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EASTER

EASTER starts a new year in the Church's calendar, and however old we are it has about it a feeling of a new start in grace and also a fresh call to service. The first Easter brought a new vision to the small Christian community, and with each succeeding year we ringers should strive afresh to recapture that spirit of service we give to the Mother Church.

But this Easter is not only a spiritual renewal. To many of our towers, with the progress there has been with restorations and augmentations, the bells that have been silent for many an Easter will be ringing again. At others new recruits to our ranks will be ringing for their first Easter—a memorable experience. It is surprising what one ringer with enthusiasm and zest coming to a silent tower can achieve. Most Guild secretaries know of at least one of these apostles of ringing who, having found silent towers, have recruited and trained ringers and given to the Exercise a steady stream of young men and women who share their conductor's love of ringing.

We make no apology for the feature article in this week's 'Ringing World'—the story of Burnham ringers and how Mr. George Gilbert has faced the task of keeping the bells ringing. He has now another task—not the human one but a financial one. It is one in which many can help, and we suggest that no more appropriate way of expressing gratitude this Easter can be found for the ringer than in extending that helping hand.

Among those who will be sharing the joys of Easter is the new band at Mapledurham, Berks. This is the story that reached us this week from Mr. R. S. Hunt. When he came to the village recently he found that the six bells of St. Margaret's Church had not been rung regularly for service for some 12 or 14 years. He contacted the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Sherwood), and an appeal was made for young people to come forward and learn. On February 14th eight people, including the Vicar, met in the belfry and, having discussed ringing and local conditions, it was decided to make a start.

Beginning the next evening and for the three following weeks (Saturdays and Sundays excepted), Mr. Hunt had two learners in the belfry each night undergoing instruction in bell handling with the clappers tied. Progress was very good, and at the end of three weeks they had six bells ringing open. Since then practices have been held weekly on Mondays and Fridays. They are now ringing call changes, and from Easter Day the bells will be rung regularly each Sunday. The next step planned is to master the Grandsire method and for the name Mapledurham, Berks, with its new band, to appear in our quarter-peal column.

Our new friends at Mapledurham, however, realise that ringing is not an isolated affair. During May the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be holding its quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Henley-on-Thames. It is then that the tower hopes to become affiliated to the Guild and the seven learners ringing members. We trust that Mr. Hunt and his new friends will find inspiration from the story of Burnham. A good start has been made; we await fruition.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	JOHN B. SANSOM ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 8
THOMAS G. FOX ... 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 9
HORACE BELCHER ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 10
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 10
*ROYDEN DAVIES ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. The first peal of Maximus in Wales and for the Association. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Treble	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ... 6
*HELEN GORRINGE ... 2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 8
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 9
HARRY BAKER ... 5	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal on ten. First peal on ten as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 2	†DENNIS HOLLAND ... 7
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3	†PETER NORTH ... 8
*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 4	†JOSEPH SAXTON ... 9
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Kent Royal 'inside.' † First peal in method and on 10 bells. ‡ First of Kent Royal. First of Kent Royal as conductor. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN WORTH ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
PETER IAFIN ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 8
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... 9
WALTER ALLMAN ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The first peal of Surprise Royal with extending Bob leads to be rung in the North of England.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES F. CLARKE ... Treble	†MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 6
*JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	†ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 3	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	†JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First of Stedman Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman Caters. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Trevor and Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, of the local band, on the birth of their sons.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 7
†MISS VERA DEAPER ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Marshall, of Parbold, donor of the second bell.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 6
GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS ... 4	WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*ROBERT E. LESTER ... Treble	†SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK ... 5
LESLIE G. FORSTER ... 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First of Double Norwich as conductor.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Cambridge, 800 Superlative and 640 Bristol, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	*GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of 'Spliced' in five methods.



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WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDNA M. SILLS Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 7
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 4	FRANK C. W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS (13).

First peal as conductor, to whom this peal was rung as a birthday compliment. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS ... 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 2	ERNEST WHITMORE ... 6
*HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PETER E. NORTH ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
*GEORGE R. HINER ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
PHILIP COOTE ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

* First peal of Major.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	STEPHEN J. L. PARRY ... 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	*IVAN KAY ... 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
GERALD DARE ... 4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5 and 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Bastow.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Deane,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JOSEPH H. COOPER ... Treble	MAJOR CROOK ... 5
JAMES HEWITSON ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
LESLIE PETERS ... 3	THOMAS BRATBY ... 7
THOMAS SMITH ... 4	JOHN W. HAMER ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

In memoriam Harold Walmsley, a member of this tower.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*G. STANLEY BREWIN ... Treble	†FRANK S. CHENEY ... 5
ALAN JACQUES ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Tenor 27 cwt.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 15 cwt.
WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	*MICHAEL M. H. BARROW ... 5
MISS NORA HONEY ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
GEORGE SAYER ... 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 6
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ALAN JACQUES ... Treble	*DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

The first peal in the method, which is Tipler's B. 12/3 (2nd place L.E.) in A. J. Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Major Collection.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 6
†KENNETH G. SPAVINS ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 7
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. The first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	*REGINALD W. REX ... 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt. approximately.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CRUTTENDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN WHEADON ... Treble ALFRED G. HILL ... 5
*HARRY HOVERD ... 2 FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 3 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 4 WALTER J. LEMON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 150th peal on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
*MISS F. MARY LACEBY Treble *COLIN P. BRADFORD ... 5
HARRY MORGAN ... 2 G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 6
*BERNARD O. MANN ... 3 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 7
JOSEPH DIXON ... 4 NOEL B. THURLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. In memoriam Frederick S. W. Butler.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... Treble *BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2 REGINALD F. CROOK ... 6
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3 FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
*GEOFFREY W. DODD ... 4 JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
ALFRED SMITH ... 2 *GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
*PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3 FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4 LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... Tenor

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

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

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

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

*FRANK C. W. PHILLIPS Treble NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2 ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 3 GEORGE SAYER ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 4 ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples in the method by all, and in the county. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*STANLEY RYLES ... Treble FREDK. GROCOTT, JUN. ... 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 2 *GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
*MISS MARGARET RIGBY... 3 *RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4 NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2 FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 6
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 3 ERNEST C. STAFF ... 7
CYRIL J. BARBER ... 4 ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First of Little Bob by all the band and on the bells.

(More peals on page 169.)

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
DAVID SMITH ... Treble *HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON ... 2 HARRY PARKER ... 5
ERIC HORNBV ... 3 *A. GORDON LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor. Tenor 6 cwt.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS ... Treble ERNEST J. LADD ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2 †ALBERT RELFE ... 5
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 3 †JOHN O. WELLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods. † 250th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in seven methods for the Guild. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, East Grinstead.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... Treble JAMES ATTWOOD ... 4
JOHN THOMAS ... 2 FRANCIS MILES ... 5
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3 OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores Reverse Canterbury, 8 of St. Simon's, 10 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

BERNARD H. E. BROWN Treble | GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 3
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2 CECIL E. BROWN ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4
*LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 2 JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
†ERNEST A. THORPE ... 3 J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 50th peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*COLIN D. MANN ... Treble B. FREDERICK SIMS ... 4
†MAURICE J. LOCKEY ... 2 CHARLES H. HARDING ... 5
†R. JOHN SHARP ... 3 A. CHARLES SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. HARDING.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. † First peal of Bob Minor.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.
MISS MARY DAVY ... Treble JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 4
*MISS W. A. OLIVER ... 2 †ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... 5
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER... 3 †GEORGE L. GROVER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNES, LANCs.—On Mar. 26th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter 1, A. Roberts 2, V. Turner 3, J. Prichard 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, L. Hill (first quarter) 6. In memoriam for Mr. A. Adams.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob). S. C. Vessey (first quarter) 1, J. P. Vessey, jun. (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Vessey 3, S. G. Vessey 4, P. Holmes (cond.) 5, J. P. Vessey, sen., 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Peake 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 3, Miss B. Strange 4, Miss B. J. Strange 5, Miss M. Skinner (first quarter) 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 20th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Freeston 1, S. Jessop 2, W. E. Clarke 3, D. White 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey 6, R. Brown (first as cond.) 7, J. Vetch 8. A birthday compliment to conductor's wife.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, F. Walker 3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Freegard 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Sutherland 1, J. Gibson 2, G. H. Wright 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, R. S. Payne (first as cond.) 5, J. B. Parling 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, R. Thorne 2, E. Hill 3, P. Keevil 4, H. Hill 5, R. Smith 6. In memoriam Admiral of the Fleet Sir James F. Somerville.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Lintern 1, Miss B. Look 2, J. T. Dyke 3, Eric Raymond (first quarter) 4, H. C. Lintern 5, Reginald Tucker (first quarter Triples) 6, J. Lintern (cond.) 7, A. Lintern 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hopwood (first quarter) 1, E. Lindley (cond.) 2, *Miss D. Lloyd (first quarter of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Pugh 4, G. Pugh 5, J. W. Clarke 6, H. Thomas 7, J. E. Bonney 8. *21st birthday compliment.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Sutherland (first quarter) 1, J. L. Gray 2, C. C. Hulse (first quarter in the method) 3, N. H. Hewett (first 'inside') 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. W. Crowe 6, J. Roach 7, J. Heal 8.

GROBY, LEICS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): Enid Brown 1, W. Geary 2, T. Gardner 3, V. Geary 4, G. Spencer 5, Ernest Geary (first as cond.) 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,257 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Bartlett 1, E. T. Lee 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, G. L. Grover 5, A. E. Brown 6, J. A. Etherington 7, H. A. May 8, C. E. Smith (cond.) 9, B. Grover 10. First quarter in the method by 5, 7 and 10.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Charman 1, T. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. Oliver 3, R. Andrews 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. A 60th birthday compliment to W. Saunders.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss Sheila E. Harris 1, D. J. Charnley 2, Miss Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, G. Croft 6, E. Dodds 7, F. Bishop 8, E. Hynard (first of Kent T.B. Royal) 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 30th, at the Vicarage, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 5-6, G. S. Morris 7-8, S. H. Green 9-10. First quarter of Caters on handbells by all except the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, S. J. Hughes 2, B. Madeley (first 'inside') 3, W. Lycett 4, T. Price 5, F. Simester (first quarter) 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For 12th birthday of Pat Hickman, the youngest ringer.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Adams 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton 5, Rev. D. P. Roberts (Liverpool) 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Ring for the ringers' festival.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bolton 1, M. Roxin 2, G. Townsend 3, F. Tuffley 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. Victor Rosin and Miss Pocock.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Parkhouse (aged 79, first quarter of Minor) 1, M. Farthing 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4, A. Turner 5, W. Kent (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roles 1, Miss J. Brown 2, L. A. Page 3, F. L. Harris (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, J. Russell 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters, with the bells half muffled: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner (first quarter as cond.) 4, H. Bragg 5, C. Bragg 6, J. Bragg 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8, E. T. Lloyd 9, T. Abbotts 10. In memoriam Mrs. Mary Shepherd, mother of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

WALKDEN, LANCs.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Annie Potter 1, R. Scott 2, Ben Welsby 3, Joe Boyer 4, Roy W. Collier 5, Fred Grundy (cond.) 6, P. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.

WOOLTON HILL, BERKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Dodd (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Stone 2, G. Dodd (first of Minor) 3, J. F. Scott 4, T. Blea 5, J. W. Berry (cond.) 6.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their subscriptions became due at the end of March, and a remittance of 4s. 3d. should be sent to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, without delay.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will meet in Taunton on April 25th for five days' ringing in the district. Peals will be attempted at Curry Rivel, Drayton and Milverton. The party will include the Revs. J. F. Amies, J. H. B. Andrews, P. J. Boulsover, W. G. Bridge, C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, K. C. Davis, F. Ll. Edwards, R. P. Farrow, K. W. H. Felstead, N. E. Hope, J. Kingdon, R. H. Palmer, I. J. Richards, A. S. Roberts, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. M. K. Warren, C. E. Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. A. Roberts will accompany our party throughout, and Mrs. Powell is expected to join us for much of the time.

Messrs. James F. Clarke and John E. S. Moreton have 'circled' Chilvers Coton tower.

Mr. H. E. Good, of Ewell, enquires whether there is any ringing in the Isle of Man or if there are any bells hung for ringing.

The peal at Burgh, Suffolk, was a birthday peal to the conductor, Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, and also for the christening of William Pye, jun., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Pye.

The peal rung at Peterborough on March 3rd was at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist and not as printed. It was for the 25th anniversary of the Guild.

A correspondent suggests that the quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major stated to be rung at Westhoughton on March 13th was rung in a tower in or near Southport. It was not rung at Westhoughton.

In 'The Ringing World' of March 25th we published a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ditcheat, Somerset, containing two first quarters. Further progress is reported by the same two ringers, who have scored their first in Triples. Now for the peal!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. M. Atkins appeared on television last Sunday. Mr. Freddie Grise-wood and Meg in 'their walk in the country' met him and two other ringers. It was Mr. Atkins' role to answer Meg's questions on ringing, including the familiar one, 'Why don't you ring tunes?' The interview concluded with a touch of Bob Minor 'in hand' (two Singles and a Bob), to introduce the path of bells. Reception at Guildford was clear.

Bromham, Bedfordshire, was Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's 200th tower for a peal.

Mr. John Worth and his Somerset tourists of last year are visiting East Anglia at the end of August for a peal tour. Famous Suffolk towers are included in the itinerary.

The sum of £250 is to be spent on the re-hanging of the Blewbury bells (8). The work is to be carried out by R. White and Son, Appleton.

The Biddenden Youths' present band, who commenced ringing in September, 1949, have scored their first quarter-peal. This is claimed to be the first quarter-peal rung in this church for more than a century. The tower contains three peal boards recording past performances of Biddenden Youths, all of which are over 100 years old.

Cromer Parish Church bells are to be re-hung on ball bearings, the work being the gift of the Rev. Arthur Buxton, whose family have been closely associated with the Church. Five of the present ring of six were presented by Sir T. Powell Buxton, his grandfather, in 1774. These replaced four that were sold in 1767 to obtain funds for church repairs. Local tradition is that these four eventually became the famous Bow bells, but it is doubtful if this would be accepted by ringing antiquarians.

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BURNHAM'S FINE RECORD IN TRAINING YOUNG RINGERS

UNTIL the year 1932 Burnham was a 'stone' tower, with a paid band of ringers. Early in that year a band of choir-boys was recruited into the tower, their ages ranging from nine years to twelve, and by April they were fairly capable round ringers. A meeting was called, and a voluntary band came into existence with the title of the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers.

There were no change ringers in the band, so all had to start from scratch, hunting on three, four and five bells until the first 120 of Bob Doubles was rung. That was the first milestone. For every service from that date until now (except during the ban) the bells have sent out their message.

At the outbreak of war the following had been accomplished (age of ringer when ringing his first peal shown in brackets with total peals following): Ron Taylor (12) 5, John E. Taylor (13) 40, James D. Taylor (14) 16, W. Cyster (14) 4, Pat Cashman (14) 1, Bryan O'Neill (14) 22, Martin Blamey (15) 13, Peter Blamey (16) 15, C. A. Burgess (17) 47, Norman Bristow (17) 1, J. Jones (18) 4, George H. Limmer (18) 48, G. W. Limmer 48, B. T. Harrison 3, C. Stallwood 1, Miss S. M. S. Fleming 1, Mrs. Taylor 1.

Local band peals commenced in June, 1934, included in which was a peal of Doubles by a band of boys with an average age of 14 years 7 months, the conducting being shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. This was on November 17th, 1934, and was rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Local Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung and many peals of seven-method Minor. These boys made an exceptional name for themselves as real good strikers. Four of the band had conducted peals by 1938.

Then came the war, and as these boys were of service age, so their loyalty to their country took the place of their loyalty to their service ringing, and their ringing master was left with an empty tower once more. Four members made the supreme sacrifice.

However, the name of Burnham tower had to be upheld, and with conscription for men it seemed folly to teach boys only to lose them as soon as they were old enough to be called up.

GIRLS RECRUITED.

With an empty tower and the ban on the ringing of church bells, it was decided to remove the clappers of all bells except treble and tenor, and use the weekly practice night with a newly-formed band of girls, whose ages ranged from nine to twelve, with the satisfactory result of being equipped with a real good band of girls that has kept the bells going for all services from then till now. These girls also have gained for themselves a very good reputation for striking and method ringing. Tuesday 7.15 till 9 and Sunday 10.45 and 6 p.m., and there is not a more loyal band in the country.

Peal results to date are: Mary Jaycock (12) 30, Jean Broomfield (14) 31, Joyce Hearn (14) 16, Hilda Taylor (14) 10, Mary Pemberton (14) 19, Freda Murkitt (15) 15, Valerie Crouch (15) 1 (moved away), Gwen Murkitt (15) 18. Peals by the girls include 7 Minor methods, Grand-are, Plain Bob, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford

As a training ground for young ringers Burnham, Bucks, has an unparalleled position in the Exercise. Mr. George Gilbert tells the story of his 17 years' work in this special article.

Treble Bob Major. They also ring many other Minor, Triples and Major methods. They are not altogether keen on peal ringing, but will always stand in if wanted. This is probably due to what the writer has taught them, i.e., service ringing first, peal ringing a pleasurable side-line.

For the Royal Wedding a peal of Bob Triples, practically perfect, with Jean Broomfield on the tenor (16 cwt.), and for the birth of Prince

and we hope to have one of the best rings of bells in our tower by Christmas, 1949. In the meanwhile, a total sum of £2,000 has to be raised, and I am hoping that those who have read thus far will read on to the end of my story.

Burnham has (as a village) nearly had its back broken. First with the death-watch beetle in the roof. That was dealt with in the first stage at a cost of £735. Then the dire necessity of bell restoration came on and a provisional order was placed. During our wait for the founders to reach down to our order on their rota, the organ was found to be almost eaten by the furniture beetle, so poor old Burnham strained its purse and paid the bill, £2,000. We are off again on this big job, and I feel sure that my cry to those who are

fortunate enough to be able to ring on a good going fine toned ring will call on those around them to add a little to this fund if only to keep these girls' faces still smiling as will be seen in the picture.

The Oxford Guild has made us a forty guinea grant and our own branch £10 10s., for which we are more than grateful. Quite a number of my ringing friends up and down the country have sent contributions. One or two meetings have collected at tea tables when they knew that we intend to get this amount. All of our band are working for it in addition to having to build an overflow church at Cippenham (within our parish). That is the general outline at Burnham, and my faith in the readers of 'The Ringing World' has never yet let me down, so may I pass on the name and address of the hon. secretary of our Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkswood Road, Burnham, Bucks. Cheques should be branded Burnham, Bucks, Bell Restoration Fund, and a receipt will be sent in every case in grateful acknowledgment.

Our bells are a mixed lot by various founders, the oldest bell bearing the date 1624, 'R.E.W.I. made me,' and although the tenor is only 16 cwt., it has, like the 7th, a wheel 7ft. 6in. in diameter. Front three are in plain bearings and back five in ball bearings, tenor in K blunt. The whole lot are being recast and relung in new cast iron frame and will be all on one level. We are hoping to have an all day ringing 'opening day,' when everyone will be catered for.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The revival of the Cheltenham Branch annual dinner owes much of its success to the efforts of Mr. T. Boreham, branch chairman. The Rector of Leckhampton was in the chair on April 2nd, at the Fleece Hotel, and responded to 'The Church and State,' which toast was proposed by the secretary. Other toasts were 'The Cheltenham Branch,' by Mr. S. Thomas, with response by Mr. T. Boreham, and 'The Visitors,' by Mr. W. Dyer, response by Mr. W. Sidwell.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the fifty members and their ladies who attended, an excellent programme of entertainment having been arranged by Mr. G. Simmons. Visitors were present from the Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches.

C. R.



ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

Back Row: Joyce Hearn, Mary R. Jaycock, Gwen Murkitt, Mary Pemberton. Middle Row: Audrey Webb, Freda Murkitt, Geo. Gilbert, Patricia Stace, Jean M. Broomfield. Front Row: Ghida Downes, Millicent Weekes, Susan Maybanks. Absent from Group: Hilda M. Taylor, Valerie Crouch, Jean Flat and Joan Bister.

[Photo by Greville's Studios, Maidenhead.]

Charles a peal of Little Bob Major of a similarly high standard was rung. H.R.H. graciously accepted peal cards of both peals and also a photograph of the girls. These two Buckingham Palace letters occupy a place of honour in our tower. Both peals were rung by the local band, six girls taking part in each. On February 28th, 1948, no less than six of our girls were in three different counties, in three peals, all of which were successful. Our first girl member reached the age of 20 in November last.

More than one tower in this area is grateful for visits by some of our girls on practice nights, as they do not go out as passengers.

Ringers who visit Burnham tower know that when a peal is rung it is hard earned, with unmusical, odd struck and bad going bells on the light end (treble, 2nd and 3rd are in an independent(?) frame(?) ten feet above the back five). In spite of this, from 1932-39, 33 peals were rung, and post-war peals total (to date) 39. In these peals 31 have rung their first peal and 143 their first in the method. Burnham has always been an open door for those who care to use it, and more than one learner from other towers has been saved to the Exercise.

FAREWELL TO THE 'OLD POTS.'

But now the time has arrived when we are hoping to ring a farewell peal to these 'old pots,' as they are expected to leave for the Loughborough Foundry shortly after Easter,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL REPORTING

Sir,—Mr. Woolley in his last letter asks whether we are to regard 'The Ringing World' as a newspaper or merely as a chronicle of past events, and asks if we would tolerate any other newspaper which got so far behind. Well, I am afraid that unless we can indulge in the luxury of a daily paper we must of necessity read ringing news that at the earliest must be a week old. This not only applies to peals but also to meetings, dedications or suchlike gatherings. To compare 'The Ringing World' with a daily paper is, saying the least, most unfair; in fact, to compare the two is ridiculous.

To return to the proposed alteration to the present-day method of publishing peals, who in the first place has asked for any? I have no recollection of the present owners or the Editor telling us that the time has come 'to cut our coat according to our cloth.' If the advocates have in mind saving space in order to make room for more ultra-technical articles by some of your method-construction correspondents, I am afraid I must register my disapproval. These articles are most excellent to those who are fortunate(?) enough to grasp their implications, but I very much doubt whether or not they interest one in ten of your readers. Anyhow, to save more valuable space they could be printed in leaflet form by the various prodigies (!) and circulated by advertisement to all who are interested.

My point about getting a thrill at doing something more than I had done before was seeing my first peal in print for the first time after the usual way of publishing touches and quarter-peals. Mr. Woolley apparently considers that an ordinary peal is not worthy of publishing in the usual way, but to those who take part in them the effort in many cases compares very bit as much as a more expert band scoring a multi-method peal.

Mr. Woolley raise another point which is quite irrelevant to the question of the form of publishing peals in 'The Ringing World,' that is, erecting peals boards in towers, and asks me if I want to go back to the fashion. Well, for one thing I don't think the fashion has ever gone out! People still erect boards or, if funds do not permit, framed cards to record what they consider is a unique peal of some particular interest, and why not? Please don't deny us pleasing ourselves if we wish to commemorate, or others wish to commemorate, a performance which may in fifty years' time be looked upon as local ringing history. I don't think people in these days erect peal boards for any 'common or garden peal.'

F. W. ROGERS.

NOT THE MISSING 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. V. Frost's enquiry concerning the copy of 'Campanalogia' in question, it cannot possibly be the one lost from Hertford's library, as this was in the possession of the late William Baker, of Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, for many years, and he said that an uncle of his, William Baker, of High Oak Farm, Bethersden, near Ashford, gave it to him. From a recent conversation I had, it seems possible that many ringers in the Oxford district have seen this book, or at least heard of it, as the late William Baker was proud of his possession and often spoke of it.

A home will be found for the copy in question, where it is hoped it will be safe for all time.—Yours faithfully,
Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Leonard's on Mar. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Barnes 1, G. W. Barnes 2, F. Oliver 3, E. J. Butler 4, H. Finch 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

'WANGLING' IN PEALS

CENTRAL COUNCIL ASKED TO CONDEMN IRREGULARITIES.

Dear Sir,—Mr. and Mrs. Croft suggest that if a peal of Bristol containing two kinds of bob is to be disallowed, 'surely an examination of peal values as a whole is called for.' Had they said 'allowed,' most ringers would agree.

A year ago I described a peal of Cambridge containing a single as mathematically clever, but for practical purposes merely a wangle, and much the same applies to Mr. Whitehead's peal of Bristol. It is not progress to overcome difficulties of composition by introducing expedients which have been condemned for centuries. Sir Arthur Heywood aptly says of Stedman (page 164 of the 1903 edition) that 'the degradation of using specially manufactured calls was freely admitted' before Thurstans rendered all irregular ones obsolete. If we allow two different bobs in one peal of Bristol or any other method, we may as well allow twenty and admit that composers up to now have, apparently, been wasting their time.

The point about 'Spliced' Treble Bob is largely answered by 'C.K.L.' In the letter to which I referred above I suggested it was time such arrangements as 'Ilkeston,' 'Worcester,' etc., were barred, and, though this drew a protest from Mr. E. C. Gobey, I am unrepentant because they introduce an asymmetrical method which is neither Kent nor Oxford.

The Council could not be considered dictatorial to exclude such peals. The surest way to prevent the repetition of irregularities is to condemn them unequivocally without delay, as do the M.C.C. The Council resemble the M.C.C. in that the authority of both is moral only, but no cricketer disputes the M.C.C.'s rulings and no loyal ringer would dispute the Council's.—Your faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

BRISTOL RINGERS' PLACE OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret paid an official visit to Bristol on March 28th and was present at a civic luncheon attended by the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, the Bishop of Bristol and many other public dignitaries and representatives of numerous youth organisations. The luncheon was held at the Red Lodge, the home of Bristol Savages, in a room known as the Wigwam.

Four Bristol ringers occupied a highly privileged but very conspicuous place in the room, being seated on a tiny balcony like a minstrels' gallery only a few feet above the heads of the guests. We were there at the request of the Lord Mayor, presumably as a sequel to our previous appearance when we rang in November last at the annual dinner of the 'Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' where handbell ringing is a traditional accompaniment to the festivities.

We rang for about a quarter of an hour before the arrival of Her Royal Highness, whilst the other guests were assembling. During the luncheon we obliged again with about ten minutes of assorted Rounds, Queens, Whittington's, plain courses of Grandire Triples and some tunes, and again after the loyal toasts had been drunk until the departure of Princess Margaret.

The four of us, Messrs. A. E. Reeves, D. G. Clift, S. G. Riches and R. G. Bryant, feel very conscious of our great fortune at being able to play so honoured a part in the royal welcome, and we trust we upheld the reputation and dignity of ringers everywhere.—Yours faithfully,

R. G.B.

St. Martin's Guild

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Aston Parish Church on April 2nd. The graceful tower with spire contains a modern ring of twelve bells, which were enjoyed by some forty members and friends from various towers, including Worcester, Nuneaton and Stourbridge. The standard of ringing was higher than usually found at a meeting in a 12-bell tower.

The Guild's special form of service was held in the beautiful chancel, the congregation being seated in the choir stalls, and was conducted by the Vicar of Aston, the Rev. F. F. Guy Warman.

An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Aston Tavern, and was followed by a short business meeting, with the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, occupying the chair.

Before commencing the business the Master said that he would like to congratulate the new hon. secretary and treasurer upon the success of the Henry Johnson dinner. It was a record gathering, and few ringers knew the amount of work entailed.

Mr. E. A. Turner, of Stourbridge, was elected a life member of the Guild, and fourteen tower elections were ratified.

The Master said that it was very gratifying to hear of the introduction of so many new members. He mentioned in particular Miss Margaret Beamish, who rang her first twelve-bell peal on tower bells at the Cathedral recently. It was a very fine performance for a young lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus at the age of thirteen years.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 2nd. No enthusiasm was shown for a bi-quarterly practice meeting, it being pointed out that recently they had been poorly attended, and that there were plenty of facilities for practice at the week-night practices held at the city towers. It was decided not to arrange a bi-quarterly meeting for the present quarter.

Under the item 'Any other business' the progress of the Tanworth-in-Arden Bells Fund was reported upon by Mr. John H. Jones, and it was decided to subscribe £10 from the funds of the Guild towards this object. The new ring at Tanworth is to be dedicated on July 9th at 3.30 p.m.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and to Messrs. A. Short and W. L. Whiston for the excellent arrangements made for tea.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS MEMORIAL
DEDICATED AT COALBROOKDALE.

On March 27th, in the presence of a congregation consisting of family representatives, ringers and friends, a bronze tablet was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Eland) at Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, to the memory of Mr. William Saunders.

The tablet, which was unveiled by Mr. A. S. Bayley, head ringer, reads: 'This tablet was placed here by public subscription in memory of William Saunders, who loved the bells of this church, and after being head ringer for over 40 years died on May 8th, 1945, after ringing to celebrate victory in Europe.'

The tablet is fixed in the porch of the church at Coalbrookdale, and nearby, on the grave, has been erected a beautiful stone with a very striking 10-bell design (Mr. Saunders being mainly responsible for the augmentation of the bells to 10 in 1925). Truly a fitting tribute to a man who devoted so much of his life to furthering the art of change ringing.

For the dedication, the choir rendered the anthem, 'Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace.' Family representatives included Mrs. D. Salley (daughter), Miss A. Salley (granddaughter, Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. T. Hancock's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hancock's (nephew and niece), Shrewsbury.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS Treble	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 4
REGINALD STONE 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
*FRANCIS MORRIS 3	RAYMOND WINTER Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal on six bells.

BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD WM. CARBUTT Treble	*WILMOT MANN 4
ERIC STAINROD 2	*EDWIN ATKINSON ... 5
PETER CARBUTT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. P. Morley.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CHRIS. R. PACKER (13) Treble	†G. W. ASHDOWN (17) 4
EDNA M. SILLS (15) ... 2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... 5
JOHN L. MORRIS (13)... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS (17) Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 22 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS GRIFFIN Treble	*HEDLEY GRIFFIN 4
*JOHN HOLBROOK 2	EDWARD CONNOCK ... 5
*DAVID HOARE 3	*DENNIS BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Hedley Griffin.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*HERBERT MOORE Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... 4
MISS BESSIE A. CARTER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
†FREDERICK LEECH ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. net.

E. CHARLES TURNER ... Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 4
GERALD F. BALL 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
EILEEN M. CHENEY ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure,

Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire and 2 of Stedman. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*STANLEY BOBY Treble	†F. W. SWEET 4
†R. D. SHORT 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	*OLIVER POLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † First in six methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8

*ROY C. HURST 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Royal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4

*ROY C. HURST 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Minor away from 1-2.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8

*BRIAN WARWICK 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: JILL POOLE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 41, WINDSOR ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2 | WILFRID G. WILSON ... 5-6

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3-4 | *FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ANNIE BROWN 1-2 | TOM HARRIS 5-6

*EDWIN J. BROWN ... 3-4 | *RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN BECKLEY. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' The first peal of Treble Bob on handbells for the society.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 31, 1949, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*MARY DAVIES 1-2 | *RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 3-4

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First handbell peal.

First of Maximus in S. Wales

Fired with a spirit of high adventure, a party of enthusiasts recently converged upon Newport (Mon.), for the purpose of attempting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The party consisted of five from London, one from Hereford, one from Cheltenham, two from Evesham, and three from Bristol.

They were met at the station by that great pioneer, 'Newport Jones,' and at once proceeded up the steep hill to the ancient Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, where the local ringers had the bells up and everything in readiness. The bells were soon set going, and after a very deliberate first course a fine peal was successfully accomplished.

Upon the completion, the party was entertained to tea. The Dean, the Very Rev. J. Gwyn Davies, welcomed the visitors, and referred in glowing terms to the great bond of friendship and brotherhood which exists amongst ringers, who, he said, seemed to know each other from whatever part of the country they came. Mr. C. W. Roberts expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality extended to them, and also to the local captain, Mr. C. Greedy, for his painstaking efforts to ensure their comfort.

Is Newport in Wales? Well, geographically and spiritually yes, and certainly according to the application of the Sunday licensing regulations again emphatically yes. So the visitors felt justified in claiming the first peal of Maximus in Wales. Just one final point. The only casualty during the enterprise was that one member of the party was so vehement in his argument that Newport was in Wales that he shot out his dentures with most disastrous results to them! J. J. S.

OBITUARY

MR. W. B. FRITH.

Huddersfield Parish Church has lost a faithful servant by the death on April 1st of Mr. W. B. Frith, at the age of 74 years. For over 50 years he had rung at the church and had been captain for more than 30 years. A member of the Yorkshire Association, he was also secretary for a number of years of the Halifax and District Association. Mr. Frith had dedicated his life to the cause he loved so well.

The funeral service was on April 5th, the bells of the parish church being rung muffled before and after the service. In the evening ringers from Huddersfield and district assembled at the parish church to ring in his memory.—F. S. R.

MR. EDGAR SHARRATT.

The death is announced of Mr. Edgar Sharratt, of Leek, Staffs, after a six months' illness, at the age of 44.

His passing makes the fourth ringer to be lost to St. Edward's tower in five and a half years, the others being his father, the late Edgar Sharratt, sen., E. A. Ridgway and G. E. Plant. He was the third generation of a family connection with the belfry which began in 1860.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. W. Watson), who also officiated at the interment. The tower bells were fully muffled, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of his brother ringers.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,268 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Clark 1, Peter Leech 2, P. Richardson (first quarter) 3, R. Tomlin 4, E. Gosden (conductor) 5, J. Bridges 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Marshall (first quarter) 1, D. Rooke (first 'inside') 2, R. Tomlinson 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion. Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of H. C. Farmer, secretary Witney and Woodstock Branch, Oxford Guild, is now 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5092

From May 1st the address of Donald G. CLIFT will be 121, Sternhold Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. Steeplekeeper St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, now E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol, 3. 5095

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—12, Highfield. Board residence or bed breakfast. Comfortable and reasonable. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton. No vacancies July 23rd to August 13th. 4997

MISCELLANEOUS

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

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'

—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry E.1, Saturday, April 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5030

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Bristol (10), 11 to 12 noon; All Saints', City (8), 11 to 12 noon; St. John's (6), 11 to 12 noon; St. Ambrose's (8), 12 to 12.30 p.m. Lunch in Church Hall 12.45 p.m. Business meeting 1.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tea after service. 4995

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Kingston-on-Thames (10 bells), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Also St. Mary's, Walton, 11 a.m. to 12, and St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells (12, 8 and 6) available from 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.15. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch (4s. each) 12.45. Apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Gundersburgh, Suffolk. 5026

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Neots (8) and Eynesbury (6) from 12 noon; Great Staughton (6) from 10.30 to 3.30. Service, St. Neots, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Burton-on-Trent, Easter Monday. All Saints' 2.30 to 4; Parish Church, 2.30 onwards. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by April 16th J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5045

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Yeovil. Service 12 noon. Lunch to follow. A few seats left. Bells during the day—Yeovil, East and West Coker, Preston Plucknett. From 5.30 p.m., Sherborne Abbey. Business meeting 3 p.m. Tea will also be available.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 5042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 18th. St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (8) available from 10.30 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m.—St. Paul's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names by 14th inst. to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 5036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers: Aylesford, 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 4; Leeds, Linton, Boxley, Bearsted, Barming, East Farleigh, 9.30 to 11.30 and after 3 p.m. Other particulars as previously advertised. 5034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Bring own food.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 5027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Banbury (10) bells 7.15.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 5028

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, April 20th. 5041

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (10) from 2 p.m.; Ware (8) 2-3 p.m.; Hertingfordbury (5) from 9 a.m. onwards; St. Andrew's (8) from 2.30 p.m.; Bengoe (8) from 2 p.m. All towers are available in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, North Road. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford, by Wednesday, April 20th. Hertingfordbury bells (5) are available if desired. Information of any other bells which may be used will be given next week.—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec. 5031

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Requests for tea by April 20th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babary, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 5040

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. Committee meeting in St. Mary's vestry 11 a.m. Tea and business meeting, Milton Cafe, 5 p.m. For tea reservation send card to Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, by 19th.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Otlands Park, Surrey, by 20th.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly, 5048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Carlton (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying Mr. W. Graves, Chestnut Cottage, Carlton, near Goole, by April 19th. Snaith bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5049

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. Names by 18th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea essential by Tuesday, Apr. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5056

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Masters, 17, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring, by Apr. 21st.—W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 5062

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Easebourne (8), Apr. 23rd, 3. Names for tea (by 20th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5063

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.—Winchester District.—Tichborne (6), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Also Cheriton (6). Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Apr. 20th.—L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5060

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Apr. 23rd. Bells during afternoon, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's; after tea, Cathedral and St. Peter's Committee, St. Peter's, 3.15. Service Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, Co-operative Cafe, 5. Meeting St. Peter's, 6. Names for tea by 20th to William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5058

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (8), on Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3. Tea, Y.W.C.A., High Road, 5.15. Business meeting 6.15. Ringing after. Notification for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoare, 34, King Road, N.17. Wood Green (6) in the afternoon if possible.—R. H. Begrie. 5054

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting at Croscombe, Saturday, April 23rd, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 19th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5069

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, East Carlton (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Monday, 18th.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5070

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Caistor, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to H. Havercroft, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln.—G. W. Moody. 5072

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfastleigh (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Corners, Buckfastleigh (Phone 3121). 5073

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Apr. 19th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5074

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly, Ampport (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, only for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maestee, Anna Valley, Andover, by Apr. 21st. Abbott's Ann (5), Thruxton (5), after tea. 5075

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OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Standlake, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3.30. Tea only for those who notify me by first post, Tuesday, Apr. 19th.—H. Farmer, 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5093

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mells, Apr. 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 5090

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Newton Longville, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, at 5.—R. H. Howson. 5089

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting for Apr. 23rd cancelled. No tower available. Joint meeting with Loughborough District at Mountsorrel on Saturday, May 28th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 5088

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford Peverell, Apr. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early.—C. G. Dymond, Sec., Silverton. 5086

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Upton, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Tea provided free. Numbers by 19th please!—A. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5085

ELLAND, YORKS.—Bells available for meeting Saturday, Apr. 23rd, from 3. Tea Parochial Hall. Everybody welcome. Notification for tea not required.—F. Linfoot. 5083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage (Buxton), Apr. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Peak District Society members cordially invited.—C. K. Lewis. 5080

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 5096

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Ringers' service at Axbridge, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea in Oak House Cafe, 5.30. Bells after tea to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Apr. 21st. Practice meeting Badsworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 5 to 9. 5097

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Staindrop (8), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Names for tea by Apr. 20th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 5064

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Peterborough Branch and Hunts District at Yaxley, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify either S. Gilbert, 9, Newton's Court, Huntingdon, or W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 5067

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescot, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each; names to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, before April 20th.—W. H. Shaker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee meeting, April 30th. Ringing at Cathedral 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and 2.30 to 3.45 p.m., St. Giles' 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Botolph's 10.30 a.m. to 12, St. Peter-at-Gowt's 2.30 to 3.30. All bells available after meeting. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Luncheon (3s.) 1 p.m., tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. (followed by meeting) in Bailgate Chapel Schoolroom. Luncheon and tea by ticket only obtainable from Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, or from the branch secretaries before April 21st.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4999

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Apr. 30th. Bells from 3. Names for tea by 23rd to R. Maundrell, 173, Quemerford, Calne, Wilts. 5059

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, by Monday, Apr. 25th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Names for tea, arranged if possible, by Apr. 25th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5068

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Hambledon, Apr. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the New Inn. Names by Apr. 26th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 5065

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY.—Meeting Alrewas, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, 2s. 3d. Names for tea by Tuesday, 26th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5078

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Royal Restaurant. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting in ringing room. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5079

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Annual meeting Dorchester, Oxon, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea (accommodation limited) by Apr. 26th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5081

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Apr. 30th. Service 4.30. Names early. to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5082

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, only for those who apply to me with remittance by first post on Wednesday, Apr. 27th.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5084

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 27th to Mr. W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, Stevenage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5094

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—H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Preliminary notice. Joint meeting at Cullompton, July 9th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5087

QUARTER PEALS

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