncham almost as long as there have been six or more bells in the tower, the bells having been augmented to six in 1892. Although not a prolific or regular peal ringer, he was always consistent in his attendance for Sunday service ringing, and for special occasions as they arose.

It is not only in the tower that he will be missed, either, for, in addition to his wonderful record there, he was also for many years a sidesman at St. Nicholas' and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

The burial service took place at St. Nicholas' on December 12th, and it was hoped to perpetuate his memory with a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on the following Saturday.

R. A. R.

**MR. G. RANDALL**

Mr. George Randall, for many years captain of Higham Ferrers ringers, died at the Park Hospital, Wellingborough, on December 3rd, aged 88 years. Mr. Randall had not taken an active part in ringing for the past 14 years or so.

At the funeral service at Higham Ferrers on Thursday, December 6th, Mr. D. G. Deighton represented the local band and Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, unfortunately failed after two attempts.

A. B.

**MR. R. H. McDONALD**

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. R. H. McDonald on November 25th, at his home at Kensington, Sydney, in his 96th year.

Mr. McDonald learned his early change-ringing at Birmingham. He came to Australia as a young man and after looking around New South Wales and Queensland, finally made his home in Sydney, where he lived for some 50 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral ringers and was captain of the tower for approximately 40 years.

He did a great work for change-ringing and his many friends will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD  
Halesworth District**

The quarterly meeting which was held at Blythburgh on December 8th was attended by 22 members in spite of the bad weather. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor and the ringing also included set changes for beginners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Thompson), one of the ringers acting as organist. An excellent tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, where the business meeting was also held.

Yoxford was proposed for the next meeting on March 8th, if possible. The company stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. F. Bailey, of Leiston. Two new members were elected and then more ringing followed until 9 p.m.

**LATE NEWS****RECORD LENGTH OF ROYAL**

The longest peal of Royal on record was rung at Worsley, Lancs, last Saturday. It was 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal and the feat was accomplished in 10 hours and 23 minutes. The peal was for the Lancashire Association and was conducted from the 24 cwt. tenor by Mr. John Worth.

**GABRIEL LINDOFF & CHAS. F. BAILEY****Leiston's Contribution To Surprise Ringing**

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mr. Charles F. Bailey heard of his death (within a few days of his 72nd birthday) in Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, on December 1st. He had been in indifferent health since 1946 when, whilst on holiday in London, he was first taken ill and immediately taken to the Central Middlesex Hospital.

Up to that time he had been leading a very active life. As his health gradually failed he had to curtail most of his activities, but his interest in ringing, both technical as well as practical, remained right to the end.

He served his apprenticeship as a shoing and general smith with the late Mr. Rowe (who for many years and up to 1914 had a flourishing business at the lower end of High Street, Leiston), having for some time as workmates the late Messrs. Hubert Smith and 'Cuckoo' Barber.

**SPLENDID PHYSIQUE**

As a craftsman his skill and ability were unequalled. His splendid physique, general adaptability and rugged appearance stamped him as an ideal, typical blacksmith, and after gaining further experience at Grundisburgh and Tunstall, he started work in the then extensive smithy of Leiston Works in 1903, under the late Mr. J. Cornforth, afterwards with the late Mr. A. Smith. During the time the works were under the control of the notorious A.G.E. combine he acted as foreman for a time, remaining at the works until his retirement in 1945.

It was during the second world war that his skilled craftsmanship found full outlet. One had only to explain what was wanted when the invariable answer, given in his own way, was, 'All right, leave it here, we'll see what we can do.' Needless to say, he always gave of his best: he was a 'schemer' in the highest sense of the word, saw to it that his work came through to a successful conclusion, to the unbounded admiration of all concerned.

He was a member of the old Volunteers and served in the 1914-18 war in the 1st Tank Corps and on demobilisation became a member of the then Old Comrades Association, afterwards the British Legion.

As a young man he played football for Leiston Town Reserves, playing centre-forward in 1905-6 when winning the Aldeburgh and District League, and could always be relied upon to play a good, sporting, vigorous game. He was also keenly interested in the steel quoits game. Later on in life, bowls claimed his attention. Being fond of billiards he was always happy to oblige anyone with a game, generally putting up a good show.

**TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**

But it was at ringing that Charles F. was seen at his best: his energy and technical knowledge were prodigious.

Many years ago (about 1907-8) readers of the then 'Bell News' began to take notice of the ringing exploits of two or three of the Bailey brothers. The writer remembers in the peal notices of that time that weekly peals were being rung on the local bells. First there were two, then three, brothers taking part, a fourth coming in, and so on, until the year 1911, the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Leiston ring of eight bells, a peal of Bob Major containing 5,024 changes was rung in 2 hours 58 minutes by the eight brothers, the peal notice being surmounted by a photograph of the band, taken near the belfry door on the south side of the church.

This peal was conducted by Charles and was the 62nd in which he had taken part during the previous ten years. Later on another brother took up the art, the same conductor

being in charge of this brother's first peal, making a band of nine ringing brothers, all members of St. Margaret's company.

Many peals had been rung since that date by the late Mr. Bailey; so far up to 500 have been accounted for (there may be a lot more), many on handbells. Of these handbell peals, one is worthy of more than passing interest, viz., that of Stedman Cinques.

The ringing activities of this remarkable man may be gauged from the fact that he took part in upwards of 264 Major Surprise peals in 18 different Surprise methods, conducting the greater part of them; a truly wonderful achievement. Another of his conducted peals, when he rang the tenor bell, was 11,040 changes of Double Norwich Bob Major in 6 hours 32 minutes in the year 1911, also on the Leiston bells.

**LINDOFF AND LEISTON**

A great friend of the celebrated Gabriel Lindoff (who once resided in Leiston), nothing gave him greater pleasure than ringing new methods or compositions sent him by Mr. Lindoff. The words 'Composed by Gabriel Lindoff'; 'This composition is now rung for the first time'; 'First peal in this method on the bells'; 'First peal in this method' became regular features of the peal notices of the times.

Much more could be written of this distinguished ringer and conductor if time and space permitted; not only did he receive a cordial welcome wherever he went ringing, but received many invitations to conduct the ringing when attending Guild meetings. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for many years and was largely responsible for the formation of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers when the new Suffolk Diocese was formed.

He always welcomed a ring with visitors and was delighted to help the younger ringers and beginners, especially of the Aldeburgh company with whom he rang the last four or five years. Here again he was a tower of strength.

Although of an outspoken and of independent nature, he was good-hearted and painstaking and, when one got to know and understand him, a true and good friend, as many can testify, applying himself wholeheartedly with a keen enthusiasm and determination to the object in view, whether work or play, and an inspiration to all who were privileged to know him, especially in ringing matters.

**THE FUNERAL**

The funeral took place at Leiston Cemetery on December 5th, the family mourners being:—Mr. and Mrs. Kersey (son-in-law and daughter); Messrs. N. R. and L. Bailey (brothers); Mr. R. Bailey (nephew); Mrs. G. Markwell, Messrs. A. and F. Markwell. Others included Mrs. G. Hammond, Mr. S. Kersey and Mr. H. Hemsall. The widow was unable to attend owing to prolonged illness.

The Richard Garrett Engineering Works were represented by Mr. A. D. Pipe (production superintendent) and Mr. A. Deal (foreman). The ringing fraternity was represented by Messrs. J. Pilgrim, Wm. Smith, P. Bedford (all of Aldeburgh) and G. Greenacre, of Leiston.

In the evening the bells of Aldeburgh Parish Church were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect, the ringing and those taking part being as follows:—720 Oxford Treble Bob; L. Woollard 1, R. Kersey 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, O. Newson 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6; and 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Peck 1, A. Ling 2, J. Pilgrim 3, P. Bedford 4, Wm. Smith 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6.

Whilst paying tribute to departed merit, much sympathy is extended to the widow (especially as she is so incapacitated), Mr. and Mrs. R. Kersey and the rest of the family.



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL RINGERS

Hearty seasonal greetings to my many ringing friends, wherever they may be—and to 'The Ringing World,' good luck in 1952.—F. Hector BENNETT, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 9957

Every good wish to all friends, near and far, for a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Albert and Mrs. WALKER, 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 9956

To wish all my ringing friends at home, Australia and in the Forces, a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.—Evelyn STEEL. 9955

Sincere greetings and a happy Christmas to all District members and all friends in the Guildford Guild, with greater progress and good striking in the New Year.—Ron KENWARD, Hon. Sec., Guildford District. 9958

Sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to our English bell-ringers.—A. R. WILSON, Holy Trinity Bellringers Association, Hobart, Tasmania. 9918

To all friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 9918

Arthur PRINCE, 10, North Devon Road, Fishponds, Bristol, sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all friends, wherever dispersed, with appropriate thoughts to members of the Temple. 9919

To all members of Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, hearty greetings for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 9928

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends, wherever they are.—W. D. ('Bill') ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Dogg Village, Broadclyst, Devon. 9920

Heartiest Christmas greetings to ALL ringers, wherever they may be, especially the Editor and 'The Ringing World': R. D. (Dick) Langford; 'Sam' Jones, jun.; Barnabas Key; Howard Howell, Nolan Golden; 'Ron' Noon; The 'Chester,' 'Shropshire,' 'North Staffs,' the 'Archdeaconry,' 'Derbyshire,' 'Norwich,' 'Worcester' and 'Peterborough' Guilds, and good ringing for the new and succeeding years.—W. Frank STENSON, Crewe. 9926

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their ringing friends, near and far. 9927

To all ringing friends, old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 9930

Christmas and New Year Greetings. Best wishes to all ringer friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 9929

To all our friends, best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas and throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fishermans Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 9932

To all ringing friends, both far and near, a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—J. B. HESSEY, Chertsey, Surrey. 9934

Christmas and New Year greetings to all my ringing friends, old and young, home and overseas.—Thomas G. MYERS, Plymouth. 9936

A happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year to all ringing friends from the Swansea and Brecon Association Guild.—J. A. H. 9935

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY END, Herts. ringers send hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all their ringing friends especially to Jimmy Banfield. 9931

Sincere good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. ROGERS, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. 9949

Commander and Mrs. Gordon CROSS send from Hong Kong Christmas and New Year Greetings to all ringing friends at home and overseas. 9948

Best wishes for a season of good cheer and much happiness in the New Year to all friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 9947

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE send heartiest Christmas greetings and the hope for a very prosperous New Year with plenty of good ringing.—80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 9946

To all my ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 9945

Mr. and Mrs. R. BULLEN, late of Ely, wish all friends hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year.—c/o R. Orme and Co., Matlock, Derbyshire. 9944

E. T. Paul FIELD, Buckland Newton, Dorset, sends best Christmas wishes to all his ringing friends in many counties. 9968

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, of Kilmuir, Oakdene Road, Godalming, send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all their ringing friends and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. 9950

To all our ringing friends. A happy Christmas and good ringing in the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. BOTTRILL, 110, College Road, Deal, Kent. 9942

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for all our friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durian, Stithians, Truro. 9941

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and 1952.—Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9940

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY of Bellringers send seasonal greetings to all friends of the Cathedral band and invite visitors to join them on Christmas morning at 9.45. 9971

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 9970

Mr. Charles ROUSE to all ringing friends sends sincere good wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, especially to the learners and those who teach.—Cheltenham Glos. 9969

THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL CROSS GUILD ringers send to Mr. G. R. Newton, their Ringing Master, their sincere and affectionate good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 9972

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, especially those in Kent and Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and Ann. 9943

Miss Doris May WALDEN, The New Inn, Piddlehinton, sends best Christmas greetings to all her ringing friends in lots of counties, Devon, Cornwall, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Dorset, etc. 9967

Hearty Christmas greetings and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING. 9966

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends—particularly in Birmingham.—W. T. ELSON, 59, Purser's Cross Road, S.W.6. 9965

To all who see, hear and have met us, our best wishes, peace and happy days for 1952.—R. LATHBURY, Mrs. V. LATHBURY, Nora SHORTER. 9964

To all our ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, London, S.W.18. 9963

Mr. Peter N. BOND sends his sincere good wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his ringing friends, and especially to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 9962

To all my ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and peace and prosperity in the coming year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 9961

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 9960

Seasonal greetings to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Redhill, Surrey. 9959

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—George and Mrs. NEWTON, Liverpool. 9976

To all friends, greetings for Christmas and the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 9977

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack BRAY. 9978

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringers everywhere, especially those who rang with me during 1951.—Ronald J. SHARP, 7, Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedford. 9979

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To all our ringing friends in Sawton, Ickleton, Whittleford, Chrishall, Cambridge and Ely, Christmas and New Year greetings.—THE GUILD OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Duxford.

All at ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, extend to our ringing friends, near and far, hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. 9987

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 9986

THE BEDFORDSHIRE TOURISTS send greetings to all their friends in the Cotswolds and East Anglia, and hope they will have the opportunity of returning their hospitality during the coming year. 9985

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth LEWIS and Kathleen. 9984

Sincere Christmas greetings, happy with appropriate fare and fair May the New Year be prosperous to all friends is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. F. WARRINGTON, St. Ives, Hunts. 9983

To all ringing friends, the season's greetings and good wishes for the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. BRETT. 9982

Mr. and Mrs. Fred COLCLOUGH, Hall Park Street, Bilston, send greetings for Christmas and good wishes for New Year to members of the Dudley Guild and all ringing friends. 9981

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow Cumberlands and all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS.

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WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—Commencing January 3rd, the weekly practice at St. Mary's will be held on Thursday from 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. 9989

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## MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, December 22nd, 6.30 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9921

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. After tea, Cambridge practice. 9986

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Egham bells will be open for visitors on December 26th from 11.30 a.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9975

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, December 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 5. Names for tea, by 27th, to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.—Maurice Bailey. 9994

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), December 29th. Tea 4.15. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by December 27th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9992

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M., January 5th. Elstow bells 2.15—3.45: St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30 onwards with service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5, price 1s. 6d. for names before the day (otherwise 2s. 6d.). to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 9995

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Snitterfield (6), Saturday, January 5th. (Good bus service Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.) Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea. Next meeting at Ladbroke with Harbury and Bishop's Itchington bells in afternoon. Social in evening at Ladbroke. Make a note of this—Saturday, February 2nd; particulars later.—Edden, 25, Depper's Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9993

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Annual meeting, Leytonstone (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. To be followed by tea and business meeting. Elections, etc. Most important for this meeting that names for tea are sent to Mr. G. Dawson, 143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9917

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huddersfield Parish (10), January 5th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at reasonable charge in Parish Hall at 5. 9954

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Dedication of the new tenor bell on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 9990

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Putney, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 (names, please). Business including nominations, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Monday, January 7th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, February 2nd, annual meeting, including handbell competition, Southwark Cathedral, etc. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, January 5th. Important.—Names for tea to me not later than Monday, December 31st.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 9953

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 5th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Names for tea must be received by December 31st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, Phone SPR 1025. 9974

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, January 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea January 2nd.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 9952

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting at Winchester on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1— and 6—7; St. Maurice's (6) 7—8.30; Twyford (8) 7—8.30; Hursley (8) 7—9. Business meeting in Committee Room of Awory Tea Rooms (above W. H. Smith and Son's) at 2.30, followed by tea at 4. Service in Cathedral at 5.15. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9973

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**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) Marlborough Cafe. Names, by January 7th, to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth. 9925

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 19th. Further particulars later.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9996

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Annual lunch, February 2nd, at the Forum Restaurant, Oxford. Ringing arrangements later. Old members who may be coming are asked to write to Kathleen Higgins, 26, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford. 9937

**QUARTER PEALS**

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wiggins 1, Miss L. Slade (first quarter Triples) 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, G. Hearn (first quarter Triples) 4, R. Burton 5, C. Pullen 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8.

**SALTWOOD, KENT.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Martin 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, J. Cooper 4, R. Swift 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. First quarter in three methods for all the band and on the bells. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Slingsby, a ringer at St. Martin's, Cheriton.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Boreham 1, J. Brett 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, C. J. Barker 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Victor Connell (a local ringer), and a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

**TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (consisting of two 720s): Gillian Goulding 1, R. Lester 2, D. Collins 3, G. Page 4, R. Steward 5, M. P. Page (cond.) 6. To commemorate the wedding anniversary of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip

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## MORE ABOUT STEDMAN

TO get the fullest possible enjoyment from Stedman, as indeed any method, it is essential that the striking should be accurate. The simpler the method the easier it should be to strike and, as Stedman is by modern standards a simple method, anyone who has been taught to handle his bell properly (and can therefore make it sound when he wants it to sound) and has a reasonably sensitive ear should be able to ring the method well after a few months' practice. Although it may be impossible to teach anyone to strike perfectly, certain advice derived from long experience can be given which may help to produce improvement if not perfection.

First of all, the key to all good ringing is accurate leading, and the higher the number of bells the more important this factor becomes, since the amount of time at one's disposal becomes increasingly less. It is fatal to hold up too long, even on the little bells, although there must be at least a suggestion of an open lead. Whether there should be what might be termed a 'unit' interval is open to question, especially in Cinques and Caters. To obtain the best results the bells should be pushed along slightly at hand and the intervals made very slightly wider at back, at any rate towards the end of the change. But the margin of difference is very small and it is only in the sixes around the course-end that it should be really noticeable. All may not approve of this practice, but most experienced Stedman ringers are agreed that the back-strokes at the course-end should be opened out.

The half-pulls at back-stroke and the back-stroke leads of the whole turns are also very important, and a keen ear should be kept on the tenor as well as on one's own bell so that correct leading can be achieved. The double-dodging 4/5, 6/7, etc., should present little difficulty once sufficient experience has given the necessary ropesight. Occasionally, although the ringer knows his position, he may not immediately see which bell he is to dodge with. In such a case the wise ringer will not wait and look round and round the tower in an effort to find his partner, but he will make the necessary adjustment to his 'pull' automatically and pull off as near as he can to his correct place. By that time he should either hear or see the other bell, or someone will tell him. In any case it is far better to cause a slight 'clip' rather than make a hiatus in the rhythm as a whole by holding up when in doubt.

Some ringers seem to find difficulty in knowing whether to go in slow or quick. While there are several popular methods of determining this if in doubt, such as remembering which way you went in before (not forgetting the effect of an odd bob) and acting accordingly, or watching your course bell and doing the opposite, or by watching the lead when you are in 5/4, none of them, the writer feels, is really satisfactory because a mistake on someone else's part can upset your calculations. It is far better, and not difficult, to learn which sixes of the course are slow and which quick from the position of the fixed bells; while at the end of the course the starts of various bells can be learnt as in Major, e.g., 3rds place—quick, 4ths place—slow, 6ths place—quick, etc. You will then be in a position to keep others right if necessary, which is far more satisfactory than having, as it were, to consult others yourself.

This last point will be touched upon again in a later article; enough must surely have already been said to show that the proper ringing of Stedman demands much more than knowing the initial rigmarole of 'double dodge up, lie, double dodge down, in slow, first whole turn,' etc.

F. E. H.

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At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5037 SPLICED CATERS

Consisting of 2,554 Stedman and 2,483 Grandsire, with three changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	*†JOHN HILL .. 7
ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 8
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 5	*JAMES BULLOCK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\*First peal of Spliced Caters. †50th peal this year. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. James Bullock.

## CARDIFF.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt.

*MRS. A. R. PRICE .. Treble	*A. RYAN PRICE .. 6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	THOMAS YEOMANS .. 8
*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. 9
ROBERT E. COLES .. 5	WILLIAM DARE .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS (C.C.C. 51). Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\*First peal on ten bells. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker and on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

SYDNEY T. HOLT .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 6
*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 7
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\*First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. Annual peal for the Association.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 10 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

## A PEAL OF 15480 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 8
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## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILMA HOBY .. Treble	JAMES EDGAR .. 5
JEAN STEWART .. 2	FRED E. DUKES .. 6
HARRY BROWN .. 3	TOM SMELTZER .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. Festival of Britain Peal No. 16.

## LYNDHURST, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 5
*REGINALD A. REED .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 6
†JOYCE COX .. 3	†JOHN GILBERT .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\*100th peal for the Guild. †First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Major on the bells. A compliment to the verger on the 54th anniversary of his wedding and to M. J. Butler on the birth of a daughter.

## BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

IVOR D. HARRIS .. Treble	FREDK. W. SODEN .. 5
JACK KEYTE .. 2	†REGINALD H. JARVIS .. 6
FRANK SODEN .. 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. 7
*MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TIMMS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major 'inside.'

## CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL .. Treble	*GRAHAM R. EYLES .. 5
*DAVID G. YEO .. 2	LEONARD DERRICK .. 6
ROGER O. FRY .. 3	ERIC J. TAYLOR .. 7
*J. WALTER SMITH .. 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

\*First peal of Major.

## MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Watch Tower.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN A. BROWN .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. 7
MARGARET FIDELL .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung to commemorate the Festival of Britain.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's Six-part.	*ENID LONNEN .. Treble	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 5
	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	SIDNEY A. PAICE .. 6
	*RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
	*JOHN WHITEHORN .. 4	CECIL E. C. DENYER .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	†ANTHONY AGER .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\*First peal of Surprise 'inside.' †First peal of Surprise Major. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Cook.



# BIRMINGHAM.

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

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CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal of Spiced Surprise in eight methods by all the band except the conductor.

## LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt.
E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	PETER J. GRANT .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 4	JOHN GRANT .. Tenor

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### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH BATE .. .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 5
JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 2	JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 3	MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 7
PHILIP COOTE .. .. 4	ARNOLD HILL .. Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXBEY. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on bells.

## BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	*ALFRED WORTHINGTON .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	ARCHIBALD REED .. 6
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
JOHN HALL .. .. 4	*LAWRENCE MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Southern Branch quarterly peal.

## HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE F. BURTON .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CROSS .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS .. 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method on the recast bells.

## HURST, BERKSHIRE.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. 5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 2	†CHARLES A. EELE .. 6
JOHN A. HARLAND .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
*MRS. C. A. EELE .. 4	ERNEST ALLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are Sunday service ringers at Hurst Church.

## LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

Tenor 31 cwt.

*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. Treble	†GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
†JOHN WOODS .. .. 2	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 6
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 3	*ROLAND ECCLES .. 7
JAMES E. BURLS .. 4	RICHARD DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Lancashire Association and first peal in the method as conductor.

## NEW SHOREHAM, SURREY.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE .. 6
EDGAR RAPLEY .. .. 3	*MAURICE THOMAS .. 7
BASIL WHITE .. .. 4	WILLIAM BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

### A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen, of Gravesend, Mr. Allen being an old ringer of Milton-next-Gravesend.

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. Treble	*ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 3	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † 125th peal for the Society.



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PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,  
**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. Treble	*PETER N. BOND .. .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. 2	PATRICK PAGE .. .. 6
JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. 7
NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT.. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.  
\* 50th peal.

SKETTY, SWANSEA, GLAM.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	HARRY BOYCE .. .. 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS .. .. 2	*EDMOND MORRIS .. .. 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 3	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 7
GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 4	JOHN T. WILLIAMS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ARTHUR HOARE.

\* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 6
GEORGE W. MILLS .. .. 3	JOHN G. AMES .. .. 7
HORACE BENNETT .. .. 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith. Mr. Smith has been a ringer at this church for 50 years. Also in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

LESTER GRAY .. .. Treble	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 6
*HARRY BLACKBURN .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
*†CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the opening of the church.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16½ cwt.	
DOROTHY HUGHES .. .. Treble	WILFRED NORGROVE .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
BRYAN ELLSMORE .. .. 3	*RICHARD LINGEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

*JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of London.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

URBAN WILDNEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN .. 4
*PATRICIA CLARKE .. .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5
WILLIAM BUTTON .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal in three methods.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising four six-scores each of Kennington, Canterbury, Southrepps, Old Doubles, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, April Day, Antelope and Plain Bob, and six six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL HOLLOWELL .. Treble	††STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN 3
†PERCY AMOS .. .. 2	†HAROLD HAYNES .. .. 4
PHILIP JONES .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in ten methods. ‡ 25th peal. Rung to commemorate the bi-centenary of Dr. Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), hymn writer. Rung also on the eve of St. Nicholas' Day.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	BERTIE BEE .. .. 4
*EVELYN M. WRIGHT .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal of London.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 4
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. .. 2	CYRIL WANDER .. .. 5
JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. Treble	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 4
CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5
GEOFFREY F. PAGE .. .. 3	DOUGLAS COLLINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising three extents each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one extent combined. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*MONICA HOWARD .. .. Treble	†BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 4
†DAVID H. PEARCE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 5
†WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two Plain Minor methods. Rung for the birthday of the treble ringer.



## OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 Morris's arrangement and 40 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

*CECIL A. SWANN .. .. Treble	†HUGH A. LOACH .. .. 3
*DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. .. 2	ARTHUR MILLWARD .. .. 4

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. Treble	*ALAN WILSON .. .. 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 5
WILLIAM BRETT .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal. Rung for the patronal festival.

## ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK D. MACK .. .. Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 4
†ROBERT J. STOKES .. .. 2	*LANCE C. I. WATSON .. .. 5
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside' in three methods.

## ARELEY, KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob, fourteen callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

DOROTHY HICKS .. .. Treble	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. .. 4
GERALD L. BOWEN .. .. 2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. .. 5
JOHN H. PAGETT .. .. 3	JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

ALDERMAN LING .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 4
RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

## GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD C. ANDREWS .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	*WALTER BAILEY .. .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob. Single Oxford Bob. St. Clement's, and two different extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY .. .. 4
*WILLIAM GRAVES .. .. 2	THOMAS W. TUNE .. .. 5
FRED TERRY .. .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in five methods.



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## QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. .	Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. .	4
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .	2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. .	5
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. .. .	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

A birthday compliment to Stanley Kenward, son of the 5th ringer.

## SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Oxford, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. .	Treble	EDWIN FISHER .. .. .	4
*FRED BISHOP .. .. .	2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. .	5
ARTHUR YOUNG .. .. .	3	JOHN R. YOUNG .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. .	Treble	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. .	4
*BLANCHE M. BALL .. .. .	2	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. .	5
*†NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. .	3	†FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN K. WHEELER .. .. .	Treble	RONALD THAXTER .. .. .	4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. .. .	2	FRED RIX .. .. .	5
TOM GREENACRE .. .. .	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of His Majesty the King's health.

## CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 18 methods, with 108 changes of method, viz.: (1) College Exercise, (2) Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden, (6) Hereward, Single Oxford, (7) Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

EDNA M. SILLS .. .. .	Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. .	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. .	2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. .	5
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. .	3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 18 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

## SEEND, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WEST .. .. .	Treble	*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. .. .	4
*RUBY GIBBONS .. .. .	2	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. .. .	5
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. .. .	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal in four methods.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALAN S. SMITH .. .. .	Treble	BRIAN S. COPE .. .. .	4
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. .. .	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. .	5
EVELYN STEEL .. .. .	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Rung on the fifteenth anniversary of the King's Accession and in thanksgiving for His Majesty's return to health.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HELLESDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT 87, REEPHAM ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. .	1-2	BERT GOGLE .. .. .	5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	3-4	†ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. .	7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on handbells away from the tenor. † First peal on handbells.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Dec. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

IN HERTFORD COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. .	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. .	5-6
*PETER BORDER .. .. .	3-4	PATRICK PRESTON .. .. .	7-8

Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand' and first peal 'in hand' off the tenors.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. .	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. .	5-6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. .	3-4	FRED PRICE .. .. .	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Composed by DANIEL T. MATKIN. Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JONES and FRANCIS S. WILSON.

\* First peal of Major away from the tenors. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, on his 86th birthday.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT 74, HOOKFIELD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. .	1-2	RUTH M. K. HOW .. .. .	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. .. .	3-4	*RALPH C. SPITTLE .. .. .	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal on handbells.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5104 SPLICED MAXIMUS

In three methods, comprising 2,784 Plain Bob, 1,392 Double Bob, and 928 Little Bob, with 235 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. .. .	1-2	ROY C. HURST .. .. .	7-8
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. .	3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. .	9-10
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. .	5-6	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. .	11-12

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. Witness: ARTHUR G. JONES.

First peal of Spliced Maximus by all, and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal of Spliced Maximus in three methods 'in hand.'

## SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

*DEREK OGDEN (Man.) .. .. .	1-2	GORDON C. BRIGGS (Shef.) .. .. .	5-6
*W. L. ROBINSON (Man.) .. .. .	3-4	†ERIC NIXON (Man.) .. .. .	7-8

†BRIAN HARRIS (Man.) .. .. . 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal on ten handbells. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'



## QUARTER PEALS

**BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,340 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. M. Cooper 1, Miss E. Burnell 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Tole (first as cond.) 4, D. G. Thrush 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung for thanksgiving day for the King.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes (first of Triples) 1, W. Yates 2, W. J. Chester 3, E. Lines 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. E. Green 7, C. W. Holland 8. Rung for His Majesty King George VI's birthday.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Knight 1, C. Norris 2, V. Jarrett 3, H. Stringate 4, R. W. Dawe 5, R. Norris 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, C. Jarrett 8.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLEX.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Minor in 3 methods (600 Spliced Double Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob and 720 Plain Bob): F. C. Price 1-2, F. T. Blagrove 3-4, Janet S. Bailey 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor in three methods for ringers of 1-2 and 3-4.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. Watts 8, Miss D. Lidbetter 9, J. Phillips (cond.) 10.

**HADLOW, KENT.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Parsons (first quarter) 1, W. R. Manser 2, R. J. Harden 3, L. J. Honess 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, L. B. Dukes 6.

**HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Bullock 1, Miss S. Booth 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, T. East 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2 and 5.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, A. Clements 2, H. W. Pratt 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung for the birthday of His Majesty the King. The bells were 'fired' at the conclusion.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, S. Meadows 3, J. Carrott 4, A. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for 3 and 4.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. L. Barkey 1, Miss K. Streton 2, F. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. Muddel 4, W. Midwinter 5, C. Copp 6. A farewell compliment to Mr. A. J. Cloxton, who has been a great help to the local band.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: W. Rose (cond.) 1, H. Goakes 2, S. Wright 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Barker 5, J. Bluff 6, L. Hadman 7, G. Bush 8.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Grandsire, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): D. C. Sleet 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. W. Monk 3, R. J. Andrews 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, P. Underwood 6. First quarter in 4 methods by all. Rung in thankfulness for the recovery of the King, and the Vicar, who also is recovering from an operation.

**PEBMARSH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Moore (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Moore (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Snowden 3, G. Trendell 4, D. Woodward 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

**PORTRKERRY, GLAM.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Matings 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond 5, G. Francis (cond. and first of Minor) 6.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Advent Sunday, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, F. W. Rogers 2, Miss J. Coates (first quarter on 8) 3, S. E. Cook 4, S. J. Harding 5, L. Duguid 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

**POWICK, WORCS.**—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Lewis 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris 3, G. Lewis (cond.) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

**PULVERBATCH, SALOP.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Carter 2, F. Owen 3, R. Davies 4, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. C. Shute 1, Miss J. Gray (first of Kent Major) 2, R. Sherman (first of Kent 'inside') 3, R. E. Tiller 4, D. R. Reed 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8.

**ROCHESTER, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 1st, 1,335 Stedman Caters: C. Jarrett 1, B. Baker 2, G. Cantrell 3, W. Knight (cond.) 4, G. Jarrett 5, R. Skinner 6, F. H. Dallaway 7, R. W. Dawe 8, V. Jarrett 9, C. Norris 10.

**ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor on the front six: Miss M. Rowe (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Johnson 2, A. J. York 3, A. E. York 4, H. Baxter 5, B. Austin (cond.) 6. First quarter by a post-war local band.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Marshall (first quarter) 1, P. Reeves 2, H. Baker 3, C. Marshall 4, W. Marshall 5, M. Marshall (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. C. Williams 1, Mrs. J. Kippin 2, Miss J. Cox 3, W. H. Glasspool 4, Miss A. West (first 'inside' and on ten) 5, C. H. Kippin 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, O. N. Curtis 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, E. Brown 10. Rung for the christening of Joy Faith Butler, daughter of the conductor.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Noble 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. Nicholls 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. W. Pratt 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Gramson (first quarter Minor) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes 3, A. S. Richards 4, M. Fuller 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

**WHILTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Haynes (first quarter) 1, M. Burt (first quarter) 2, V. A. Perry 3, E. G. Orland 4, H. Haynes (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. J. Summers 6.

**WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,800 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Double Court): A. Cuthbert 1, G. Berry 2, A. Ling 3, G. Finch 4, A. P. Cannon 5, J. Preastner (cond.) 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Hawthorne 1, S. Howard 2, R. Charge 3, J. Tomsett 4, T. Miller 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Saunders 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for Confirmation Service.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Barrett 1, C. Butters (first quarter of Caters) 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, S. Haw 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Storey 9, G. Duffield 10.

**WORCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Wilson 1, G. Bowen (first quarter) 2, D. Sayers 3, G. Morris 4, C. Tansell (cond.) 5, T. W. Lewis 6, A. Humphries 7, J. J. Jefferies 8, G. Ambler 9, F. Pugh, A. Tolley 10.

**YETMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Vowles 1, Miss M. A. Baker 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, R. G. Field 4, J. Drew 5, H. J. Gaylard (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter of Minor on the bells. Rung for the opening of the Christmas Fayre.

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## SINCERE THANKS

The Editor thanks the large number of readers  
who have sent messages of goodwill and appre-  
ciation this Christmastide. The year has been  
one of difficulty but progress. We have gained  
250 new readers.

Bournemouth handbell  
ringers have essayed a  
new hurdle with a peal of  
Solicited Maximus in three methods 'in hand.'  
They believe this is a new first for the Exercise.

Will those who have rung 40 or more peals  
during 1951 kindly send the following details  
on soon as possible: Number on tower bells,  
number conducted; on handbells ditto.

We are indebted to Mr. J. Michael Stephens,  
of Kempston, Bedford, for 'The Ringing  
World' Index, 1951, which we publish with this  
issue.

Mr. S. Jones, the veteran ringer of Eccles-  
ton, Cheshire, celebrated his 83rd birthday on  
December 13th by joining in a quarter peal of  
Grandsire Triples. The many ringers who have  
met Mr. Jones—some as recently as last Whit-  
suntide—will join with his friends locally in  
offering hearty congratulations and good  
wishes.

On the question of Duffield Royal, Mr. F.  
Bennett, of Brighton, writes: I called a peal of  
Duffield Royal at St. Clement Danes' on Janu-  
ary 19th, 1911. I don't know if this was the  
last one rung. The footnote reads: 'First peal  
of Duffield Royal by all the band, on the bells,  
by the Association and in the Metropolis.' It  
was a Kent County Association peal, and there  
are only four of us left.

In forwarding his subscription, Mr. F. S.  
Wilson, of Lilliput, Dorset adds 10s. as a  
thankoffering for his partial return to better  
health after his long illness since December,  
1950. Of his 107 peals, 64 were rung on hand-  
bells. Through our columns he desires to  
thank Mr. A. V. Davis, Mts. F. J. Marshall-  
say and Mr. D. T. Matkins for the peals they  
conducted in which he had the pleasure of  
taking part.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Among those who took  
part in the peal at Dersing-  
ham, Norfolk, in thank-  
fulness for the King's recovery was Mr. Fred  
Rix, who works on the Royal Estate at Sand-  
ringham. A copy of the performance is being  
forwarded to the King by his Sandringham  
agent. A peal board is to be erected at Der-  
singham.

Mr. R. Roger Savory, who at the age of 21  
is Ringing Master at Badsey, Worcs, would like  
to hear of other Ringing Masters younger than  
himself.

On December 15th eight members of the  
Midland Counties Guild rang three peals of  
London Surprise Major in three counties. All  
the peals were conducted by that brilliant  
young conductor from the Potteries—Mr.  
Fredk. W. Grcott

The peal attempt of 11,360 Superlative  
Surprise Major has been postponed until De-  
cember 29th on account of the seven days'  
notice not appearing in 'The Ringing World.'  
Loughborough Foundry have kindly agreed  
to the change of date.

At the annual carol service of King Alfred's  
College, Winchester, on December 14th,  
touches of Grandsire Double 'in hand' were  
rung by three members of the St. Maurice's  
band. Can any Old Wintonian confirm that  
this is the first time handbells have been rung  
in the chapel for service?

Members of the Pride of Islington Lodge  
M.U.I.O.O., London, N., wish to convey to  
Bro. H. William Barrett and his band their  
hearty congratulations on ringing the first peal  
by Oddfellows for the Norwich Diocesan Asso-  
ciation. Also to Bro. P. M. Reginald H. and  
Mrs. O. M. Drane on reaching their silver  
wedding anniversary.—Bro. R. Newman,  
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# THE STORY OF SPLICED RINGING

By JOHN P. FIDLER

**T**O-DAY, when the ringing of 'spliced' peals is much more commonplace, it may be perhaps as well that the younger end be told something of the early teething troubles. Forty years ago such peals were rarer than four-leaved clover, and as far as the 'higher-ups' were concerned, not worth consideration.

When the first 'spliced' peal in fourteen methods was rung at Edenham, Lincolnshire, on Wednesday, February 15th, 1911, and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, there was no publicity and no comments in the 'Bell News'—in those days there was no 'Ringing World,' the first issue appearing on March 24th, 1911. Possibly this was due to the attitude of the members of the Central Council of that period towards those low forms of humanity known as six-bell ringers.

The splicing of Minor methods was due to the efforts of the late Rev. H. Law James, who did not favour the ringing of multi-method peals in less than seven true 720's. It had long been the custom of the Yorkshire six-bell ringers to ring peals in fourteen 360's and they had fought a bitter struggle to keep this privilege.

At the Central Council meeting held in Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1911, the Rev. H. Law James moved:—

'That nothing shall be recognised as a peal of Minor unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5,040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.'

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Parker, an amendment was agreed to, altering the first part of the motion to read 'that the Council recommend that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's etc.'

But in the report of that Council meeting there is no word of praise for the men who rang that first 'spliced' peal, yet it was the start of a new era in ringing history.

In the issue of the 'Bell News' dated June 17th, 1911, there is an unsigned article on the Central Council meeting and in it the writer goes on to say:—

'We had one breezy and characteristic speech from the Rev. H. Law James, the burden of which was that ten- and twelve-bell ringing was much overrated. He gave his reasons clearly enough, and his speech was quite clever enough to have convinced us if we hadn't known better.'

Then we come to the resolutions:—

'First Mr. James wanted to define a six-bell peal and, incidentally, to stop ringing fourteen 360's, a point which the Yorkshiremen were so sore about a few years ago. He would let you ring as many methods as you please, but you must ring whole 720's. The Council is never dull when Mr. James is speaking, but most of the members are eight-bell ringers and, apart from the speaker, the subject did not interest them very much.'

I have no doubt the young ringers of to-day will be surprised at such a confession: now one sees what six-bell ringers had to put up with.

## 'RINGING WORLD' RECOGNITION

At this point I wish to digress for a moment because the unknown writer goes on to say:—

'The last item on the agenda gave rise to a very considerable amount of unexpected heat. It was moved that the Council treat the new paper ("The Ringing World") in the same way that it does "The Bell News."'

Let us turn to 'The Ringing World' dated June 9th, 1911, wherein we find the following:—

In the absence of Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. Trollope moved, and Mr. Dawe seconded:—

'That the Central Council give to "The Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to "The Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in "The Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council analysis.'

'After a lengthy discussion, in the course of which opposition was actively led by the president, the previous question was carried by about twelve votes to six, in the meeting of sixty representatives, and the matter was therefore shelved.'

I make no apology for this digression but it will enable the younger ringers to learn something about the way the history of ringing develops and to those who get the chance I recommend that they read the first report of a Central Council meeting that appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Now let us get back to our original subject. As could only be expected, the Rev. H. Law James wades in in the following issue of 'The Bell News' and the following is an extract from his article:—

'I turn next to the six-bell question, and the author states that "most of the members were eight-bell ringers, and apart from the speaker, the subject did not interest them much." This also is true; the average eight-, ten- and twelve-bell ringers take little or no interest in six-bell ringing and think that it is quite beneath their dignity, whilst the average six-bell ringers look with awe upon eight-, ten- and twelve-bell ringing, and think that it is far beyond their reach. Now this is just the point which I cannot agree with. A peal of Minor in seven methods, and, much more, a peal of Minor consisting of seven true 720's in fourteen methods is a much more difficult performance than the eight-, ten- and twelve-men think: whilst a peal of Maximus is a much simpler matter than the six-bell man imagines, and the sooner we get rid of these pernicious notions the better, and how are we to do so? There is but one way—try it and see.'

Later in his article, the Rev. H. Law James says:—

'Finally, a word to six-bell ringers. The Central Council collection of Legitimate Methods, Part I., contains all those Minor methods which are worth ringing, then why go on ringing worthless stuff like Woodbine and Violet?

## FIRST INSTRUCTIONS IN SPLICING

'The book is not complete in itself. True, but in every Minor method the bob is always 4ths place. If the method has 2nds place made when the treble leads a whole pull, call the tenor W R W and you have a 720: if the method has 6ths place when the treble leads a whole pull, call the tenor I O I, and you have a 720: but in plain methods the callings have to be doubled, and two singles called to produce the 720: if there is 2nds at the plain lead, make 2nd, 3rd, 4ths at the single: if there is 6th at the plain lead, 4th, 5th and 6th at the single. This gives you a large variety of good methods, well worth ringing, and if you are not content with seven methods in a peal, then you can construct 720's in two plain methods by ringing 360 in one method and calling a S, and then 360 in the other, taking care that the two singles are alike, i.e., 2nd, 3rd and 4th in both methods or 3rd, 4th and 5th in both methods and that the rows in the courses are odd and even in the same way in each: and you can construct 720 in Treble Bob methods by substituting another plain course for the three plain courses which come up in every 720 with nine bobs, provided that the other plain course contains

the same 120 as the plain course ones, for which it is substituted, for this gives true 720's in fourteen methods, which is surely better than fourteen 360's.'

And thus were the first instructions put forward for splicing Minor methods.

At the 1912 Central Council meeting held in London, there were more fireworks over the Rev. H. Law James proposal. Mr. George Bolland, that great Yorkshire six-bell ringer, wanted a peal of Minor to consist of at least one 720 and the remainder could consist of touches of not less than 240 in any method the performers desired to make up the 5,040. The reason why he stipulated for one 720 was because they got in it the whole of the working bells at a bob, whereas in half peals they did not, but got 'half-hunt' bells, as they were called. He thought Mr. James' resolution, if it were carried, would be a great blow to the six-bell ringers. They ought to be encouraged to ring as many methods as they could.

Poor old George! How wrong he was in thinking it would be a great blow to the six bell ringers; events have proved otherwise. Also Mr. James stated at that time that 31 methods spliced in a 5,040 was the limit. There was also a 'back room' boy working quietly but not saying much: I refer to Mr. E. H. Lewis, and in 'The Ringing World' of August 23rd, 1912, he gives some instructions on splicing Minor methods.

No doubt the Rev. H. Law James was putting something forward that was above the heads of the majority of six-bell ringers of that time but he had the courage of his convictions and pegged away. At first there were very few converts but he had the pleasure of seeing spliced ringing develop and progress.

## REV. A. T. BEESTON'S ENTHUSIASM

Amongst the very few converts was the Rev. A. T. Beeston, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and it was from him that Spliced Minor got the greatest push, and as one who was in close contact with Mr. Beeston, I can say this without fear or favour. I do not propose to record the peals that resulted from his efforts but to note how they came to be accomplished. New Mills Parish Church had eight bells but the ringers were not a really progressive lot as a band while close at hand was Norbury with its six poor bells and a progressive band and the members of this band became the guinea pigs. Gradually A. T. B., as he was affectionately known, introduced the splicing of methods, but it was a slow, uphill struggle: the old, out-of-favour methods had to be discarded gradually, and the old fourteen 360 atmosphere killed. The setbacks were many but eventually, on July 12th, 1913, a peal in eighteen methods was rung at Norbury, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. This peal contained four hitherto unpublished legitimate methods, the work of Mr. E. H. Lewis. At first the target was 28 methods in seven complete 720's but ere they could reach this, the 1914 war broke out and that put paid to their efforts for a few years.

The year 1914 saw me as a novice having to spend more time watching the more experienced ringers struggling with their 'new-fangled' ideas, but the time was not wasted: it let one see that there was a lot more in ringing than one imagined, and to me and the other Norbury learners the efforts of the older ringers only whetted our appetites. Then came the end of the war, and when I was demobbed, in 1919, I returned home to find that Mr. James Fernley had lost no time in getting his band in reasonably good form. To those who knew Jim Fernley it is unnecessary for me to state what a stickler he was for good striking, and as a tutor few were his equal. The novices

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## Story of Spliced Ringing—Cont.

of 1914 had to be groomed and brought forward and within twelve months were capable of ringing a peal in seven methods. Meanwhile Mr. Beeston had been attending practices whenever his duties permitted and attending these practices entailed a walk of over seven miles. At that time three or four of us were out of work, which seemed to be a privilege of demobbed servicemen of that period. Whilst waiting for the Refresher Courses to commence at Manchester University, A. T. B. roped me in for some work wading through all the Minor methods to find out which would splice because he still had before him that target, which by now had increased to 35 methods to the 5,040.

By 1921 the practices at Norbury were practices. A. T. B. was down every Thursday night and on many occasions came down on other nights. At this juncture five of the band resided in Grove Street, Hazel Grove, and one was never surprised when a knock came on the door and the information given that Mr. Beeston was down and there would be a practice that night. It was fortunate that we had not to run all over the place to collect the band, and away we would go to tackle some new method. Our repertoire was increasing, and February 3rd, 1921, saw a peal in eighteen methods rung at Norbury; November 24th the same year, 23 methods. Such progress was stimulating and other ringers in the neighbourhood came in to swell the numbers, wishing to learn the new methods. Whilst this slowed down progress somewhat, it was strengthening the number of those who could ring spliced methods. By 1922 spliced practices at Denton and Disley were under way, so several of us had three practices a week in addition to Sun-day service ringing.

### SOCIAL GATHERINGS

During the summer of 1922 Mr. Beeston started Saturday afternoon practices at different six-bell towers. At these our wives and sweethearts could attend; this killed two birds with one stone: it helped us to master the numerous methods we were ringing, and it stopped the grumbles from the lady folk, and, believe me, those grumbles were growing ominous and could have broken up the company. There was always a small social gathering afterwards and everyone was happy. Needless to say, such practices were beneficial. Mr. Beeston, being a bachelor, used to advise us youngsters, if ringing interfered with courting, to give up courting, so perhaps, as we did not take his advice, the Saturday practices were the outcome.

On Monday, January 2nd, 1922, a peal of Minor was arranged for Walter W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton, and George Hill, of Penistone, two converts to the new system. Incidentally, this was the last peal ever rung by Mr. Beeston, as he had to cease on his doctor's orders—soon after that he got married but that did not reduce his interest and, due to his plan of practices, those going in for spliced peals were not handicapped. Walter Wolstencroft made good progress for on January 21st, 1922, he rang his first peal in seventeen methods. Then again, although James Fernley was the main conductor, he did not keep the conducting to himself; Jack Hartley, his second in command, was quite capable. Jim's eldest son, William, too, could call, and the first peal I conducted was in fourteen methods.

### PENALTY OF FAILURE

We started 1923 in grand style, a peal in 30 methods at Norbury on January 1st, and we closed the year with the famous 35-method peal on December 4th, but don't let the reader think we got it at the first attempt. I am glad to say that the Rev. A. T. Beeston heard the peal and was the first to congratulate us. During the previous months whenever we made an attempt for a peal, he was always informed and was

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## OXFORD RINGERS' OUTING

Encouraged by the success of their outing to Arundel and district in August, ringers attached to various towers in Oxford decided to try another outing. This time the Towcester district of Northamptonshire was selected, the date being Saturday, November 17th.

Again we were blessed with fair weather and again we were late leaving our assembling point due to the same offender. (I wonder of the notorious poor time-keeping of Oxford Bus Company is to blame!) However, we arrived at our first tower (Brackley) at the appointed time. After touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung; an attempt at Double Oxford just failed to 'make it.' On to Helmdon where we found the bells 'up' and our friend Bill Chester in charge. Bill has a keen ear for music and I don't think we disappointed him with our striking.

En route to Towcester we picked up another friend, Cyril Hinton, who, unfortunately, had sustained a hand injury and could not join in the ringing. After a splendid tea in a cafe near the church, the majority of the party spent one and a half hours in the tower of Towcester, four of the party, after enjoying '120,' going on by car to Paulerspury, and with two of the local band stayed long enough to ring 720 Plain Bob before rejoining us at Wicken, our last tower.

How proud the tower foreman is of the eight here, and rightly so, for they are delightful in tone and easy-ringing. After nearly two hours, during which touches of various Doubles, Plain Bob, London and Cambridge Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, our veteran, Mr. Wilkins, 'let us down,' and except for a little inattention on the part of No. 2, when Queens was called, a delightful fall was enjoyed by all.

Returning to the local inn for refreshment, we were welcomed by a very brave invalid, who, with all the party, enjoyed some solo and community singing. Tempus fugit, so home to Oxford and, as one member remarked on leaving the coach, 'Book me for next year, D.V.'

Towers represented were Eynsham, Cassington, Taunton, Wolvercote, Ifley, St. Aldate's, St. Ebbe's. True democratic and Guild spirit contributed to another successful outing. N. C.

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there from start to finish. Our punishment for a failure was we had to learn another method and it had to be tackled on and rung in the next attempt—well, was it punishment? Anyway, it was good practice. When all is said and done it is not a bad idea; set off for a seven-method peal, then if you break down tack on another method so that when you next meet it will be for an eight-method peal, and so on; all good practice.

As a result of the 35-method peal, 'Method Splicing' was produced, which gave assistance to many aspirants. Then came the last war to set ringing back slightly, but at the first opportunity lost time was made up and we have seen what Roland Beniston and his friends have done with the help of Kenneth Lewis—reached heights we never thought of. A pity those early advocates did not live to see these results. Mr. Lewis has been fortunate as he has been able to see the fruits of their labours. There are some who have lived to see it who scoffed at the idea—ringers are a funny crowd!

Such, in brief is the story of the growth of 'spliced' peals. No doubt I have missed some items but in an article covering the past forty years it is an easy thing to do. From my point of view it was great fun while it lasted. I was only too sorry that I was not able to continue with the 'spliced' Minor ringing in its advanced state but I had not the time to devote to it and it was left to others to carry on with the good work and a very satisfactory job they made of it.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,'  
December 29th, 1911

### OUR ILLUSTRATION

Henry Burstow, a celebrated bell-ringer and song-singer

... Mr. Burstow joined the ringers in 1841. The (Horsham) ringers of that time were unable to ring changes at all, and every Saturday evening (he) walked to this village—eight miles. They used to ring from seven o'clock to ten, then adjourn to the Six Bells for a jollification, Mr. Burstow being in great demand on account of the large number of songs he knew, and after midnight he had to walk home. ... At his wedding, in 1855, he took part in a shoemakers' peal, which he conducted. In 1889, at Warnham, he took part in a peal of 13,440, and on his 65th birthday rang the seventh at Horsham to 6,720 Bob Major. His last peal was rung on June 9th, 1907, at Billingshurst, when he was 80 years of age.

'In song singing Mr. Burstow has won fame for many miles around his native town. He gives a list of 420 songs which he knew, and one can scarcely appreciate the delight which in his long life the old man must have given to rural audiences. Many of the songs have been preserved by the Folk Song Society in their publications.

### ODD CHANGES

'A local gentleman has presented each of the fifteen ringers and probationers of St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, with a goose, to mark his appreciation of the progress made in change-ringing during the past year. We have no doubt there are many other towers where similar treatment would not be discountenanced by the ringers should it come their way.'

## THE BELLS OF EMMANUEL

### A CAROL

Exodus XXVIII.

In vestments rare the Seer of old  
Evokes the 'Light of Light.'  
His voice intoned with bells of gold  
Seven Laws doth he recite.  
As mystic fruit in measured line  
Draw music from each bell,  
Inspired, he sees a Child divine.  
His name—'Emmanuel.'

### Refrain

Ringers awake!—a myst'ry now reveal,  
Soon dawn will break—enchanted by your peal.

Ring out the tidings, sound o'er hill and dell,  
'It's Christmas Morn and Christ is born,  
Christ is Emmanuel!'

### Zechariah XIV.

The scene is changed. A caravan,  
In torchlight, keeps the feast.  
A HOLY NIGHT for every man,  
Rest for each wond'ring beast.  
Both mart and team from toil now freed  
Enjoy rich gifts outpoured.  
The Bells upon the horses read:—  
'HO-LI-NESS to the Lord.'

Refrain: Ringers awake, etc.

### Advent

Three Royal Sages, men of might,  
Far in the Orient,  
Observe a Star—exceeding bright,  
And solve its great portent.  
With Gold and Myrrh, and Incense sweet,  
They seek where 'Light' and 'Bell'  
By destiny will surely meet,  
To find Emmanuel.

Refrain: Ringers awake, etc.

### Christmas and Epiphany

The Star above a byre did stand,  
Around the Angels sang.  
A Shepherd lad, sheep-bells in hand,  
A sweet 'Angelus' rang.  
Lo—in a crib an Infant lays,  
Born Prince of Israel.  
Now worship they in songs of praise:—  
NOEL—EMMANUEL.

Refrain: Ringers awake, etc.

Tavistock. G. CAMPBELL GRILLS.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RAILWAY CENTENARY PEAL

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. E. W. Biffin, of Exeter, a peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) was rung by eight railwaymen on July 4th, 1925, at St. John's. Shildon, Co. Durham, by: W. Newton treble, A. Coates 2, W. D. Lister 3, G. W. Park 4, T. Clark 5, J. W. Newton 6, W. Broadley 7, R. B. Robinson tenor. The ringers of the treble and 6 were from Stockton, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 from Darlington, and the tenor from Shildon. All were in the service of the L. and N.E.R. on the route of the old Stockton and Darlington Railway.

The peal was rung for the centenary of the S. and D.R., which was the world's first public passenger railway. The celebrations were attended by Their Majesties the King and Queen (then Duke and Duchess of York), and included a procession of locomotives and rolling stock from Stockton to Darlington. The procession was headed by the original Locomotion No. 1 (which is still preserved on the platform at Darlington station), and included various types of engines and rolling stock down to the latest modern giant. Afterwards all the vehicles were lined up for inspection by the public, and many locomotives, dining cars, sleeping cars and other rolling stock made by private firms for foreign and colonial railways were on view.

Various activities were organised in the towns most intimately connected with the S. and D.R. and culminated with thanksgiving services in various churches. Shildon was selected for the peal because it was very close to the church that the first train was put on the rails for its inaugural run, having perforce to be transported there by road. Tradition has it that when the fire in the boiler was laid, no means of ignition was to hand. Eventually a boy amongst the bystanders produced a magnifying glass, and with its aid the sun was induced to perform this most necessary function.

Four of the peal band still survive, but my father is the only one taking an active part in ringing. A board recording the peal hangs in the belfry at Shildon. It was presented by the works manager of Shildon L. and N.E.R. works.—Yours faithfully,

W. NORMAN PARK.

## A RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. W. Biffin's query, a Great Western Railwaymen's peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on May 27th, 1922. The following took part: A. Parnell, F. J. Bailey, sen., F. Viles, C. Greedy, H. West, Wm. Phillips, A. J. Pitman, J. W. Jones, F. Chamberlain (conductor), L. Wright.

With the exception of L. Wright, they all survive. 'J. W.' is 86 and still rings regularly for Sunday service.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. BAILEY, JUN.

Whitchurch, near Cardiff.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. E. W. Biffin's query re railwaymen's peal, I called a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Philip's, Bristol, on October 6th, 1923, also a peal of Double Norwich at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on April 24th, 1926. In each peal the entire band were employees of the G.W.R. Company. Both peals were rung for the Gloucester and Bristol D.A., and were published in 'The Ringing World' at the time.

Soon after these peals were rung, the late C. T. Coles, who was also a railwayman, wrote to me suggesting we should try and form a Railwaymen's Guild. I said we could certainly try, although at the time I only knew about twenty down this part. The next time I saw him he said he did not think there was much hope of forming it.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. REEVES.

Bristol.

## CREWE PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. Biffin's letter re 'Railwaymen's Peal.' He will be interested to know that several have been rung—two in Crewe during 1919, both Grandsire Caters, the first one on May 14th, 1919, and the second on November 1st, 1919.

What about another one! Ringers could be drawn from all parts of British Railways.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

Crewe.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. W. Biffin's letter, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Newport, Mon., by all railwaymen on May 27th, 1922, and recorded in 'The Ringing World' on June 2nd, 1922. Conducted by Fred Chamberlain. Your humble rang the 8th.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. JONES.

Newport, Mon.

## A PEAL OF ROYAL AT CREWE

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, forwards us a copy of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung by L.M.S. railwaymen on March 8th, 1930, at Christ Church, Crewe. The ringers were E. Jenkins (conductor), H. F. Holding, R. D. Langford, J. H. Riding, A. J. Hughes, H. Overton, C. F. Page, R. T. Holding, J. W. Edge and A. E. Peglar.

## NON-CONDUCTED OR SILENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I refer briefly to Mr. Dennis R. Carlisle's letter in a recent 'Ringing World' headed 'Silent Peals'? I am open to correction, but I do not believe there is any ruling by the Central Council on a non-conducted peal. I have the 1901 edition 'Glossary,' which states on page 46 that: 'Silent peal—a peal rung without a 'conductor,' i.e., one in which no 'calls' are given, the ringers effecting the operations required and represented by the 'calls' without any vocal warning.

I have always had the impression that a non-conducted peal should be rung without any word spoken or any sign that would assist any of the band, also that a witness must be present to verify the rules were carried out.

In 1930 we rang Holt's Original strictly to these rules, and we claimed the peal as non-conducted.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

## SILENT PEALS

Sir,—Where is the distorting of facts Mr. Carlisle speaks of? In August, 1950, a band claimed to have rung three non-conducted and one silent peal. By Mr. Carlisle's own showing that was a misstatement: he admits the ringers picked up mistakes and that makes it at once conducted. It is obvious that some of the band could not have been satisfied and talked.

In October, 1951, twelve months after the peal, Mr. Cross (who is to be congratulated) brought it to the notice of the Exercise. Even then, if only one of the band had the courage to have written the next week and withdrew the claim and put it as 'No Bobs called,' no more would have been heard of the matter.

The majority of the Exercise, like myself, do not mind in the least whether peals are conducted, silent, or No Bobs, but we do want correct claims

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## A LOST PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have no desire to enter into the discussion re the Leicester peals but to mention points in Mr. Carlisle's letter.

Surely, a non-conducted peal must of necessity be silent also, since the correction of trips is obviously as much conducting as the calling of bobs.

If not, then ring such a peal opens up many evil ways, such as correcting a ringer who may have missed a bob, which is almost the same as calling it.

In my humble opinion a non-conducted peal should be rung in the presence of a competent umpire, who should not only start the peal off but check every course-end and have the authority to stop the peal for any reason which he feels necessary, such as bad striking or attempts to impart positions of bobs and the use of any spoken word or obvious sign.

When one rings a non-conducted peal one rings with a band of conductors. Therefore ringers reaching the stage necessary for this should obey the strictest of rules and be prepared to ring a peal or peals well above the average. I myself regard the correction of trips as conducting, and therefore consider all non-conducted peals must be also 'silent.'

In making such an attempt at Holloway earlier this year we adhered to this rule, and lost the peal through a trip that several spotted and could have been corrected within a few blows. We like to feel we were conscientious over it, and as a result lost the peal. We did, however, feel that we had achieved something and, as we had only a few courses to go, felt that had we been able to crown our efforts with success we should have rung something worth while with no elements of doubt whatever. I do feel that all non-conducted efforts should be like this, and if the spoken word is necessary then this should be as good a reason for losing a peal as a shift course, although there are some who do not even regard the latter as a good reason for loss.

I should be most interested to know if there is any official ruling on non-conducted peals.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Holloway, N.7.

## PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Dear Sir,—The wise words of Mr. Carlisle will appeal to all fair-minded ringers, coming, as they do, from one who neither took part in nor agitated against the notable performances of silent and non-conducted peals.

It is sad to know that the doubts cast upon the integrity of these highly-skilled and Sunday service ringers by your three correspondents have caused distress, and the restraint shown by those who rang is to be commended.

Were the same consideration given for the facts and a greater respect shown for these performances by Messrs. Cross, Pulling and Dexter, irrespective of which band of ringers take part, we should be nearer the realms of a ringers' world and not merely a ringing world.

Having rung with all ringers concerned, I am quite happy to accept their claims, as I am ready to accept the claims of the many conductors who are reported to have conducted peals correctly week by week in our journal.—Yours faithfully,

T. C. BELTON.

NOTE.—Questions are not cast upon the personal integrity of the ringers but on the definition of a silent peal.—Ed.

The peal at Hawkhurst in celebration of Miss H. Gorrings's 21st birthday was rung under the auspices of the Hawkhurst and District Guild and not the Kent County Association as published on page 803.



## LETTERS—Continued

## CARE OF ROPES

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' there was an article about some clergy making a charge to visiting, peal ringers of so much a rope for the use of the bells.

In these days, no doubt, the providing of a new set of ropes becomes a major item in church expenses, and I am afraid most ringers do not give a thought about the ropes and only hope they are good enough not to let them down in a peal.

In my humble opinion the wear of ropes in a peal is very small compared with teaching youngsters, as the strain is much greater than an expert would put on them, and I am sure if there is a belfry repair fund attached to the tower no ringers would abstain from putting in their mites.

Now for a few hints on the care of bells and ropes. I have been in charge of tower bells for 55 years and have had only two sets of ropes. My present set has been in use for 30 years and is in first-class order for peals at any time. There are very few towers where the ropes fall straight, and therefore there is friction at the holes through floors or guides, also in the garter holes of wheels and the dropping on the belfry floor. This is my remedy, i.e., wrap adhesive tape round the rope about a foot at the wheel and fix pulley on the floor, however small the rope is drawn. If it falls straight, grease well with Russian tallow the holes and guides; in fact, watch the ropes, and where there is friction use the tallow.

Re floor, a cork lino mat, polished with floor polish, prevents the rope butting out between the sally and end. The grease on the guides prevents the same above the sally.

In the case of iron frames where the ropes are closer together there is another point to remember: where the bell turns at backstroke the rope is thrown out of the wheel on to the iron frame, the edge of which is sharper than a wood frame. My remedy for this is a wood slat, 4in. wide and 3in. thick, fixed to the frame for the pulley wheel under the bells to 9in. above the frame. The rope then slides down the board without any friction. Therefore with a little self-sacrifice and attention on the part of anyone in charge of bells it would go a long way to prevent any grouching by the authorities re wear of their ropes.

I may say about 60 peals have been rung on the bells here, and 50 youngsters trained.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS A. WILSON.

Wootton Bassett.

## RAISING THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—A letter from A. A. R., Crediton, Devon, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 14th, did not give much praise to the modern bell foundry. He remarks, 'Who on earth is interested in how many pulls a tenor of 25 cwt. is raised in?'

When I read Mr. Alsop's account of the raising of the tenor that appeared in your issue of November 30th, I thought what a contrast to the old days when, as I have been given to understand, it would have taken two or three men to raise a bell of 25 cwt. with the same amount of pulls.

If A. A. R. looks around some of the towers in the West Country and notices the foot straps on the boxes that are now never used, he will no doubt appreciate what the modern engineer has done for the bellringer.—Yours truly,

R. E. HUDSON.

Cheddar, Somerset.

## LIVERPOOL'S BELLS

Sir,—On page 799 the rhyme should read:—

Prescot, Huyton and merry Childow,  
Three parish churches all in a row,  
Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride,  
Childwall for ringing and singing beside.

Of interest with the Belfry Gossip note on Liverpool Parish Church bells: St. Nicholas' was built on a site adjoining the old Chapel of St. Mary del Quay about the middle of the 14th century, and until 1699 was a chapel to Walton. Nothing of this building, which from drawings appears to have possessed a west tower and spirelet, remains; a new stone spire replaced the spirelet in 1746, and six bells were hung. It is recorded in 1552 the tower had one great bell, and was first furnished with bells, a ring of four, from Drogheda in 1628.

In 1581 Liverpool contributed towards putting up three bells at Walton Church, and in 1736 three shillings for laying timber in the streets for the transport of bells to Walton.

Report that St. Nicholas' tower was in danger of falling down was given in 1788, and was ignored until some twenty odd years later. Then, during Sunday morning ringing, the ringers ran for it; one who returned for his coat and gold watch fell with the tower. The present tower was built in 1814, and on June 4th of that year Dobson's ring of twelve was opened. Mr. Albert Walker reminded us of the silver cup the Brummagem men won on that occasion and lost by entrusting it to a silver plater by name of Cooper. As a once well-known voice would have said, 'Well, chum, what would you have done?', or a well-known Dicky Sam, 'Fancy that.'

Liverpool's first peal is recorded rung at St. Peter's Church on November 9th, 1800, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, in three hours and seven minutes. St. Peter's ring of ten, now in St. Helens, was opened on Sunday, April 11th, 1830. The old eight were distributed locally. The rhyme, 'Ye rascally ringers, ye terrible foes,' etc., was sent to the Walton ringers nearly one hundred years ago, but was more than offset by one of Liverpool's by no means unknown sons, W. G. Herdman, writing in 1872:—

Sweet is the chime at Christmas time when  
Walton bells are ringing,  
And village children simply rhyme in ancient  
carols singing,

The spirit flies o'er starry skies Heaven's  
raptures nearer bringing.

Peal on, sweet Walton bells, peal on, the  
listening soul is dreaming

Of unknown scenes when earth is gone and  
unknown glory beaming;

A starry light in the spirit's flight, and the  
bliss of heaven is gleaming.—Yours truly,  
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

## THE FESTIVAL BELL

Dear Sir,—I should like to say how very grateful the ringers of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Colchester, are to you for printing my letter regarding the recasting of our tenor, and the response to the appeal for £300 for the cost was very good. Now we are ringing once more, but in place of our old tenor we have the bell cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the Festival of Britain, and it is a masterpiece of casting. It is not only beautiful to look at, but also to ring and hear, and blends in with the others perfectly.

No doubt several ringers saw this bell at the Festival Exhibition and heard it, as the hours were struck on it. She is 19 lb. heavier than our old bell, weighing 21 cwt. 13 lb., and we count ourselves honoured at having the Festival bell and very lucky that she was the right note, size and weight.—Yours sincerely,

J. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

## OBITUARY

MR. H. BIRD

We deeply regret to report the death of Mr. Henry Bird, of Broughton Astley, Leicester, on Sunday, December 9th, aged 65 years. He had been in failing health for some years and was not able to attend to his duties for the last twelve months as head ringer and sexton at St. Mary's Church.

Harry Bird, as we all knew him, was a faithful and devoted churchworker, a regular attendant at church services and for service ringing. He was secretary of the Parochial Church Council and sexton for some years. Harry was Hinckley District chairman 1943-46, during that difficult period when the Leicester Diocesan Guild was formed. It was to his great joy in 1945 that the restoration of the bells at Broughton Astley was decided upon. He was asked to be the appeal secretary. This task he carried out in his usual quiet, efficient way with success, and the ring is a tribute to his efforts.

Mr. Bird leaves a widow and one son. The funeral was on December 12th, the service being conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. A. Turner). All sections of the village life were represented at the service. The Hinckley District ringers paid their respects during the evening, when a peal of Bob Minor, half-muffled, was rung. May he rest in peace W. R. D.

## MR. CHARLES F. BAILEY

## AN APPRECIATION.

The death of Charles Bailey, of Leiston, marks the passing of one whose name between the two wars became almost legendary. Many knew of him but few, beyond his immediate circle, knew him personally, for he travelled but little beyond the confines of his native Suffolk. There was no need, for he and his talented brothers could get all the ringing they wanted at home. He attended the great Croydon meeting in 1932, unknown to most, and I had the pleasure of introducing him to many who desired to make his acquaintance.

The brothers made ringing history in 1911, when they rang a peal of Bob Major. This was followed by Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and Stedman Triples on tower bells, and by Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major to Maximus and Stedman Triples to Cinques on handbells, all under the conductorship of Charles F. Surely amazing performances for a band of brothers! Not in our time shall we see their like, and the chances are there will never be another band like theirs. His total of peals is about 400, of which he conducted all but a very few. Some excerpts from peal footnotes will illumine the exploits of this famous band:—

Leiston, December 11th, 1926: 50th consecutive Surprise peal on bells.

Leiston, December 12th, 1931: 10th different Surprise method in year.

Leiston, March 28th, 1932: In five months C. F. B. had conducted eight different Surprise peals from eight different bells.

Leiston, March 11th, 1933: 18th different Surprise method.

Leiston, January 6th, 1934: 100th peal on bells for Suffolk Guild, all conducted by C. F. B.

These will show what manner of man he was. He will be sadly missed by the many friends who appreciated his great abilities as a ringer and conductor. R.I.P. C. J. S.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles in eight methods: B. Rainford 1, L. Butcher 2, J. Clark (cond.) 3, K. Stacey 4, W. Smith 5, J. Hordern 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. R. H. McDonald, a former captain of St. Mary's, Sydney, who was 'called home' earlier in the day, in his 96th year.



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## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Southern District

The Southern District held a successful meeting at Lillington on December 1st, when about 25 members attended. The eight bells were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Carter, Vicar. A very nice tea was served and much enjoyed. The bells were again busy after tea.

Towers represented: Allesley, Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Ladbroke, Lillington, Long Itchington, Leamington Spa, Southam, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick and Wroxhall. The following were proposed new members: Messrs. Oakley and Wyatt (Leamington Spa) and Gordon Smith (Harbury).

The next meeting will be at Snitterfield on January 5th.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## Exeter Branch

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at St. David's, Exeter, on December 15th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Major, Vicar, who gave the Branch a very warm welcome. Mention was made in the address of the important work the ringers performed in the service of the church and the real improvement it made to the size of the congregation when the bells were rung for the services; and to those who seldom went to church, the music of the bells reached them with the information that the church and her prayers were there for them also. Mr. Sayer again ably obliged at the organ.

About 55 members and friends then adjourned to the Institute for the tea and business meeting which followed. The chair was taken by Mr. T. G. Bartlett, supported by Preb. E. V. Cox, Guild president, the Very Rev. A. R. Wallace, Chancellor D. McLaren, and Mr. F. C. Smale, vice-presidents, the general secretary and the general treasurer. The visitors, who came from all parts of the county and beyond, were heartily welcomed. Apologies were accepted from the Vicar of St. David's and Mr. F. H. Gardner, life member, for their absence.

Reference to the sad loss to the Guild by the death of Mr. T. Laver, of Exeter, a past holder of many offices in the Guild and for 36 years the hon. secretary of the Cathedral band, and Mr. T. W. Oldridge, who had been a keen and regular ringer at Newton St. Cyres for the past 30 years, was made. A short service was observed as a token of respect to their memory.

Arising from the minutes, the question arose as to why the Branch was at St. David's and not at St. Mark's as proposed. The hon. secretary read the reply received from the Vicar of St. Mark's on application for permission, which stated St. Mark's already had a function arranged for December 15th, but invited the Branch to come on a future occasion. The secretary was instructed to write to St. Mark's Vicar with the thanks and understanding of the Branch.

Mr. J. G. M. Scott, shortly to be ordained into the ministry of the church, and being appointed to St. Thomas', Exeter, assistant clergy, was formally transferred to the Exeter Branch from the S.W. Sincere thanks were

extended to the retiring chairman for his valuable services.

Mr. J. G. M. Scott was proposed as the new chairman, seconded by the Dean, who recommended him, as his old schoolmaster. As the ideal nomination for the appointment, Mr. Scott was duly elected. The remainder of the officers were elected to continue: Mr. F. Wrexford, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Wills, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. E. W. Biffin, Ringing Master; Messrs. E. W. Biffin, H. J. Corry and H. Butt, representatives on the general committee.

The annual report for 1951 was read and adopted, the main points being progress at Heavitree, Thorverton and Tedburn, and the Ringers' Rally held at Exeter in connection with the Festival celebrations.

Arising out of the report, mention was made of the withdrawal of Okehampton band. It was decided that Mr. F. C. Smale negotiate with those concerned to try to keep them in the Guild.

Miss R. Buchthal, who was elected as unattached member, has come to reside in the district, and was accorded a warm welcome. It is hoped that she will take an active part in ringing in Exeter. Mr. R. Wilmington, recently incapacitated by the loss of a leg, was recommended to be put on the roll of life members.

Mr. E. J. Ryall's proposal that a ladies' branch be formed in the county did not receive support, so was rejected.

The Branch hopes to hold its next meeting at Newton St. Cyres on February 9th, subject to the usual permission being granted. Reference was made by the president to the usual annual general meeting to be held at Coombe Martin on Easter Monday, and he requested Branch members to keep this occasion in mind. A proposal that the secretary arrange a coach trip on that day was carried.

The new chairman referred to the financial problem being at present experienced by 'The Ringing World,' and urged all present to consider being subscribers.

The meeting was closed with the usual votes of thanks to those who contributed to the success of the meeting. St. David's and the Cathedral bells were utilised to the full until 8.30 p.m. Ringers then went their separate ways home after a little gossip over the inevitable well-earned refreshment. F. W.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 8th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Mary, Burry Port, and although the weather was very bad it did not prevent ringers coming from Tenby, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Llanelly and Sketty.

The bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers at 2.30 p.m. and after some ringing on the five bells for an hour, the ringers attended the service at 3.30 p.m. at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Thomas, officiated. The lesson was read by Mr. Scaife, and Mr. Richards was at the organ.

After the service the ringers were entertained to a very nice and welcomed tea at the Church Hall, and they were made quite at home on this very cold and wet day.

The usual business meeting was held after the tea at which the Vicar kindly presided. The usual touch on the handbells by three members of the Guild started off the meeting.

Very hearty votes of thanks were extended to the ladies who provided the tea, and for making the members very comfortable, and to the Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Thomas, Mr. Scaife and Mr. Richards, all of whom are members of the Guild.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

## North-Western District

Favoured with a fine day, the meeting held at Wimbledon on December 1st was well attended. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, and all admired the redecorated and effective lighting of the building. Over 42 ringers, representing 14 district towers, attended, besides a number of visitors.

All the 1951 officers were nominated for 1952. Further ringing took place at St. Mary's, Putney. The sum of 20s. 3d. was subscribed to the General Bell Fund. R. L.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION  
Huntingdon Branch

A meeting of the above Branch was held at Great Staughton on December 14th. Although only 16 sat for tea, some 24 members attended. Surprise methods on St. Andrew's six were well up to standard, including London, Beverley, York, Wearmouth, Norwich and Cambridge. It was pleasing to note several younger ones in attendance. As is usual, 'The Ringing World' was discussed, and it is hoped more will be subscribers in the new year. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. F. Warrington read the lesson. F. W.



## NOTICES

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## ENGAGEMENT

MANTON—KING.—The engagement is announced between Richard Ernest, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Manton, 147, High Street, Ibstock, Leicester, and Iris Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. King, Blankney, Lincolnshire. 7

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

New Year greetings to all the R.A.F. boys who come to ring at our Parish Church from Yatesbury bellringers.—F. PRESTON (captain). 1

Greetings to all the friends of Malcolm S. CLOKE and S. Geoffrey WATERS. Successful ringing in the New Year. 9999

New Year greetings to my friends throughout the country, especially remembering those friendships made in Wiltshire, Lincolnshire and Suffolk during the years 1948-49.—Alan ROGERS, Thrybergh, Yorkshire. 6

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, December 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 5. 9994

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M., January 5th. Elstow bells 2.15—3.45; St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30 onwards with service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5, price 1s. 6d. for names before the day (otherwise 2s. 6d.), to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 9995

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HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huddersfield Parish (10), January 5th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at reasonable charge in Parish Hall at 5. 9954

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Dedication of the new tenor bell on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 9990

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby (8) on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2.30. Names for tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 19

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 8.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 18

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Putney, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 (names, please). Business including nominations, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Monday, January 7th, 7.15. practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Saturday, February 2nd, annual meeting, including handbell competition, Southwark Cathedral, etc. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9991

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Brentford (rehung), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3-5.30, near canal bridge. Ealing St. Mary (8), 6-9. Near South Ealing Station. Cafe near St. Mary's.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 11

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Binfield on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 6-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Thrapston on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Service 4. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 24

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual Meeting at St. John's (8), Devizes, Saturday, Jan. 5th. St. Mary's and Southbroom available. Bells 3. Names for tea, Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Taylor, 66, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 10

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Jan. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own tea arrangements.—S. Patricia M. Lewin. 4

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 5th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Names for tea must be received by December 31st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, Phone SPR 1025. 9974

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Copdock, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea at Ivy Cafe at 5. Names for tea essential by Jan. 3rd.—M. Page, Dis. Sec., 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 15

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3-8. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, January 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea January 2nd.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 9952

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting at Winchester on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 and 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; Twyford (8) 7-8.30; Hursley (8) 7-9. Business meeting in Committee Room of Awory Tea Rooms (above W. H. Smith and Son's) at 2.30, followed by tea at 4. Service in Cathedral at 5.15. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9973

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) Marlborough Cafe. Names, by January 7th, to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth. 9925

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 16

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 22

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meetings follow. Names to S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 13

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual lunch, February 2nd, at the Forum Restaurant, Oxford. Ringing arrangements later. Old members who may be coming are asked to write to Kathleen Higgins, 26, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford. 9937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Preliminary Notice.—Nazeing. The rededication of the bells, including a new bell, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Further details will appear in later issues.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 17



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